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## CLEAN ENERGY RESOURCE TEAMS

# 2025 CERTs Spotlight

## Highlights from our annual report

Served more than  
300 communities and  
expanded relationships  
across Minnesota:

- 200 local governments
- 10 Tribal governments
- 17 school districts
- 36 electric and gas utilities and their associations
- 96 regional steering committee members

Provided direct assistance for solar procurement programs:

## Solar for Schools

- Supported 69 completed and 16 planned Solar for Schools projects, including Menahga, Moorhead, and Willmar school districts.

## Solar for Public Building

- Supported 75 local and Tribal governments including Hitterdal, Seaforth, and Stillwater.

## OUR IMPA



**7,300+**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS CONNECTED THROUGH OVER 900 EVENTS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES ACROSS MINNESOTA

**64.1 BILLION**

## BTUS SAVED OR GENERATED IN 2021 FROM CERTS' EFFORTS ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY



2,85

## ENERGY-BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS LOWERED ENERGY COSTS WITH ENERGY-SAVING ITEMS AND PROGRAM ACCESS

## OUR PARTNERS



**GREAT PLAIN  
INSTITUTE**



Regional Sustainable  
Development Partnerships

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
**EXTENSION**

## Spotlights

### Expanding local capacity and energy awareness with Community Energy Ambassadors:

- Provided online and in-person training to 147 people, including cohorts of local leaders in St. James, Fergus Falls, and Rochester.
- Supported 24 individuals with community projects—collectively reaching over 8,000 Minnesotans—to become CERTified Community Energy Ambassadors.



REACHED **1,300+** COMMUNITY ENERGY AMBASSADORS IN **76** MINNESOTA COUNTIES



### Clean energy savings for businesses and nonprofits

- Conducted door-to-door business outreach with local utility partners to identify energy efficiency projects and conservation sign-ups in Austin, Burnsville, and Eagan.
- Facilitated efficiency improvements at 19 nonprofit buildings by connecting them to no-cost programs.
- Assisted farms and businesses with projects, including a heat pump installation at a Cook County retail store and solar installations for businesses in Lake City and Frost.

### Reducing energy burden for Minnesota households

- Distributed energy conservation resources to shoppers at 19 food shelves, from Pequot Lakes to Red Wing.
- Partnered with utilities, community action agencies, and nonprofits to provide energy savings resources to over 1,300 manufactured home park residents.
- Coordinated energy savings programming with partners in a Saint Paul neighborhood with a high energy shutoff rate.

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