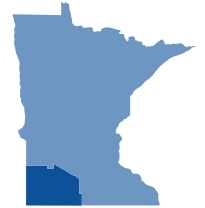


SOUTHWEST REGION



City of Jackson: Bike Local, Shop Local — Developing a Bicycle Incentive Program

Jackson, MN — This project will focus on adopting a “Bicycling Business Incentive Program” where Jackson area businesses will award those who bike to work or visit their business. This is an energy efficiency project that will foster behavior change using authentic community engagement and education, encourage participating businesses to offer a discount, allow employers to provide employee incentives (i.e. bicycle commuter reimbursements, bicycle shop discounts, etc.), and provide education about EVs and electric bikes. (\$5,000 Commerce)

Lower Sioux Indian Housing Authority: Akiing 8th Fire Crew Trains and Installs

Morton, MN — This project will create a partnership among Akiing 8th Fire (White Earth) and the Lower Sioux Indian Community to train and install solar air furnaces to become more energy efficient. This program will create jobs and facilitate these tribal communities working together to teach their families ways to address energy independence. (\$5,000 Morgan)

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation: Improving Energy Efficiency of Manufactured Homes

Southwest MN — The grant will be used to assess the energy efficiency of manufactured homes in Northcountry Cooperative Foundation’s client communities: Five Lakes Cooperative, Fairmont (87 homeowners); Sungold Heights, Worthington (100 homeowners); Madelia Mobile Village Cooperative, Madelia (47 homeowners) in partnership with Slipstream. The assessment data will be used to develop a scalable energy efficiency rehab loan and grant program for manufactured/mobile homeowners. (\$5,000 Commerce)

Shetek Lutheran Ministries: Clean Energy Educational Programs

Slayton, MN — Shetek Lutheran Ministries will develop and provide clean energy educational courses, utilizing LED lighting as an example, to both course participants and their camp guests. Thousands of camp visitors receive environmental education annually, through interpretive public programming, educational signage, private and public events, and school field trips. This will create opportunities for connection and engagement, and help to advance awareness of regional clean energy initiatives. In addition, by posting accurate information regarding energy and cost savings pertaining to Shetek Lutheran Ministries’ LED lighting, other groups and organizations will be inspired and investigate clean energy opportunities for themselves. (\$5,000 Commerce)

South Central Electric Association: Electric Vehicle Education

Windom, MN — Electric cooperatives in southwest Minnesota will host an EV education event. The event will include presentations informing attendees about EVs and EV charging; there will be different EV models for participants to see and possibly test drive. The objective is to educate southwest Minnesota residents on EVs and charging options. The electric cooperatives (South Central Electric, Nobles Electric, Federated, Brown County, and Redwood Electric) cover almost the entire southwest CERTs region. (\$5,000 Commerce)

Unidos MN Education Fund: Energy Justice Pueblitos

Worthington, MN — Unidos MN will conduct a series of train-the-trainer educational workshops on energy efficiency and electric bills with support from Minnesota's Citizen Utility Board. Unidos MN plans to establish a cohort of community experts who will engage with Latinx community members on energy efficiency resources and tools, as well as provide bill consultation. (\$5,000 Morgan)