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Dear Colleagues:

In June, about 60 of us met to develop a response to dramatically higher fuel costs and the potential impact on Vermont's affordable rental housing. After listening to a presentation of the likely financial impact of high fuel costs, the group participated in a brainstorming session focused on solutions. To close the meeting, we organized ourselves into 7 committees, each charged with working on strategies in a particular area of emphasis. Over the summer, the committees have been working and meeting - further refining their task, developing written materials, identifying financial resources, working with program administrators and legislators, etc.

At the start of this process, we agreed to come back together in September to review our progress and refine our strategies. The Housing Fuel Cost Summit will reconvene on Friday, September 19 at 1 pm. The meeting will be held at Fellowship Hall, Bethany Church on 115 Main Street in Montpelier. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Receive reports from each of the Committees (Federal Policies, State Policies, Alternative Fuels, Efficiency, Resident Related, Short-Term Strategies, Bulk Buy).
2. Identify the highest priorities and action needed
3. Discuss structure for ongoing efforts on this issue

Each of the committees have been asked for written reports which I expect to mail to you sometime before the meeting. Also, I encourage you to check out the website of Affordable Housing Coalition for a compendium of written information that has been developed by our group thus far - <http://www.vtaffordablehousing.org/resources.php>

Finally, I want to bring your attention to two funding opportunities for green building.

One is from the Kresge Foundation -

<http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=59>. It focuses on renovation and historic preservation of existing structures – as well as new green construction.

The second is the from the Enterprise Foundation -

<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/>. It's focus is specifically affordable housing.

Thanks for your participation and don't hesitate to call me with any questions or comments.

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