

Empowerment Grant Program Report

Announcing the \$2 Million Grant Award for Energy Resilient and Healthy Homes

The Empowerment Grant was so excited to bring Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County, Sussex County Habitat for Humanity, and Milford Housing Development Corporation together along with other partnering organizations, stakeholders, and the community to announce the \$2 Million grant for the Energy Resilient and Healthy Homes (ERHH) grant. ERHH takes a whole house approach to improve a home’s comfort, energy efficiency, reduce environmental allergens, improve indoor air quality and health outcomes of related illnesses, and improve a home’s durability and safety.



Additional partnerships in this effort include Tidal Health, Beebe Health Care, HELP Initiative, Franklin Energy, and many other non-profit organizations which help to provide wrap around support for the households engaged in this opportunity.

Grants Awarded –

The Grant Review Committee has awarded several grants in the past couple of months.

New Ecology has been awarded \$75,000 for the first ever Delaware passive house study. New Ecology will work with NeighborGood Partners to develop four Passive House-certified homes on N. Kirkwood Street in Dover. This grant also supports workforce development training and job placement.

The Lorelton Foundation will modernize and improve energy efficiency in the kitchen of The Lorelton with a \$55,684 grant award. Improvements include the refrigerators (walk-in, single and double reach-in), electric steam able with ESP, flat top stove, and 6 burner stove.

Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity has been awarded \$50,999 to improve, upgrade, and install LED lighting in the Dover ReStore. This project will save the organization an estimated \$7,000 annually. Some of the lighting improvements include replacing all 219 flourescent fixes with LED llighting, LED Exit signs, exterior LED fixtures at the entrance of the store, and more.

What is Your Voice, a trained a skilled domestic violence peer support organization, has been awarded \$34,000 to replace two, 2-door freezers with ENERGY STAR models; recharge or place a building’s and outbuilding’s heat pumps; replace T8 lighting with LED, and more to help the organization become more energy efficient.

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Activity Table

January - April 2023						
Grant Category	Applications	Approved	In Review	Completed	Data Evaluation	Funding to Date
Ecosystem and Neighborhood	5	0	5	0	0	*\$1,950,000
Efficiency and Planning	14	12	0	1	1	\$789,324
Roofs from the Heart	12	2	0	1	0	\$25,000
Empowerment-Delmarva	0	0	0	8	4	*\$3,312,995

*Three Year Grant Commitment to three organization-Energy Resilient and Healthy Homes

* 12 Grants funded through December 2023