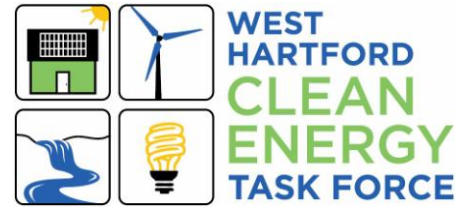


Community Innovations Grant Program Solicitation Letter



Dear West Hartford Community Leaders and Organizations:

In January 2005, the West Hartford Town Council committed itself to supporting 20% clean renewable energy use for our public facilities by the year 2010. To assist West Hartford in achieving this important goal for our community, our West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force (WH CETF) was formed. The WH CETF was empowered to engage in activities that further the use of clean, renewable energy throughout town.

As an incentive for this commitment, the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's (CCEF's) Clean Energy Communities program (www.ctcleanenergy.com/communities) rewards our town with a 1kW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy system for every 100 West Hartford households that sign up for the CTCleanEnergyOptionsSM program (www.ctcleanenergyoptions.com) available through Connecticut Light and Power. The PV systems acquired by the town will be used to produce electricity for West Hartford's municipal buildings and schools, lower our reliance on fossil fueled generation and lower expenses. There is a valuable educational component associated with these PV installations as well. To date, West Hartford has already earned 14 solar energy systems, but we need your help to bring even more solar systems to West Hartford!

Grants Available to Help Promote Clean Renewable Energy

The WH CETF, in partnership with the CCEF, is currently soliciting proposals for projects that promote the use of clean renewable energy in our community. Funding for such projects is made possible by a grant from the CCEF to the WH CETF. West Hartford community leaders, organizations, schools and individuals are invited to submit applications.

Over the coming year, the WH CETF will be making individual micro-grants, ranging in size from \$250 to \$2,000, to support community-based projects. It is the intent of the WH CETF to support local projects that raise awareness of the availability and benefits of clean energy and encourage enrollments in the CTCleanEnergyOptionsSM program in West Hartford. Examples of such projects include school sign-up campaigns, school projects that raise awareness about the importance of clean energy, boy scout/girl scout group sign up campaign, incentive program, or any other creative idea you may come up with that encourages clean energy sign-ups.

From **January 29, 2010** through **March 5, 2010**, the WH CETF will be accepting proposals for funding consideration. All grant applications should be submitted to:

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force
c/o David Goldberg
41 Lexington Road
West Hartford, CT 06119

Program Fact Sheets, Grant Guidelines, the Grant Application Form and the Grant Report Form can be downloaded by visiting the link below. Selected groups must attend a mandatory training session to review grant conditions with the WH CETF before awards are made.

www.ctcleanenergy.com/YourCommunity/CommunityInnovationGrants/tabid/99/Default.aspx

If you have any questions regarding this program or require help in filling out the application form, please contact David Goldberg at 860-305-5768 or david.goldberg@ctcleanenergy.com.

The WH CETF and the CCEF look forward to receiving your proposals.

Sincerely,

The West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force