

# Town of Greensboro, Vermont

## Appropriation Request Application — Fiscal Year 2027

(for submission to the Greensboro Selectboard / Budget Committee)

Submission deadline: ~~Thursday~~, Monday, December 1, 2025

### Authority under Vermont State statute:

The authority for making appropriations for social service agencies is in 24 VSA § 2691 as follows:

*At a meeting duly warned for that purpose, a town or incorporated village may appropriate such sums of money as it deems necessary for the support of social service programs and facilities within that town for its residents. Social service programs, for which a town or incorporated village may appropriate sums of money, include, but are not limited to: transportation, nutrition, medical, childcare, and other rehabilitative services for persons with low incomes, senior citizens, children, disabled persons, drug and alcohol abusers, and persons requiring employment to eliminate their need for public assistance. The authority herein granted is not in derogation of other local powers to allocate funds.*

### Section A: Organization / Applicant Information

1. Name of Organization/Agency: Greensboro Energy & Climate Action Committee
2. Mailing Address: PO Box 119, Greensboro, VT 05841
3. Physical Address (if different): 82 Craftsbury Road, Greensboro, VT 05841
4. Contact Person / Authorized Representative: Liz Steel
5. Title / Role: Chair
6. Telephone: 781 710 5690
7. Email: steelfamilyus@gmail.com
8. Website (if any): [www.greensborovt.gov/energy-committee/](http://www.greensborovt.gov/energy-committee/)

### Section B: Request Summary

9. Amount of Appropriation Requested: **\$1,000**

- Cultural / arts / historic
- Environmental / conservation
- Other: Energy efficiency

18. Describe how Greensboro residents benefit from your services:

- Saving money on energy bills
- Improving the comfort of their homes – warmer in winter, cooler in summer
- Improving energy efficiency of the Greensboro Free Library

### **Section E: Financial Information & Budget**

19. Total operating budget of your organization (last full fiscal year): \$ 0

- Municipal Energy Resilience Program grant in 2025 for Library energy efficiency work \$122,000
- Greensboro Association grant in 2025 for WindowDressers program \$1,500

20. Do any funding sources require a municipal match or other local commitment?

Yes  No

If Yes, explain: N/A

### **Section F: Reporting, Oversight & Accountability**

21. If your organization has received municipal appropriations from Greensboro before, provide a report or summary of how those funds were used (attach as appendix).

22. Person(s) responsible for oversight and compliance within your organization:

Name: Greensboro Selectboard / Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## Energy & Climate Action Committee Report 2025

During 2025, the Energy & Climate Action Committee (ECAC) led the energy efficiency upgrades at the Greensboro Free Library, launched a new communications campaign to help homeowners manage their energy bills, and actively supported the WindowDressers initiative.

At the end of 2024 the Town received a \$122,000 Municipal Energy Resilience Program state grant, to fund energy efficiency improvements in the Library. Insulation and moisture prevention has been added in both basements and a ventilation system has been installed throughout the building. In addition, a new air-to-water heat pump system with smart thermostats, together with double-glazed windows in the new building, are helping to reduce fossil fuel use and improve the comfort of the library for patrons. An electricity backup battery is to be installed for resiliency in the face of power outages. Beth Meachem led this project and was recognized by the Library Board at a "Button Up" event held in October at the Library to showcase the work. The event was organized by ECAC in conjunction with Efficiency Vermont, the Northeast Vermont Development Association, and Vermont Building and General Services. Tours were provided by Bill Chidsey who has also been the lead contractor on the project.

In the Summer, the committee participated in the Funky Fourth, the Bend Block Party and the Greensboro Art Fest, providing information on home energy efficiency incentives and sharing insights on home weatherization. ECAC also published a series of monthly News Alerts, featuring rebates and promoting timely ideas of steps homeowners could take to reduce their energy bills. These are all archived on the ECAC webpage of the Town website.

As part of the Climate Catalyst Leadership Program, Liz Steel worked with the Zoning Administrator and the Development Review Board Chair to incorporate the Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) into the building permit application process.

