



West Central CERT 2012-2013 Seed Grants

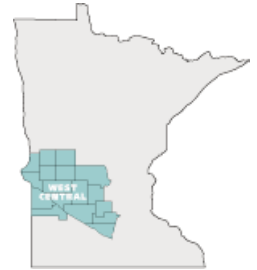
Helping Minnesota communities determine their energy future

The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) connect you and your community with resources to identify and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

West Central CERT awarded \$10,000 worth of seed grants, catalyzing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects across the region.

Funding is provided by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources. Thanks to everyone who submitted a proposal. Learn more and see past projects at <http://projects.mncerts.org>.

Camphill Village Minnesota, Inc. – Domestic Solar Hot Water System
Sauk Centre, MN – In its continued effort to minimize its impact on the environment while simultaneously reducing energy costs, Camphill Village Minnesota, Inc. aims to implement solar panels to power a second solar hot water system on site. Camphill Village will provide community members with tours of the renewable energy systems and information on energy efficiency and clean energy upgrades, hoping to promote its commitment to a sustainable lifestyle broadly to visitors, community members, and residents alike. (Solar Thermal: Renewable Energy; \$3,500)



Litchfield High School Youth Energy Summit Team – Solar Panel Installation and Education
Litchfield, MN – The Solar Panel Installation Project at Litchfield High School will install solar electric panels on the school building, hoping to generate between 500-800 kWh/month. Additionally, the YES! Team is requiring that the contractor for the project be available for energy education and information regarding the panels. Hoping to engage both the student body and the local community, the YES! Team plans to pursue media coverage, offer open houses, and provide energy education opportunities for students and the public. (Education, Solar Electric: Renewable Energy; \$3,500)

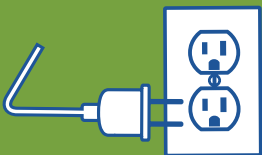
City of Hoffman – HVAC Efficiency Upgrade
Hoffman, MN – The Community Center in the City of Hoffman will receive a much-needed heating and cooling system upgrade. With furnaces over 20 years old, the Community Center will install new furnaces and a central air system, benefiting several community groups and residents who make use of the space. Furthermore, the City of Hoffman aims to increase the usability of the building, providing a venue for more community events and for more private events which would generate income for the city. Hoffman recently became a GreenStep City in 2011 and seeks to focus on energy savings, relying on this project as a catalyst for additional efficiency projects. (HVAC, Low-Cost: Energy Efficiency; \$2,500)

Center for Renewable Energy Education and Demonstration – Discovering Science on the Range in the Field of Energy
West Central Region – This cooperative effort involving the CREED Project, Hamline University’s Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE) and the Laurentian Environmental Center (LEC), is designed specifically for high/middle school teachers wishing to update their Energy Efficiency/Renewable energy industry knowledge and to then encourage their students to choose a future career in this field. Statewide Seed Grant funding for this project will support the equivalent of 9 teachers in Minnesota. (Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Additional Technologies; \$500)

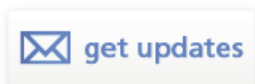
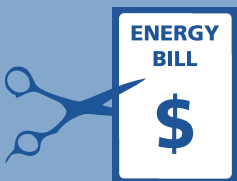
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