

**City of West Haven
Board of Energy Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, May 21st, 2025**

The meeting of the West Haven Board of Energy Commissioners was held on May 21st, 2025, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT. Chairman Raymond Vincent Collins IV called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. All those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Raymond Collins IV, <i>Chairman</i>	Present
Jason DeLorenzo, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Present
Christy Collins, <i>Secretary and Commissioner</i>	Present
Maggie Goodwin, <i>Commissioner</i>	Absent
Jason Card, <i>Commissioner</i>	Present
Michael Miranda, <i>Alternate Commissioner</i>	Present

Agenda

Commissioner Collins MOVED to accept the agenda without amendments; SECONDED by Commissioner Miranda. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes

Commissioner DeLorenzo MOVED to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on April 16th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Miranda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Energize Connecticut Community Partnership Initiative Presentation – Alysse Rodrigues

Allyse Rodrigues of Energize Connecticut delivered a presentation on the Community Partnership Initiative and West Haven's ability to apply.

Presentation attached.

3. Public Input

Robin Parsons of 129 Bellevue Avenue addressed the Commission with several concerns regarding the city's energy initiatives and the role of the Energy Commission:

1. Parsons addressed the Energy Star Portfolio Manager System, noting that she last communicated with the Commission in March 2024 and expressing concern over the discontinuation of this tool which function is to track municipal energy usage. She reiterated that she had offered to assist the city in re-establishing use of the system, contingent on mayoral approval, but no follow-up occurred. Upon checking the system prior to the meeting, she found that all city property data had been removed and requested clarification as to why the system was abandoned.
2. Parsons remarked upon the Comprehensive Energy Plan, inquiring why no apparent progress has been made to update or formally adopt the city's comprehensive energy plan and noting that the outdated plan remains on the Commission's website.
3. Parsons made a complaint regarding the Commission's accountability and reporting.

Chairman Collins responded in noting the following:

1. The city has appropriately removed Robin Parsons' access to the Energy Star Portfolio System and will continue to utilize this tool as a benchmarking agent.
2. The noted comprehensive energy plan will be removed from the website.
3. The minutes will remain as they have been submitted, proceeding under the same guise to provide a legal record of actions and decisions.

Chairman Collins asked three times if any other person from the public wished to speak. There being none, he declared the public portion closed.

4. Subcommittee Reports

3a. Development – None

3b. Clean Energy Community Outreach - None

4. Old Business

Chairman Collins announced that the previous Energy Star Portfolio Manager account access has been successfully transferred back to city control and will be active for the Commission by next meeting.

5. New Business - None

6. Adjournment

At 7:21 p.m., Commissioner Miranda MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Commissioner Card. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Collins, Commissioner

January 21, 2024

Informational Webinar

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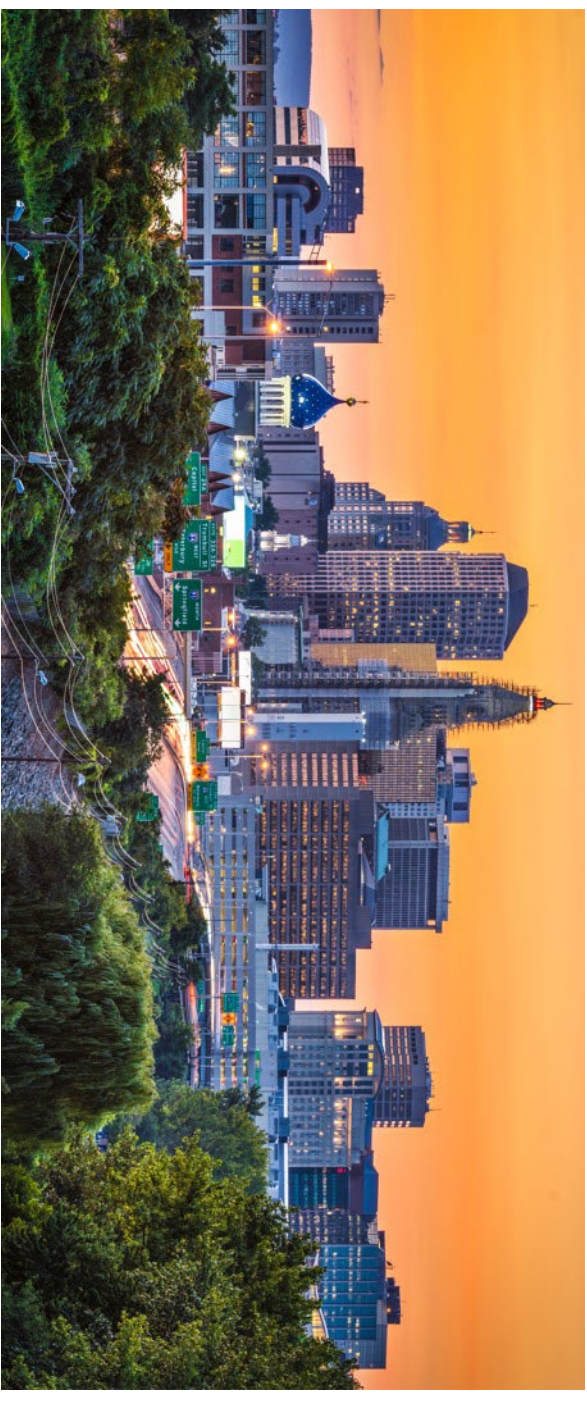
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Energize ConnecticutSM Community Partnership Initiative

