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Clean Energy Marketplace offers local options

As the need for clean and renewable energy sources grows throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley, Central Hudson's Clean Energy Marketplace continues to provide customers an easy way to explore local community distributed energy options.

Launched in June 2020, the Clean Energy Marketplace is a one-stop shop that helps customers explore local community distributed energy options including solar farms and hydro-electric stations that are owned and operated by private developers. Customers who enroll in this program typically save about \$100 per year.

Community Distributed Generation, or CDG, provides expanded energy options for customers.

"CDG provides customers who may not have the space or who simply do not want to purchase or lease solar or other equipment themselves, the opportunity to invest in clean and renewable energy that is produced right here in the Hudson Valley," said Charles A. Freni, President and CEO of Central Hudson. "Also, larger-scale CDG installations are more cost-effective and provide economies of

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Utility Bill Assistance Available to Residents & Small Businesses

New York State is offering qualifying residents and small business owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic an avenue of relief on past due utility bills. The New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) provides rent and utility relief for residents experiencing significant economic distress while the COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program is now providing funds to small businesses and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations.

Program and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program provide needed relief for our most vulnerable customers, and we encourage qualified households to take advantage of this funding," said Anthony Campagiorni, Vice President of Customer Services and Gas Operations at Central Hudson. "Reducing rental and utility arrears can help residents and our communities begin a path toward recovery."

"The Small Business Recovery Grant

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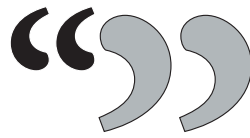
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ERAP: Program offers relief on past due utility bills

Through ERAP, recipients can qualify for up to 12 months of rent and electric and gas bill payments for past due amounts accrued since March 13, 2020. Eligibility criteria and enrollment information for ERAP is available at <https://nysrenthelp.otda.ny.gov/en/>.

Small Business Recovery Grants are flexible and can be used for many different business needs, including payroll, rent or mortgage payments, taxes, utilities, PPE or other business expenses incurred between March 1, 2020, and April 1, 2021.

Small businesses, Micro-businesses and For-profit independent arts and cultural organizations must have 100 or fewer employees, be currently viable and have begun operation on or before March 1, 2019, and continue to be in operation as of the date of application.



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Applications will be accepted online at <https://nysmallbusinessrecovery.com/>.

Eligible Applicants will be required to show a 25% year over year loss of gross receipts as a result of the pandemic or due to compliance with COVID-19 health and safety protocols which resulted in

business modifications, interruptions, or closures.

In addition to ERAP, the federally funded Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is available to both renters and homeowners. Grants of up to \$350 or more is offered to income qualified households and enrollees receive up to 12 months of utility bill credits to reduce overall energy costs.

For more information on all of Central Hudson's assistance programs, visit www.CentralHudson.com/Account-Resources/Assistance-Programs/. To apply for ERAP, visit otda.ny.gov/ERAP or call (844) 691-7368 to speak with a case specialist with the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. A short video about the ERAP application process at is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lh19INyhmjg>. ✨

Market: Subscribers receive expanded energy options

scale in producing renewable energy.”

Since the Clean Energy Marketplace's launch last year, nearly 600 customers have subscribed to various projects for a total annual bill savings of almost \$50,000. The 4,971 MWh of electricity produced during that time helped offset more than 3,800 tons of carbon emissions.

Through this program, local renewable energy projects generate clean electricity for the grid. Residents and businesses may subscribe by agreeing

to purchase a portion of the electricity produced. Subscribers receive electricity credits on their Central Hudson bill to offset their purchases, with no change in service. The portal displays a summary and links to details for each of the suppliers, including the type of renewable generation provided, costs, terms and conditions and subscriber enrollment information. Most offer savings on customers' energy bills.

“Programs like this advance New York

State's clean energy goals by connecting our customers directly to local renewable energy resources,” said Freni. “As support for clean energy initiatives are already included in New York State utility bills, Central Hudson provides information, incentives and opportunities so customers may participate and benefit.”

To visit the Clean Energy Marketplace and to learn more about local renewable energy options, go to <https://CleanEnergyMarket.cenhud.com>. ✨

How the Marketplace works:



Local energy plant generates clean, renewable electricity



Subscribers agree to purchase the clean energy from this plant at a discount



Subscribers receive a credit on their utility bill with no change in service