



Our goal is simple:

We help communities help themselves by improving household energy efficiency. Everyday people save money and energy by installing insulation, weatherization, and other efficient materials. There are already companies that help business and large corporations to improve energy efficiency, but we're unique in that we focus on ways to save money for everyday people like you.

We accomplish our work by building relationships: between neighbors locally and with trusted service providers. This solution has the potential, when applied across the country, to save billions of dollars in energy costs for homeowners. It is one of the first major steps toward energy independence, climate solutions, and a sustainable economy.

Our history:

Cooperative Energy Futures was started by a group of students from Macalester College working with community members toward a broader vision of environmental and social justice. Today we are composed of community energy enthusiasts, citizen activists, and student leaders. During fall 2008 we successfully completed our first pilot project in Merriam Park where we worked with contractors to encourage homeowners to insulate their homes.



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- Learn how to get involved
- Find out more about CEF
- Learn valuable insights into energy efficiency for your home, community organizing, purchase products that will save you money in your home, and much more.



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BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SOCIETY TOGETHER.

Cooperative Energy Futures uses the power of community to create economic opportunity through energy efficiency. We empower people to participate in simple climate and energy solutions that work for everyone.

Our work:

Cooperative Energy Futures sees energy efficiency as the first step towards engaging our communities in the process of building people-powered solutions to the energy crisis and global warming. CEF works with communities to tailor energy efficiency projects that work for their unique needs and desires.

Our services enable you to:

- Increase the value and the comfort of your home
- Easily access quality auditors and contractors
- Save on installation costs
- Purchase energy efficiency materials at a discount rate by harnessing the power of buying in bulk
- Pay for your improvements through the savings energy efficient materials create
- Inspire your community to start the transition toward sustainability

Our projects:

Bulk buying

CEF works with wholesaler suppliers of energy saving products such as faucet aerators, compact fluorescent lightbulbs, and air sealing materials. Teams of neighbors can buy these products at a discounted rate from CEF to save money and energy.

Efficiency group contracting

CEF walks interest homeowners through the process of receiving a home energy audit, getting a bid from reliable, qualified contractors, and securing discounts on home efficiency improvements by coordinating communities.

Workshops

CEF offers a customizable workshop series on do-it-yourself home energy efficiency. We cover the basics of heating and cooling and focus on practical fixes, such as caulking, sealing windows and doors, changing a faucet aerator, switching a thermostat, and understanding phantom loads in appliances. This workshop offers hands-on practice, and can be held in a home for real fixes, or any community space.

You name it

CEF is partnering with solar, geothermal, and community finance groups to make additional services available. CEF would love to work on other community energy projects with your community.



^ CEF worked with the Swanson family in 2008 to insulate their home.

Our values:

Creativity

We seek bold strategies to empower all of us to invest in our collective future.

Collaboration

We use community and cooperation as vital assets and seek to cultivate collaboration in all the activities and partnerships we enter.

Efficiency

We build clean energy communities first by preventing energy waste, then by generating energy locally, and finally by partnering with local producers in other communities.



... for our world's benefit, for our environment's benefit, for our economy's benefit, for your community's benefit, for your benefit