

## Vermont Building Energy Code Administration Project 2024-2026

EFG is excited to share that we are officially launching the Vermont Building Energy Code Administration Project, funded through a [DOE Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation \(RECI\)](#) \$1 million award. EFG was one of 27 awards nationally selected by DOE to work towards ensuring buildings meet the latest standards for energy efficiency.

The goal of the project is to develop an energy code administration plan for Vermont, including a proposed funding mechanism, that will lay the groundwork for future implementation of a code compliance mechanism, ultimately resulting in significant and sustained reductions in energy use. This work will build off of the Building Energy Code Study Committee (Act 47) work and resulting report submitted to the Vermont Legislature in December 2023.

EFG has assembled an impactful Project Team including the Vermont Secretary of State (SOS) and their Office of Professional Regulation (OPR); the International Code Council (ICC); Vermont's energy efficiency utilities (EEUs) including Efficiency Vermont (EVT), Burlington Electric Department (BED) and Vermont Gas Systems (VGS); and the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies (VAPDA). In addition, we will work with a diverse group of partners and stakeholders who are committed to solving Vermont's lack of a code compliance infrastructure. Throughout this project, the Energy Futures Group (EFG) team will work with an Advisory Committee, including reaching out to representatives from environmental and economic justice (EEJ) communities.

Vermont Building Energy Code Administration Project tasks include:

- Developing an energy code administration plan
- Recruitment, training, and support of an energy professionals workforce to assist energy code administration, including outreach to communities not typically represented in the energy industry
- Development of energy code support materials and trainings
- Training and support of builders, designers, trade associations, and other stakeholders
- Establishment of a circuit rider to ensure widespread information sharing and support
- Municipality outreach training, resources, and support
- Establishment and coordination with project advisory committee, including technical experts and representatives from environmental and economic justice (EEJ) communities

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