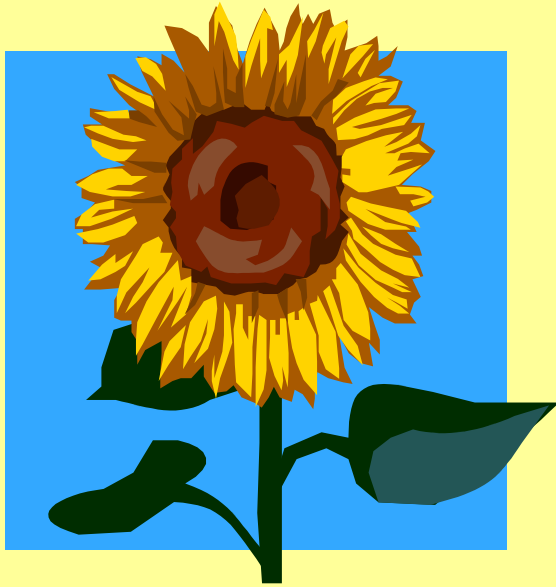


# Efficient ND



## Energy Efficiency...

Efficiency at work; efficiency on the farm; efficient cars and appliances...

**Efficiency is a good thing!**

*Regulators, consumers and industry representatives agree that **reducing energy consumption through improved efficiencies** is one of the key means to ensure that the nation's energy infrastructure will remain viable in an uncertain future.*

**WHAT CAN NORTH  
DAKOTA DO?**

## **Problem....**

**Home energy use** accounts for about 20% of the nation's energy-related global warming emissions and heating and cooling account for about half of home energy use. Insulating, or "weatherizing" homes can reduce energy use by about 20%. That translates to an average carbon dioxide reduction of 2,000 pounds, or one ton, per household each year.

In North Dakota, about 16,000 homes per year qualify for weatherization assistance through the North Dakota Community Action Partnership (NDCAPS). Many low income families are unable to access these funds because of strict federal income limits.

**However...there is state money available that could be used to expand this valuable program.**

In 1990, the people of North Dakota mandated that the state's **Resources Trust Fund**, a fund created with a percentage of oil extraction tax monies, be used to fund energy conservation projects and water related projects. The fund has generated over \$80 million in 15 years, **yet not a penny has gone to energy projects**. Instead, one hundred percent of the money in this fund has been used to fund water projects.

## **Solution!**

The North Dakota state legislature appropriates the money from the Resources Trust Fund. If as little as \$3 million per biennium were allocated to extend weatherization and energy assistance for low income families who are living just above federal income limits, additional homes could be weatherized, translating into a household cost savings of from two to three hundred dollars per heating season and a carbon dioxide reduction of about a ton per household.

## **What can you do?**

- Contact your state legislators and tell them that a portion of the Resources Trust Fund should go to fund NDCAPS programs
- Contact Dakota Resource Council and help us in our **Efficient ND** campaign
- Follow our **energy saving tips** on the back of this brochure!

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