



Connecticut Department of  
Energy & Environmental Protection

## Good Deals for Good Neighbors An Outdoor Wood-fired Furnace (OWF) Incentive Program **Round 2** Funding Criteria

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is committed to the reduction of particulate pollution from wood-fired heaters. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized federal regulations that will require new wood-fired heaters to be less polluting and more efficient. These federal regulations will reduce air pollution and exposure to particulate pollution and will improve public health. As part of its continuing efforts to protect public health, reduce exposure to pollution from wood burning and incentivize cleaner wood combustion practices, DEEP is again offering funding to assist residents with the removal, or replacement of existing outdoor wood-fired furnaces (OWFs) that do not meet the new EPA standards and/or do not conform to current Connecticut siting requirements.

### Available Funding:

DEEP is offering two levels of funding. \$3,000 is being offered for the removal (scrapping) of an existing OWF; or \$6,000 is being offered for the removal of an existing OWF and replacement with a new OWF that meets EPA's emission standard of 0.10 lbs of particulate matter/MMBtu.

### Preferential Criteria

Proposed projects will be evaluated and selected based on the degree to which they meet the following criteria:

For scrapping

- Removal of an OWF that does not meet Connecticut's siting and stack requirements<sup>1</sup>;
- Removal of an OWF that does not meet EPA's voluntary standard of 0.32 lb/MMBtu heat output;

For replacements

- Installation of a new OWF that meets EPA's standard of 0.10 lbs of particulate matter/MMBtu;
- Installation of a new OWF that meets Connecticut's siting and stack requirements.

### Applicant Responsibilities

All applicants must submit their proposal no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2015. Applicants must own the property on which the OWF is and/or will be located. Application forms may be found on the [Good Deals for Good Neighbors Program](#) Webpage. Awarded applicants must:

- Demonstrate that an existing unit has been rendered inoperable and taken to a salvage facility to be scrapped;

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<sup>1</sup> Connecticut siting and stack requirements adopted in July of 2005, Section 24a-174k of the General Statutes of Connecticut, are found at [http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap\\_446c.htm#sec\\_22a-174k](http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_446c.htm#sec_22a-174k).

- Purchase the new OWF specified in their application;
- Install, maintain and operate the OWF in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the program.

**Reimbursement Requirements**

Prior to reimbursement, awarded applicants must:

- Demonstrate compliance with selected criteria from the application form, including but not limited to:
  - Submitting a copy of invoices and cancelled checks as documentation of payment and professional installation; and
  - Submitting site plans and photos of existing and/or newly installed, operational unit.

All approved projects should be completed as soon as possible, and required documentation submitted to DEEP no later than January 31, 2016.

**Application Process**

	Deadline	Requirement
<b>Step 1</b>	October 30, 2015	Applicant submits application
<b>If selected, applicant is notified of application approval</b>		
<b>Step 2</b>	January 31, 2016	Applicant completes project (OWF removal, or replacement) and submits to DEEP the Reimbursement Checklist, along with any supporting documentation required
<b>If all requirements are met, applicant is reimbursed</b>		

Completed forms and all inquiries should be directed to [Lakiesha.Christopher@ct.gov](mailto:Lakiesha.Christopher@ct.gov) or by U.S. mail at 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.