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Evaluation Gives High Marks for State’s Advanced Wood Heating Program

Report Measures Clean Energy Development Fund’s Efforts Since 2015

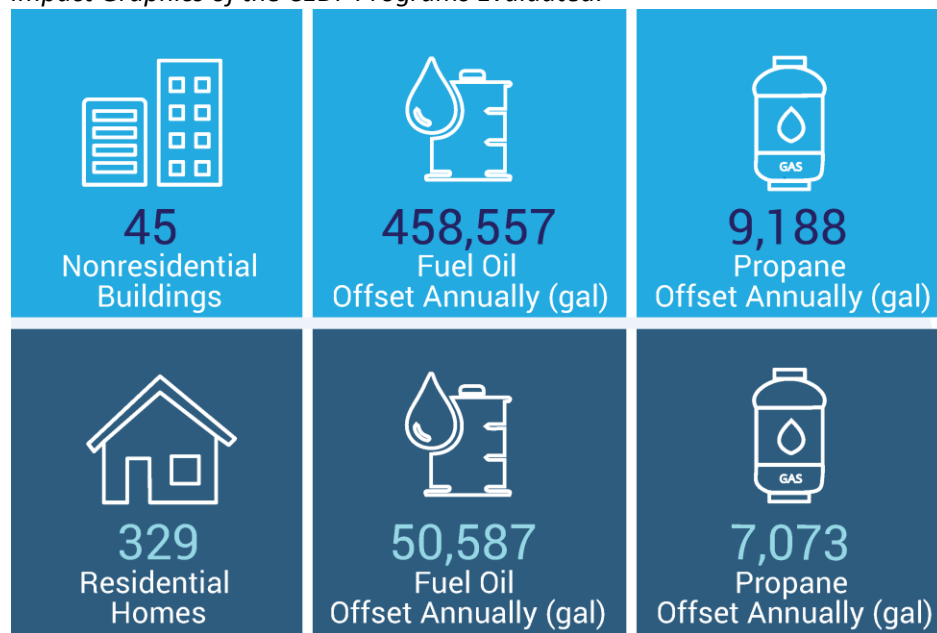
Montpelier, Vermont – January 6, 2020 – In 2019 the Vermont’s Department of Public Service contracted with the Cadmus Group to conduct an evaluation of the Clean Energy Development Fund’s (CEDF) advanced wood heat incentive and grant programs. Cadmus’ completed report concludes that CEDF’s programs on advanced wood heating were successful, making a positive economic impact in developing the local market for wood fuels and heating systems in Vermont.

Highlights of the report include:

- CEDF’s incentives generated a strong increase in market development and raising market awareness
- CEDF has stimulated sales in the small commercial market that would otherwise not exist without their efforts
- CEDF’s incentives resulted in saving Vermonters over 500,000 gallons in heating oil and over 15,000 gallons of propane annually.

“This evaluation shows that our increased efforts to promote clean wood heating are providing real benefits to Vermonters” said Vermont Public Service Department Commissioner June Tierney. “We are proud of CEDF’s efforts”.

Impact Graphics of the CEDF Programs Evaluated:



Total Advanced Wood Heating Program Summary (Program Years 2015-2018)		
Sector/Measure	Number of Systems	Total Incentives
Residential Cord Wood Stoves	219	\$266,000
Residential Pellet Stoves	28	\$40,500
Residential Pellet Boilers	82	\$257,345
Nonresidential	45	\$1,494,574
Total	374	\$2,058,419

View the Full CEDF Program Evaluation Report:

https://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/Renewable_Energy/CEDF/Reports/VT%20CEDF%20Report%20_FINAL_10242019R.pdf

View a Two-page Summary of the Report:

https://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/Renewable_Energy/CEDF/Reports/CEDF%20Advanced%20Wood%20Heat%20Program%20%20pager_11-06-2019.pdf

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About The Vermont Clean Energy Development fund.

2005, the Vermont General Assembly established the Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF). The CEDF is administered by the Public Service Department. The Vision for the CEDF is to serve the citizens of Vermont by increasing local small-scale renewable energy generation while maximizing associated economic development. The Fund coordinates with other state programs and private entities to integrate and advance renewable energy across all sectors of the State's energy economy.

For more information, visit the CEDF please visit:

https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewable_energy/cedf

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