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Governor Douglas announces \$188,000 in climate change grants

MONTPELIER – Governor Jim Douglas today announced that 17 energy efficiency projects across the state have received \$188,000 in first round of funding from the Vermont Community Climate Change Grant Program.

From Brattleboro to Wells River and from Burlington to Poultney, the renewable energy and efficiency projects will reduce a combined 270 tons of carbon emissions annually, while boosting Vermont's local economy with investments and lower fuel costs.

"Vermont can be proud of its leadership role on the issue of climate change," the Governor said. "All told, the emissions savings from these projects is the equivalent of not burning 25,000 gallons of heating oil or not driving 500,000 miles a year."

The funding for this initiative comes from the first installment of Vermont's \$1.8 million, five-year settlement payout against American Electric Power Corp., the nation's largest operator of coal-fired power plants...

The projects include:

Rumney School in Middlesex: \$12,000 to seal and insulate the school. Annual emissions reduction – 22 tons.

Town of Waterbury: \$12,000 to replace boilers at the town offices, town library and wastewater treatment facility. Annual emissions reduction – 12 tons.

- CarShare Vermont, Burlington: \$12,000 toward the purchase of a hybrid automobile. Annual emissions reduction – 24 tons.
- Town of Williston: \$12,000 to insulate, weatherize and replace lighting and sensor controls. Annual emissions reduction – 14 tons.
- Enosburg Elementary School: \$12,000 to replace all light fixtures in the school. Annual emissions reduction – 24 tons.
- Town of Westford: \$5,580 for weatherization and upgrades to lighting and HVAC. Annual emissions reduction – 3 tons.

Ascension Lutheran Church,

South Burlington:

\$11,108 to replace the boiler.

Annual emissions reduction – 8 tons.

- Town of Dorset: \$3,960 for weatherization of the town offices. Annual emissions reduction – 1 ton.

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We have been making great headway reducing Ascension's carbon emissions. This should enable us to make another significant reduction in the emissions resulting from energy use at Ascension...and significantly reduce our energy costs too! Congratulations CfC Committee!