

From: RICHcinVT@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 6:24 PM
To: Theresa Utton
Subject: Energy Efficiency programs A.K.A. "HEAT SQUAD "

Hi Theresa,

I would like to provide you with some information regarding NeighborWorks of Western Vermont and our "Heat Squad". We are located in West Rutland and are a nonprofit housing and lending agency. In 2010 we received a \$4.3 million grant from the Department of Energy to begin our work in residential energy efficiency.

Since that time NWWVT as conducted over 3,500 energy audits and have performed energy efficiency upgrades to over 1,400 homes. These retrofits have helped reduce Asthma symptoms, improved home safety, reduced Carbon Dioxide emissions in our atmosphere, and substantial reduction in fossil fuel consumption.

We offer energy loans to "All Incomes" at 0%-4.99% rates of interest. One of our major sources of lending capital is provided by the State of Vermont's Treasurer's Office. Our loans can be repaid as an add on to the borrower's monthly Green Mountain Power electric bill.

The Head Squad serves Addison, Rutland, Bennington, Windham, and Windsor counties. It is our belief that these programs should be made available to all Vermonters statewide. Our programs create good quality jobs, and revenue remains local / Vermont.

Please support the request for \$250,000. in state appropriations for the continuation and expansion of The Heat Squad Program.

I would be more than happy to talk with you on the phone and / or meet in person.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Carlson, President
of Western Vermont Board of Directors
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