



EmPOWERing Your Library

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Lowering Your Library's Energy Bills		
Focus Area	Funding / Opportunities	Examples/Resources
Energy Audits and Weatherization	NHSaves has an ongoing municipal efficiency program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Unifund funding through summer 2026 • 2026 = last chance for lighting upgrades 	Energy Audit Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulation & air sealing • Lighting • Thermostats/controls Randolph and Barrington Case Studies
Heating and Cooling <i>Have a plan BEFORE your current system fails</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSaves incentives for heat pumps • Tax credits for geothermal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat pumps • Geothermal • Advanced wood heat
Electrification	NHSaves offers rebates on many electric appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen appliances • Water heater
Solar 1. On-site solar 2. Group net metering 3. Power purchase	Tax credits if interconnected by December 2027	See "Solar" section of community resources page
Battery Energy Storage	Eversource can fund 50% of project costs at facilities used in the event of a local emergency. More demand response programs expected after 2026	Eversource Program Details Eversource funds available until expended. Lee Case Study

Congressionally Directed Spending is another possible funding source for some projects

Clean Energy NH can help!

- ★ Identifying/prioritizing projects
- ★ Examples from around the state
- ★ Funding plans & grant writing
- ★ Lists of qualified contractors
- ★ Warrant article drafting
- ★ Community engagement strategies
- ★ Questions & road blocks as they arise

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Helping Residents Navigate Energy Challenges

12024 Survey: 90% of respondents recently considered or started a home energy project to save money or improve comfort, and 75% faced challenges in completing those projects.

Over 96% of respondents said they would “actually use” energy-related resources offered through their local library. The most popular suggestions included:

- Free energy saving supplies (56% of respondents)
- Workshops on do-it-yourself home energy savings (53%)
- Workshops about where to start and what programs exist (48%)
- Help applying for energy saving programs (45%)
- Getting connected with experienced neighbors or contractors (37%)

Program/Topic	Why is this important/timely?	Resources
Local Energy Committees	Providing energy resources to residents requires capacity you don't have - partner with or create an energy committee to do this work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Committees 101 • NH Local Energy Action Contact List
NH Saves	Free energy audits, up to \$6,000 or \$15,000 toward home improvements. Button Up Workshops	Eversource's new Moderate Income Program (<i>click "Increased Benefits for Income Qualifying Eversource Customers" bar</i>)
Heat Pump Accelerator and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) Program	Incentives for residents should be available by summer 2026	Heat Pump Accelerator Program webpage HEAR program webpage
Connect with Schools and Students	NH Energy Education Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands on demonstrations, workshops, education • Youth Climate Leaders Academy • Portal to post local energy & climate problems and get connected with a student to help find a solution 	
Window Dressers	They are looking for new communities in NH	Community build how-to Program webpage
Coaching Programs	Examples popping up around NH pairing volunteers with residents to navigate home energy improvements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monadnock Example • Nashua Example • NEEP Coaching Toolkit

¹ In 2024, Clean Energy NH worked with libraries in Hampton, Lee, and Seabrook to survey 150 residents about their energy-related concerns and what their local library could do to help.