In November, Greensboro joined forces with Albany, Craftsbury and Glover to host the Southern Orleans County WindowDressers Community Build. Over 7 days, 125 volunteers and program participants built more than 415 window inserts, to upgrade the comfort level of 66 homes and businesses, in 14 towns this winter. Fan Watkinson and Jan Terweisch coordinated the insert measuring for Greensboro, supported by Bill Slocum and Emma Palumbo, and Liz Steel coordinated the program. WindowDressers is an inexpensive way for community members to improve the air tightness of their homes, through building and installing custom window inserts together.

During 2026, the committee plans to continue to focus on ways to help residents conserve energy and improve resilience to weather-related events. We welcome new members and anyone interested in joining the committee can find out more information at the ECAC page on the town website <https://greensborovt.gov/energy-committee/>

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- Communications promoting smart home thermostats and the benefits to the homeowner
- Ongoing support of the WindowDressers program

DATE	NAME	SIGNATURE
11/20/25	Anna Kehler	Anna Kehler
11/20/25	CHRIS STEEL	Chris Steel
11/22/25	LIZ STEEL	Elizabeth Steel
11/22/25	Kenneth Johnston	Kenneth Johnston
11/22/25	JOHN MACKIN	John Mackin
11/22/25	Francie Bennett	FLB
11/22/25	BUS GRAY	Betsy Wood Gray
11/22/25	Naomi Ranz-Schleifer	Naomi Ranz-Schleifer
11/22-25	David Allen	David Allen

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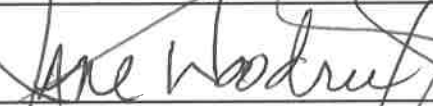
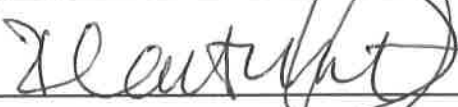



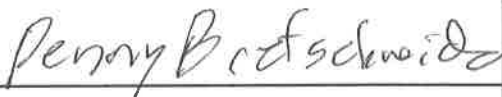
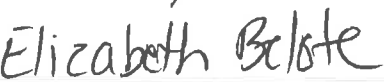
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11/22/25	ANDREW KOEHLER	
11/22/25	Jan Terrviesch	
11/22/25	Jane Woodruff	
11/22/25	ILHA HUNT	
11/22/25	Andy Hunt	
11/22/25	Bobbie Nisbet	
11/22/25	RANDY BULLEN	
11/22/25	Penny Botschneider	
11/22/25	Elizabeth Belote	

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11/22/25	Aileen Gebbie	Aileen Gebbie
11/22/25	Nancy Hall	Nancy Hall
11/22/25	Liz Hall	Liz Hall
11/22/25	SON RAMSAY	Son Ramsay

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11/22/25	Mary Metcalf	Mary Metcalf

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today	Jeff Bennett	Jeff W. Bennett
22 Nov 25	Robert Youngman	R A Youngman
22 Nov 25	Steve Arnold	Steve Arnold
22/Nov 25	Cilla Bonney-Smith	C Bonney-Smith
22/11/25	DAVID SHELLEY	David Shelley
22/Nov 25	Mike Hopwood	Mike Hopwood
22/11/25	KYLE GRAY	Kyle Gray
22/11/25	Carl Winters	C. Winters
22/11/25	Cynthia WEST	Cynthia West

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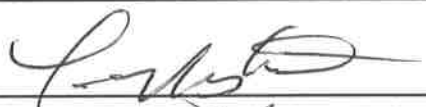
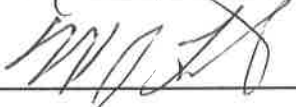



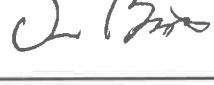
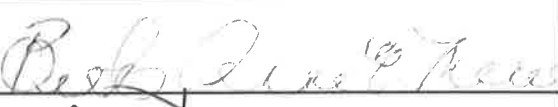

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4/22/25	MIKE LAMBERT	
11/22/25	MURIAM ROGERS	
11/22/25	Andy Keller	
11/22/25	KEAT HANSEN	
11/22/25	Davis Barnett	
11/22/25	Beth Meacham	
11/22/25	Lise Armstrong	

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