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Community Partnership Initiative Overview

- Leverage local knowledge, trusted relationships, & experience
- Partnerships with municipalities, community-based organizations, & non-profit organizations
- Commit to raise awareness & measurable participation in energy efficiency programs
- Goal is to familiarize residents & businesses with programs and increase participation
- Does not replace current & future marketing, but aims to provide another layer



Who Can Apply



Round 3 is open to:

- Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Distressed Municipalities
- Municipalities containing Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Environmental Justice census block groups

Detailed information can be found here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Environmental-Justice/Environmental-Justice-Communities>

Community Partnership Initiative

Round 1



The Community Partnership Initiative launched Round 1 applications in July 2021



Round 1 included 9 projects across 8 communities throughout Connecticut

Teams chose to increase participation in one of the following programs: Home Energy SolutionsSM, Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible, heat pumps, Small Business Energy Advantage



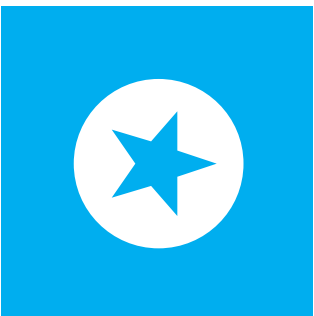
The program term for Round 1 ran parallel with calendar year (CY) 2022



Round 1 is wrapped up and all participating teams achieved their goals.

Goals consisted of a 5-15% increase depending on the program a team chose to promote

Community Partnership Initiative Round 2



The Community Partnership Initiative Round 2 launched applications December 2022

Projects for environmental justice communities were required



Round 2 included 17 project teams across 21 communities throughout Connecticut

Projects included increasing participation in Home Energy SolutionsSM – Income Eligible, heat pump adoption, Small Business Energy Advantage, Multifamily Initiative, and demand response

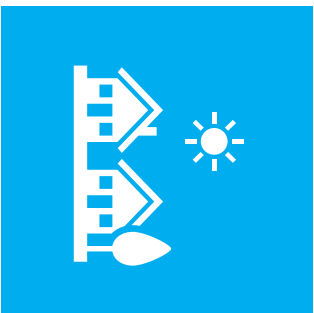


The program term for Round 2 ran roughly fall 2023-winter 2025



Project teams have wrapped up their Round 2 efforts or are continuing in early 2025

Community Partnership Initiative Round 3



Like Round 2,
Round 3 is only
open to
environmental
justice
communities



Municipalities
must be paired
with a
community-
based
organization or
nonprofit
organization in
order to
participate



Applicants can
choose to increase
participation in
Home Energy
SolutionsSM –
Income Eligible,
heat pump
adoption, Small
Business Energy
Advantage,
Multifamily Initiative



Applicants can
choose to pursue
a short term (3-6
months) or long
term (8-12
months)
campaign

