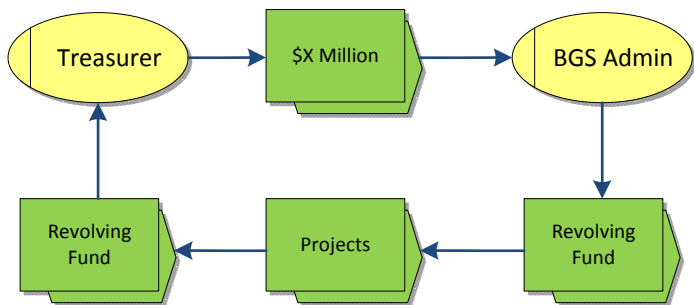
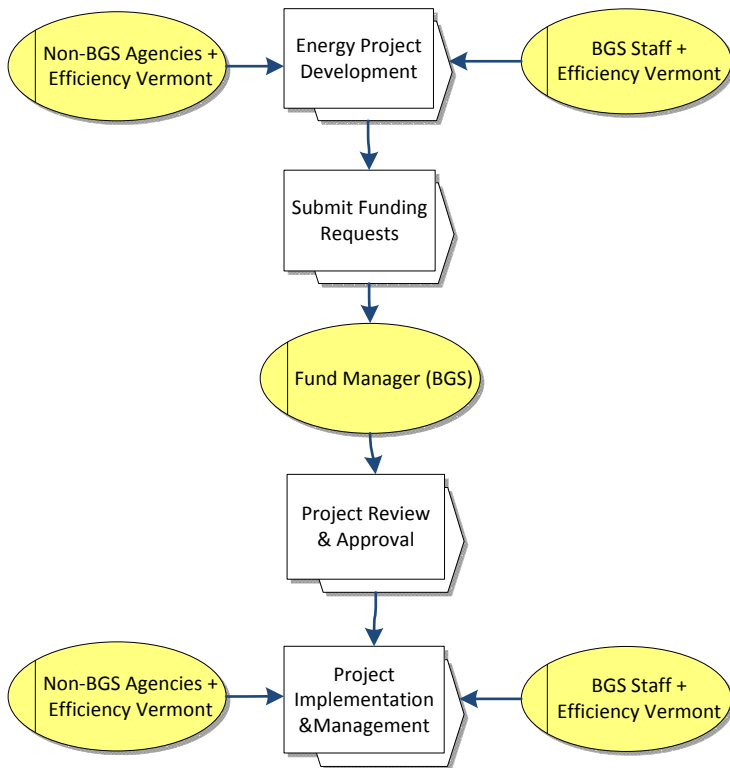


Green Revolving Funds

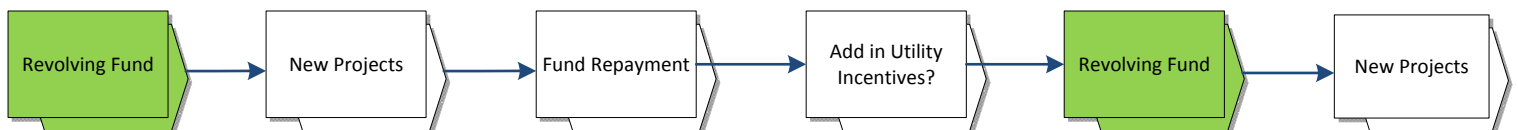
Borrowing low-cost money to invest in energy efficiency



Managing the Revolving Fund



Repayments to fund are re-invested, which in turn magnifies the size and impact of the original investment



A Great Tool

A Green Revolving Fund is a great tool for advancing energy efficiency goals. With a Green Revolving Fund, energy investments become money saving perennials. By recycling the repayments from the loans into new energy saving projects, your original investment funds not only grow but they are utilized in perpetuity.

Green Revolving Funds are a very powerful tool when leveraging energy efficiency expertise, superior facility management, a clear set of goals, and leadership.

Vermont is uniquely positioned on all those counts.

Managing a Green Revolving Fund

A revolving fund manager (BGS) would be responsible for overall performance of fund, making sure it is tracking to meet or exceed it's expected Return on Investment (ROI) goal. The fund manager will work closely with a state energy strategy and management team to develop and prioritize investments. The fund manager will also evaluate each project for approval based on it's contribution to the internal goals of BGS and State.

The fund manager will establish repayment schedule, and M&V methods as part of the loan terms and conditions. Other duties include promoting the fund, reporting on the fund balance and performance (to BGS internal staff, the Executive branch, the Legislature, State Agencies, Public), and capturing utility incentives.

Green Revolving Funds & Energy Reduction Goals

A Revolving Fund will have it's own primary performance goals measured in ROI.

Additionally BGS and the State may also want to set short or long term energy reduction goals for their entire usage across their portfolio of buildings and other fixed assets. While a Green Revolving Fund is a top drawer tool for advancing toward that goal, knowing how much capital investment would be needed to achieve a portfolio-wide savings goal would be a costly and time consuming effort. Most institutions begin with a fund size based on their ability to implement projects and deploy the capital.

Existing Green Revolving Funds in Vermont (01/23/14)

K-12

- Green Mountain Power EverGreen Fund
- St. Jay Academy

Colleges & University

- Burlington College
- Champlain College
- Green Mountain College
- Middlebury College
- Saint Michael's College
- University of Vermont (largest GRF in the U.S.)
- Vermont Law School
- Vermont State College System (first State College system fund in the U.S.)
 - Castleton State College
 - Community College of VT
 - Johnson State College
 - Lyndon State College
 - Vermont Technical College

Government

- State Resource Management Revolving Fund (SRMRF)
- Green Mountain Power EverGreen Fund (in 2014 municipalities will be eligible)