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Dear NEUAC members & supporters:

As a follow up to meetings we had with the EPA and White House staff in the spring regarding a low-income focus in the Clean Power Plan (see attached), the EPA's State and Local Climate and Energy Program is asking for our help (by September 30) in identifying effective programs and policies at state and local levels that have led to greater adoption of energy efficiency and renewable energy (EE/RE) in low-income communities.

These programs and approaches will be highlighted in a series of brief profiles, with a smaller group detailed further in case studies and webinars. The case studies are intended to serve as models for possible replication by state and local government agencies as states work to develop their plans under the Clean Power Plan.

**EPA is seeking implemented efforts characterized by the following criteria (see attached example case study):**

**Proven & Effective** - already implemented with documented results.

**Practical** - performed by a single organization/agency or in partnership with a few others without major complications; or, done with relatively small "p" policy changes within state or local institutions that provide incentives for effective EE and RE investments in low income communities

**Replicable** - performed without requiring major legislative action; and/or can be applied in various contexts (urban and rural, red vs. blue states; etc.)

**Scalable** - can work at a small scale or large scale; and can be ramped up/down relatively rapidly while maintaining effectiveness
**Sustainable** - does not entirely depend on federal funding; or, leverages traditional public funding as well as private financing/philanthropy/volunteers/etc.

**Aligned** - coordinated in partnership with other programs offered to low-income communities

**Multiple Benefits** - value to households and communities goes beyond reduced energy use and lower utility bills (for example, links with bill assistance, job training, etc.)

**Innovative** - programs which go beyond widely established practices or that address common barriers in new and effective ways

Please send your information to me **by Sept. 30** at mlovato@neuac.org with complete contact info. We'll compile and forward to EPA.

Your input ensures that state plans take into account what is working to serve energy burdened households. This is an important opportunity to make our voices and efforts heard and perhaps replicated across the country.

Thank you for your help.

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Supporting Documents

- [EPA Clean Power Plan Fact Sheet](#)  
- [EPA Clean Power Plan Blog Post](#)  
- [NEEP Case Study - Girls Inc](#)