

Thetford Home Weatherization Incentive Program

Thetford is offering town homeowners financial incentives to make weatherizing your home much more affordable through the Thetford Home Weatherization Incentive Program (THWIP).

If you qualify (see Qualifying Process and Applications below), THWIP will provide incentives matching those from Efficiency Vermont's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR[®] program, up to a total of \$5,000 for your weatherization project – up to \$2,500 from Efficiency Vermont and \$2,500 from THWIP – depending on work performed. These combined incentives can pay for up to 75 percent of energy-saving home improvements.

THWIP funds will be reserved on a first-to-qualify basis as long as funds last through **Dec. 15, 2011**, so be sure to fill out the attached forms as soon as you can. All work must be completed and paperwork submitted to THWIP by **Feb. 17, 2012** in order to receive reserved funds. See details below.

THWIP Qualifying Process:

1. Fill out and submit the attached “Preliminary Participation Interest Form” to THWIP manager, Ellen Blumberg (elblumberg@gmail.com, PO Box 359, Thetford Center, VT 05075, 802-785-9883), who will verify amount of funds still available and your likelihood of qualifying.
2. Hire a participating Home Performance with ENERGY STAR company to perform a home energy assessment (energy audit). To learn more about Home Performance and to “Find a Contractor” go to: <http://www.encyvermont.com/homeperformance> or contact Efficiency Vermont at 888-921-5990. If you have already received a Home Performance assessment, any recommended work remaining to be done from your report qualifies for THWIP without getting a new assessment.
3. Review your assessment report with your Home Performance contractor and agree on a scope of work, including expected Efficiency Vermont incentives. Your contractor will submit a work plan to Efficiency Vermont, which will review and create an Estimated Incentive Report that your contractor will share with you. A summary of the Efficiency Vermont incentives can be found at the “Rebates” link at <http://www.encyvermont.com/homeperformance>, and remember that the THWIP funds will double the listed incentives. *
4. Fill out the THWIP Application Form (below) and submit it on or **BEFORE December 15th** with a copy of your Efficiency Vermont Estimated Incentive Report listing the amount of THWIP incentive money you wish to reserve for your project. THWIP program managers will review your application and confirm the amount of THWIP incentives to be reserved, dependent on amount of money left in the THWIP grant and contingent on final job completion, filing of reports, awarding of Efficiency Vermont incentives, and providing this information with the completed end-of-program survey to THWIP managers by **Feb. 17, 2012**. Should anyone apply for THWIP support after all our funds have been reserved, they will be added to a waiting list once all their work is complete and forms turned in to the THWIP manager and awarded money if any reserved funds have not been claimed by Feb. 17th.
5. Schedule the work ASAP. Once your work is done, your contractor will submit your final project report to Efficiency Vermont. Efficiency Vermont will review and issue the Final Incentive Report.
6. To receive your Efficiency Vermont incentive, sign, **make a copy**, and submit your final Efficiency Vermont Incentive Report to Efficiency Vermont.

7. To receive your matching THWIP incentive: Submit your final contractor's project report, Efficiency Vermont Final Incentive Report, a total cost of assessment and improvements (provided by your contractor) and a completed THWIP Program Survey to the THWIP manager by **Feb. 17th** at the latest. THWIP incentives will not exceed funds reserved in your name even if Efficiency Vermont's Final Incentive Report is higher than the Estimated Incentive Report, unless there are unclaimed THWIP funds after **Feb. 17, 2012**. THWIP incentives will be reduced if the combined Efficiency Vermont and THWIP incentives exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the job. Unclaimed reserved funds remaining in the THWIP account after **Feb. 17, 2012** will be allotted to others on the THWIP waiting list who have completed and submitted all program requirements.

8. Provide energy use and any subsequent home renovation info to THWIP manager for 3 years.

* In homes that are over 50 years old and are potentially historic, Thetford can provide matching incentives to those provided by Efficiency Vermont for air sealing, attic insulation, heating distribution system sealing and insulation, and heating system upgrades without submitting the project for review by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. To receive matching Thetford incentives for any proposed wall insulation, the homeowner would be responsible for hiring an historic review consultant to review and report to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation on the historic significance of the home and the potential impact of the proposed wall insulation upgrades. The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation would then make final determination on whether Thetford incentives for the wall insulation upgrades were allowed. The cost and time necessary to complete this review may make Thetford incentives for wall insulation, impractical, but there are no such restrictions on wall insulation incentives from Efficiency Vermont.

