

## **VLITE Grant Opportunities - April 2023**

VLITE – the Vermont Low income Trust for Electricity - is seeking grant applications for projects that advance Vermont's energy policies as set forth in the <u>Comprehensive Energy Plan</u>. Preference will be given to projects that prioritize the energy needs of low and moderate income Vermonters. Applicants should be Vermont-based organizations serving Vermonters.

If you are interested in finding out more about VLITE's grant opportunities, please email Gabrielle Malina, Executive Director at <a href="mailto:director@vlite.org">director@vlite.org</a> to schedule an appointment for an initial meeting to discuss the grant process and the project you have in mind. Grant applications are by invitation, and are considered on a rolling cycle up to four times per year at quarterly board meetings.

Examples of recent VLITE grants include: incentives through Neighborworks of Western Vermont HEATSquad for energy audits and weatherization services in the Northeast Kingdom and Bennington County; Vermont Energy Education Program in K-12 schools; support for CarShare Vermont to expand its services for low and moderate income customers by installing new EV chargers in high traffic locales and purchasing EVs to expand its fleet, and; energy workforce training through Vermont Adult Learning. You can check out more information on recent grants in these <a href="Impact Reports">Impact Reports</a>.

VLITE was formed by the Public Service Board in 2012 to be a partial owner of VELCO, the state's high-voltage electricity transmission company. As a 38 percent shareholder in VELCO, VLITE names three independent directors to the VELCO board. VLITE receives about a million dollars a year in dividends which it then invests as grants that advance state energy policy with an emphasis on the energy needs of low and moderate income Vermonters.

VLITE's mission is to advance Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan by funding initiatives with particular emphasis on the energy needs of low-income Vermonters and by the appointment of three VELCO Board Members.