Empowered For The Future

NEXT STEPS
Update on Empowerment Grant Funding
Broaden and Expand Focus
Create Funding Priorities
## Time-Table

- **December 2019**
  - Grant Manager Hired
- **January 2020**
  - Large-Scale Grant Launched
- **February 2020**
  - Community-Scale Grant Launched
  - 3 County Workshops Held
- **March 2020-Covid 19**
  - Assistant Grant Manager Hired
- **April-August**
  - Online workshops-Zoom
  - Grant Review Committee Reviews
- **September-June 2021**
  - First Grant Awards
  - Press Events
  - Development and Launch of Online Grant application
  - Site Reviews
  - First Reports on progress
  - Development and Creation of Energy Equity Fund

## By The Numbers

24 Grant Applications
- 12 Large-Scale
- 12 Community-Scale

7 Grants Awarded
- 1 Large-Scale $500,000
- 6 Community-Scale $533,000
Grant Awards To Date

Large-Scale Grant

New Castle County Habitat for Humanity
Program: Refrigerator Replacement Program
Amount Awarded: $500,000
Location: Statewide

Community-Scale Grant

Sussex County Habitat for Humanity
Program: Insulated Skirting for Manufactured Homes
Amount Awarded: $100,000
Location: Sussex County
Community-Scale Grant

Wilmington Senior Center
Program: Lafayette Court Energy Efficiency
Amount Awarded: $150,000
Location: City of Wilmington

Interfaith Power and Light
Program: Windows of Hope
Amount Awarded: $80,650
Location: City of Wilmington

Community-Scale Grant

New Ecology, Cinnaire & Central Baptist Community Development Co.
Program: Eastside Efficiency
Amount Awarded: $68,000
Location: City of Wilmington

Kingswood Community Center & Energy Coordinating Agency
Program: DIY Energy Workshops
Amount: $34,740
Location: East Side of Wilmington
We have just completed a very successful year for the Empowerment Grant. In 2020. The Empowerment Grant awarded nearly $1 million to six organizations in the State of Delaware, providing energy efficiency programs and services to low-income communities. These funds were made possible by the merger between Exelon Power and Delmarva Power in Delaware. The Empowerment Grant will continue to award funds through this grant over the next two years.

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Empowerment Grant Future Cycles

Large-Scale Grant
Due Date: July 23
$100k-$1 million

Community-Scale Grant
Open Date
$5K-$100K

Resiliency, Scaling and Sustainability
September 30
$250k-$1M

HVAC Maintenance and Resiliency RFP
October 30
$500k
Households with high energy burdens are more likely to remain in cycles of poverty and often face compounding causes of inequality and injustice.

Energy costs can be crippling for low-income Delaware households. Delaware households with incomes below 50% of Federal Poverty pay 38% of their income for energy bills. For those who are 50% -100% of Federal Poverty its 21% of their income.
Energy Burden In Delaware

• Home energy affordability isn’t merely confined to very poor—
moderate income Delaware households 150%-200% of poverty the
energy burden is 9% of their annual income.
Next Steps: Develop the Energy Equity Fund

CLEAN, EFFICIENT, AFFORDABLE, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AS A TOOL FOR IMPACT

Through aligned strategies and investments, we can positively impact the socio-economic position of thousands of Delawareans and promote climate resiliency. Through partnerships, collaboration and dialogue the Energy Equity Fund will focus on:

- Easing the Energy Burden
- Healthy and Safe Homes
- Access to Clean and Renewable Energy
- Create and Sustain Clean Energy Jobs

Carbon Reduction and Climate Resiliency + Healthy and Safe Population + Social and Economic Development
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3 Targeted and Focused

- Low-Moderate Income Communities
- Minorities
- Urban
- Rural
- Small Business (Downtown)
- Non-Profit Community
- Municipalities
- Faith Community
Systematic Solutions and Funding Priorities

Expenditures on low-income energy programs

- Ratepayer-funded bill energy efficiency: 10%
- Weatherization (WAP): 2%
- LIHEAP Energy Efficiency: 2%
- State and Local Contributions: 3%
- Private Donations: 2%
- LIHEAP bill assistance: 40%
- Ratepayer-funded bill assistance: 41%

Bill Assistance (81%)  Energy Efficiency (14%)  Unspecified (5%)
Align Energy Efficiency with Healthy and Safe Homes

• Recognize and align energy-efficiency efforts that encourage and promote healthier and safer homes.

• Develop and coordinate linkages between energy-efficiency programs and clean-energy homes to enhance the health of residents living in these homes and communities.
Health, Energy, and Housing Forum

**Thursday March 11th**
**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Moderator**
Councilwoman
Rysheema Dixon

**Special Guests**
- LT Governor
  Bethany Hall-Long, PhD, RN, FAAN
  Chair of BHC
- Jim Purcell
  Grant Manager, Empowerment Grant
- Melanie George Smith
  Founder and CEO of Sustainable World Strategies LLC.
- Dr. Sandra Gilmore
  Newark Urgent Care
- Bill Letzler
  Office of Healthy Environments Inc.
  Delaware Puhl

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**Monday May 24th**
**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

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- Sarah Spangler Rhine
  Policy Director
  Housing Alliance Delaware
- Brian M. Rahmer, PhD, MS
  Community Investor
  Healthy Communities Delaware

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Inadequate housing contributes to health problems such as chronic diseases and injuries and can have harmful impacts on childhood development, seniors, and adults. Poor indoor air quality, lead paint, and other hazards often coexist in homes, placing children and families at great risk for multiple health problems.
Access to Clean and Renewable Energy

Affordability and Access to Clean Renewable Energy

• Foster entrepreneurial efforts for the efficient and sustainable production and delivery of energy, especially in the small-business community, for vulnerable communities and underserved communities

• Create diversity and equity in the energy sector supply chain and pass on the savings and value to underserved communities.

• Pursue climate resiliency generating measurable social and environmental impact as well as a financial return for everyone.
Support Workforce Development and Clean-Energy Jobs

- Enable and fuel the creation, sustainability and vibrancy of employment, training, certification and incentives for clean energy jobs.

- Advocate for workforce development and access to energy for small businesses, creating job opportunities that provide family-supporting wages, good benefits and opportunities for career advancement.
WE ARE PROMOTING ACCESS TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY, CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY, HEALTHIER HOMES AND CLEAN-ENERGY JOBS

- Enable access to energy-efficiency support in underserved communities and groups across the state.
- Provide funding for energy efficiency, weatherization and renewable-energy investments and clean energy jobs.
- Optimize business and foundation resources by integrating energy, housing, health, safety and work-force resources.
- Identify goals and track outcomes to demonstrate the energy solutions as well as the financial and social impact.
Thanks for Helping to Empower Delaware Residents to Conserve and Save on Energy Costs

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