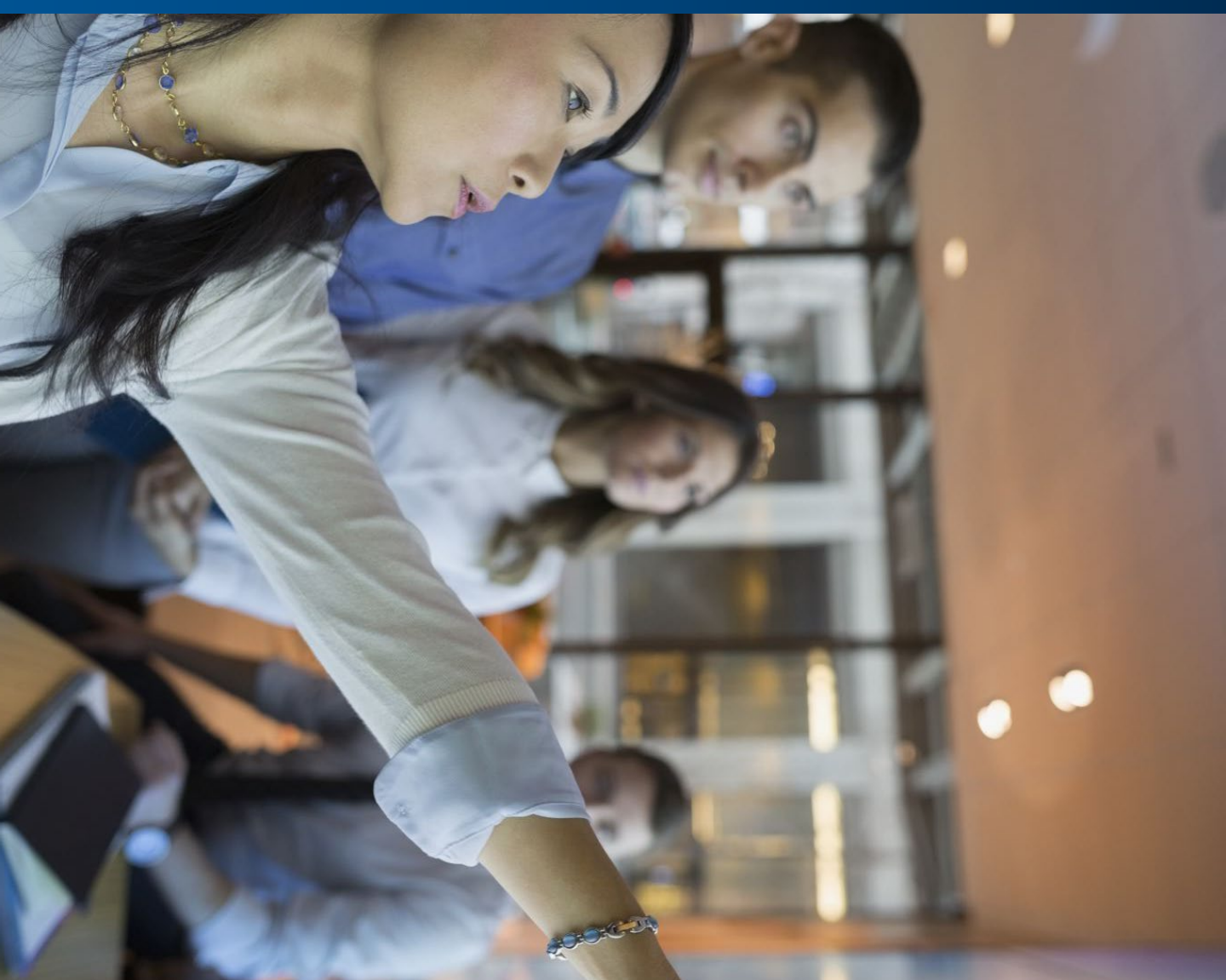
Goals & Metrics

Goals

- Currently based on recorded 3-year data trend for each focus area
- Average total increase of 10%
- Active tracking of leads & completed assessments and projects

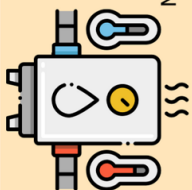
Round 2

- **16** project teams across **17** communities
- **1** community applied but did not move forward
- **2,133** Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible assessments
- **27** Multifamily Initiative projects
- **271** small business projects schedule or completed
- **105** installed heat pumps



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Are you paying too much for electricity and heat?
HeatSmart might help!

- Get a low-cost home energy evaluation (Home Energy Solutions, HES)
- Learn how Energize Connecticut™ incentives can save you money
- Income Eligible residents receive no-cost HES and boosted incentives
- Enjoy long-term energy savings

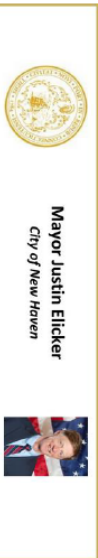


HeatSmart East Haven is supported by a grant and paid for by a charge on customer energy bills.



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Dear Neighbor,

I'm writing to inform you about an exciting partnership between the City of New Haven's Office of Climate and Sustainability and community nonprofit Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven (NHS) that's helping residents lower their energy bills and make their homes more comfortable and more environmentally-friendly.

The I Heart My Home CT program

I Heart My Home CT is a no-cost home energy counseling program that helps New Haveners make their properties more energy-efficient and more comfortable. Their energy experts work with homeowners, tenants, and landlords of 1-to-4-unit properties to make cost-saving improvements and to find no-cost or low-cost resources to achieve clients' energy goals.

How it works

You'll be paired with an energy expert who will connect you to programs, rebates, and other financial resources you're eligible for and guide you through the program requirements. Typically, the process starts with a home energy assessment, which may unlock additional financial benefits for your energy improvements. If you've already received a home energy assessment, you have a head start! Whether you're seeking to insulate, weatherize, go solar, install a new heating and air conditioning system, or fully electrify your home, your counselor will help you make informed decisions and help make the process as easy as possible.



How to get started

It's easy! Just fill out a short intake survey, which ends with scheduling a 30-minute phone call with an expert from I Heart My Home CT. Find the intake survey by pointing your phone camera at the code on the right and clicking the pop-up link, or go to bit.ly/IHMHCCT to learn more about the I Heart My Home program.

I hope you will take advantage of this exciting partnership and program!

Always serving you,

Justin M. Ellicker
Mayor | City of New Haven

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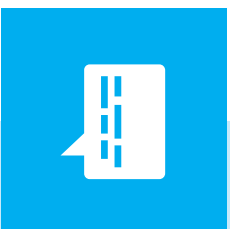
Energize Connecticut™ programs are funded by a charge on customer energy bills. The City and NHS are participating in the Energize CT Community Partnership Initiative, sponsored locally by United Illuminating and Southern Connecticut Gas to increase participation in energy efficiency programs.

Partnership Outreach

- Canvasing
- Buck Slips
- Virtual & In-Person Webinars
- Mailers
 - Mayor & First Selectman letters
- Community Events
- Main Street Events

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Thanks for listening.



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