



# Southwest 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.

Southwest 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>.

### Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership – Renter Community Energy Conservation Education

Slayton, MN – The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) will prepare manuals and hold demonstrations on energy and water conservation strategies for tenants and property managers at SWMHP properties. The SW CERT grant will assist the SWMHP in extending energy and water conservation outreach to the communities where the SWMHP has properties and planned demonstrations. The education and outreach activities will lead to increased water and conservation in the SW CERT area. (Energy Efficiency: Low Cost/No Cost upgrades, Behavior Change, lighting upgrades; \$5,000)



### Redwood Area Development Commission – Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Education Integration

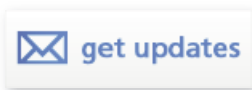
Redwood Falls, MN – The Redwood Area Development Corporation plans to incorporate a renewable energy module into the RADC website that will be accessible to residents, businesses, and ag producers. The information will include programming and resources that can assist in implementation of energy efficiency practices. The focus is on all utility providers in the 15 communities in the county with the goal of reducing energy use and assisting Redwood County in becoming energy independent. The website module is envisioned to be the “go-to-resource” for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and education for ag producers, small businesses, manufactures and residents. (Energy Efficiency: Low Cost/No Cost upgrades, behavior change, lighting upgrades; Renewable Energy: solar thermal, solar electric, wind, biomass/biofuels; Additional Technologies: Geothermal, energy storage; \$5,000)

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