Municipal Energy Resilience Program

One Program, Three Opportunities

Community Capacity-Building “Mini Grants”
- Up to $4,000 for outreach and education on energy resilience
- Start a local energy committee or hold public events
- Flexible and adaptable to local priorities
- Not required to apply for other MERP grants
- Applications open now!

Municipal Building Energy Audits
Level I Assessment
The standard energy audit required to apply for a MERP project grant

Level II Assessment
Investment-grade audit required for loan financing options
- Applications to open Spring 2023

Energy Resilience Project Implementation Grants
- Up to $500,000 for weatherization projects and HVAC system upgrades that reduce carbon emissions and save money on utility bills
- $36 million in total funding
- Competitive application process will favor towns with high energy burden levels (see below)
- Applications to open in 2024

Fast Facts
- Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); run by the VT Dept. of Buildings and General Services
- Assessments will evaluate feasibility and costs for weatherization, HVAC upgrades, EV charging, and on-site renewable energy generation
- Project grants cannot be used for EV charging or renewables
- Town energy projects can also apply for financing through MERP’s revolving loan fund

Eligibility
- Any building owned by an incorporated government entity, such as a town or village, is eligible
- Buildings owned by school districts are not eligible
- Applicant towns must have universal broadband access or a plan to achieve it by the end of 2024
- Can apply for multiple buildings
- Common building types include Town Halls/offices, Libraries, Fire Stations, Rec Centers, etc.

10 Highest Energy Burden Towns

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