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Low-Cost Energy Audits Available for New Hampshire Agricultural Producers and Rural Small Businesses.

The [New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority](#) (CDFA) is now accepting applications from agricultural producers and rural small businesses throughout New Hampshire interested in low-cost energy audits for their facility.

Eligible participants will receive a comprehensive energy audit, which will **identify energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that can reduce operating costs and increase productivity, occupant comfort and safety.** The audit will estimate implementation costs, potential energy and financial savings, as well as a return-on-investment.

Using funds from the USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant program, CDFA will cover 75 percent of the comprehensive energy audit costs with eligible participants required to pay for 25 percent. CDFA will work with qualifying business owners to identify an eligible energy auditor, as well as incentives and financing opportunities available for implementing the recommended energy upgrades.

To be eligible, New Hampshire agricultural producers and rural small businesses must meet the following criteria:

- Be a for-profit businesses with a place of business in New Hampshire.
- Rural small businesses must be located in eligible rural areas. [Identify if your area is eligible.](#) Please note this restriction does not apply to agricultural producers.
- “Small businesses” are defined according to Small Business Administration (SBA) guidelines. [Small business size standards.](#)

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information about the program and how to apply, contact:

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About the Clean Energy Fund

CDFA's Clean Energy Fund provides technical and financial resources for municipalities, businesses and nonprofits to invest in energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy projects. Low-interest financing can support cash-flow positive projects, helping organizations better control long-term energy costs and provide additional benefits such as improved light quality, improved comfort and productivity, and reduced maintenance costs.

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