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Vermont energy efficiency grants announced

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Vermont's congressional delegation announced Thursday \$5.7 million in federal [funding](#) to help Vermont households use "smart meter" systems and install solar thermal and solar hot water technologies.

The nonprofit Vermont Energy Investment Corp., which operates Efficiency Vermont, will administer a \$700,000 project to complement smart grid technology being deployed across the state as the result of an earlier \$69 million stimulus investment. This outreach project will install energy-use monitors and provide information and access to technical support to help about 750 low-income households better understand their energy use and identify [savings](#) opportunities.

In addition, the [U.S. Department of Energy's](#)  Weatherization Assistance Program has awarded \$5 million in federal stimulus funding for solar thermal and solar hot water technologies through local agencies in Barre, Burlington, Derby, Hinesburg, Rutland, St. Johnsbury and Westminster.

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