



News Release

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More than \$5 Million in USDA Funding Will Lower Costs, Emissions at 23 Twin State Businesses through Rural Energy for America Program

MONTPELIER, Vt., Nov. 14, 2024 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced \$5,057,046 in grant funding to help rural Twin State businesses reduce costs and benefit the environment. RD is making the investments through the [Rural Energy for America Program \(REAP\)](#).

REAP helps agricultural producers and rural small business owners invest in their future through renewable energy and energy-efficiency improvements. These innovations increase income, grow businesses and address climate change while reducing costs for American families. In New Hampshire, \$3,561,546 will benefit seventeen small businesses, and in Vermont, six projects will receive \$1,495,500.

The funding is part of a national investment announced earlier, totaling [\\$256 million in loans and grants that will support more than 1,100 clean energy projects in 40 states](#).

- In Norwich, Vt., Sweetland Farm will use \$27,048 to make crucial energy-efficiency improvements. New insulation will drop the costs to heat the Farm's workshop and mechanic shop by 70 percent, saving \$1,225 annually.
- A \$950,284 REAP grant will help build a roof-mounted solar array at TAC SR Holdings in Jaffrey, NH. The system is expected to produce 1,044,861 kilowatt hours (kWh), enough energy to power 100 homes. The renewable energy project will replace 127 percent of the company's historical electric use, saving roughly \$117,000 annually.
- Wings Marketplace & Deli in Thetford, Vt., will benefit from a \$404,552 investment to replace and upgrade the operation's refrigeration and heating systems. Once complete, the project is estimated to reduce energy costs by roughly 35 percent, saving the Business more than \$25,600 annually.

About USDA Rural Development

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