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Weatherization Services for Homeowners

Founded in 2000, Efficiency Vermont advances sustainable energy solutions for all Vermonters. Through education, services, and incentives we help homeowners and businesses save money, live and work more comfortably, and contribute to a clean energy future.

In 2017, \$8.2 million of our total budget was allocated to thermal efficiency improvements, funded by proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (constituting 18% of the thermal revenue) and the Forward Capacity Market (constituting 82% of the revenue). This funding is regulated by the Public Utility Commission with specific performance-based savings targets attached to its use.

Services

Efficiency Vermont's thermal efficiency services reach every segment of the residential market and serve as the foundation for many weatherization services provided in Vermont. We work with dozens of partners, from utilities to homeownership centers, in providing incentives, technical services, customer support, and training for contractors.

Results

We weatherize roughly 800 moderate-income homes per year and 140 low-income, multi-family units in partnership with 3E Thermal. Investments made in 2017 yielded 370,388 MMBTUs in lifetime savings, the equivalent of 66,720 barrels of oil.

Accelerating Impact in 2019

This year we aim to reach more customers and deepen our impact. A top priority is to provide more incentives to cover the cost of weatherization, especially for low- and moderate- income customers (those between 80-120% AMI). Incentives will be offered on a sliding scale based on income-level, with incentives of up to \$3,000 per job.

We are also making our services and incentives easier to use by enabling customers to do the work themselves, complete partial weatherization jobs with contractors, and to work with contractors outside of the Efficiency Excellence Network.

In 2019, we plan to invest \$2 million in customer incentives to serve 2,110 households (not including 3E Thermal low-income projects). Goals include:

- 1,000 comprehensive weatherization jobs (which count towards state totals)
- 10 low-income comprehensive jobs, in collaboration with Capstone Community Action
- 1,000 partial jobs (attic and/or basement)
- 100 Do-it-Yourself jobs

To double the number of homes weatherized, Efficiency Vermont would need to invest approximately \$2,500,000 beyond 2019 budgets, for:

- Market Development – to reach and engage more customers (\$200,000)
- Customer Incentives – to support more Vermonters in completing projects, and raise incentive amounts for low- and moderate-income customers (\$2,000,000)
- Workforce Development – to train more contractors, especially in underserved areas (\$300,000)

Customer Stories

"This winter, my family is toasty warm and I'm not worrying about the fuel bills."

Simone Colby,
Owner of a High Performance
Modular Home,
Vergennes

SAVINGS:
\$3,000 per year



"The difference is incredible. Now the whole home is toasty, and we use much less wood to achieve that."

Buddy Behrendt,
Home performance with
ENERGY STAR® customer,
Windham

SAVINGS:
\$324 per year



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