**Thetford Home Weatherization Incentive Program
Preliminary Participation Interest Form**

Please fill out and submit this form if you are interested in participating in Thetford's Home Weatherization Incentives Program (THWIP) to program manager, Ellen Blumberg (elblumberg@gmail.com, PO Box 359, Thetford Center, VT 05075, 802-785-9883) or contact Ellen if you have any questions. We will then let you know how much program funding remains and your likelihood for qualifying for THWIP incentives. You must then complete work listed below and fill out a THWIP Agreement form before THWIP funds are reserved in your name.

- I am interested in joining Thetford's Home Weatherization Incentives Program (THWIP) and have read, understand and agree to the THWIP Qualifying Process.
- I am a resident of and pay taxes to the Town of Thetford
- I have reviewed the following income qualifying levels to receive "free" home energy assessments and improvements from Central Vermont Community Action Council's weatherization program and affirm that I do NOT qualify for participation in that program.

Qualifying Income Levels/Number of Household Residents:

\$25,680/1 \$29,340/2 \$36,620/3 \$44,100/4 \$51,580/5 \$59,060/6 \$66,540/7 \$74,020/8

To see if you qualify, contact CVCAC at (877) 919-2299 or (802) 476-2093, nbrooks@cvcac.org or <http://www.cvcac.org/index.php/weatherization/about-weatherization>

- I have hired or intend to hire a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR contractor to perform an energy assessment and improvements on my home.
- I will fill out and submit the THWIP Agreement Form with the Efficiency Vermont preliminary incentive confirmation in order to reserve my THWIP incentives on or before December 15, 2011.
- I understand that THWIP incentives will match those awarded by Efficiency Vermont, but will be reserved on a first-to-qualify basis as long as funds last, and that this preliminary interest form does NOT reserve or promise any THWIP incentives.
- I understand that in order to receive my reserved THWIP incentives, my home improvements must be completed and final reports (including final project report, Efficiency Vermont Final Incentive Report, and completed THWIP survey) must be submitted to THWIP manager by Feb. 17, 2012.
- I understand that any THWIP funds reserved in my name will be distributed to others on the THWIP waiting list if I do not submit all required THWIP reports by Feb. 17, 2012.
- I agree to provide THWIP with ongoing energy use and improvement information for 3 years. I understand that all information submitted to THWIP can be used in aggregate program analysis and reporting, but that I will have to give separate permission for any use of individual results.

NAME (printed): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (if different) _____

PHONE #S: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

**THETFORD Home Weatherization Incentive Program
Application Form – Due on or before December 15, 2011**

I am interested in joining Thetford's Home Weatherization Incentives Program.

I have have read, understand and agree to the THWIP Qualifying Process and signed the THWIP Preliminary Participation Interest Form.

I had an energy assessment performed on my home on (DATE) _____ by the following company:

_____, which is a participating
Home Performance with ENERGY STAR company.

(Please note that any work remaining to be done on already-completed Home Performance assessments qualify for THWIP incentives as long as all required THWIP paperwork is turned in and THWIP incentives are reserved before that work begins.)

I have agreed with my Home Performance contractor to complete the following THWIP incentive-qualifying work (list here or submit copy of draft project report):

Was your house was built? _____ If 1961, are you requesting incentives for insulation for exterior above grade walls? Yes or No? _____

I request an estimated \$ _____ in THWIP incentives* (please attach copy of Efficiency Vermont's Estimated Incentive Report).

* THWIP incentives will not exceed funds reserved in your name even if Efficiency Vermont Final Incentive Report is higher than the Estimated Incentive Report, unless there are unclaimed THWIP funds after Feb. 17, 2012. THWIP incentives will be reduced if the combined Efficiency Vermont and THWIP incentives exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the job.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address _____

Phone #s _____

I the undersigned that to qualify for these THWIP incentives, I need to complete work and submit all required THWIP paperwork by Feb. 17, 2012.

Signature _____

Please send to THWIP Manager, Ellen Blumberg (elblumberg@gmail.com), PO Box 359, Thetford Center, VT 05075, 802-785-9883). Questions welcome.