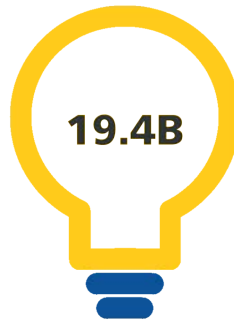
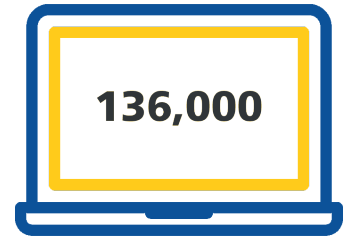




Connected with 11,000+ people at 530 events and meetings.



Saved Minnesotans 19.4 billion BTUs.



Engaged 136,000 web visitors with 106 clean energy stories.

ENGAGING PARTNERS TO SERVE OVER 200 MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES

Expanded community reach:

- **Ambassadors Initiative:** Launched with events and a toolkit for Minnesotans to help their communities access new clean energy programs. Over 800 Ambassadors engaged in 2023.

Supported learning opportunities:

- **Community Energy Network:** Convened 80+ local government staff to explore clean energy opportunities.
- **EV-Smart Cities and Native Nations:** Advanced electric vehicle readiness, like the Ride-and-Drive event with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Provided direct assistance:

- **Solar for Schools:** One-on-one technical assistance to 45 public school districts.
- **Food Shelves:** Project assistance and funding information to 60+ food shelves.
- **Local Jurisdictions:** Moved projects forward, such as solar procurement in Faribault and heat pumps in La Crescent.



ADVANCING CLEAN ENERGY FOR ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Provided direct project assistance to rural small businesses and farms through **Renewable Energy for Greater Minnesota** program.
- Connected **rural grocery stores** to energy audits and funding opportunities, reducing energy costs through efficiency measures.
- Developed partnerships to improve access to **energy upgrades for small businesses** in underserved corridors in the Metro.
- Partnered with Rural Minnesota Energy Board on an event about economic opportunities related to **green hydrogen and ammonia**.
- Received **Energizing Rural Communities Prize** for a new clean energy workforce partnership with White Earth Tribal and Community College and White Earth Nation.
- Hosted a **clean energy careers event** at the Heliene solar manufacturing facility in Mountain Iron.



Owner of Aaron's Grocery in Fertile with new, energy efficient coolers.

GROWING LOCAL EFFORTS THROUGH STATEWIDE SEED GRANTS

49 CERTs Seed Grant projects wrapped up work in communities across Minnesota in 2023. A few:

- **Shetek Lutheran Ministries in Slayton** installed LED lighting and shared energy education.
- **Willmar Municipal Utilities** conducted energy efficiency outreach in manufactured home parks.
- **Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa** explored solar options for tribal buildings.
- **City of Halstad** insulated 14 rental homes and installed a Level 2 EV charger.
- **Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy in Hennepin County** connected with Southeast Asian community members on energy efficiency.



CEED distributing energy education packets at a community gathering in Brooklyn Center.

REDUCING HOME ENERGY BURDEN

- Connected **shoppers at 7 food shelves** to resources to reduce home energy costs.
- Partnered with utilities, community action agencies, and nonprofits to conduct energy efficiency "blitzes" in **14 manufactured home parks**, serving over **900 households**.
- Supported **3 projects to pilot solar** for manufactured home residents.



An energy efficiency "blitz" in Cambridge.

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