

### CERTs Served More Than 300 Minnesota Communities

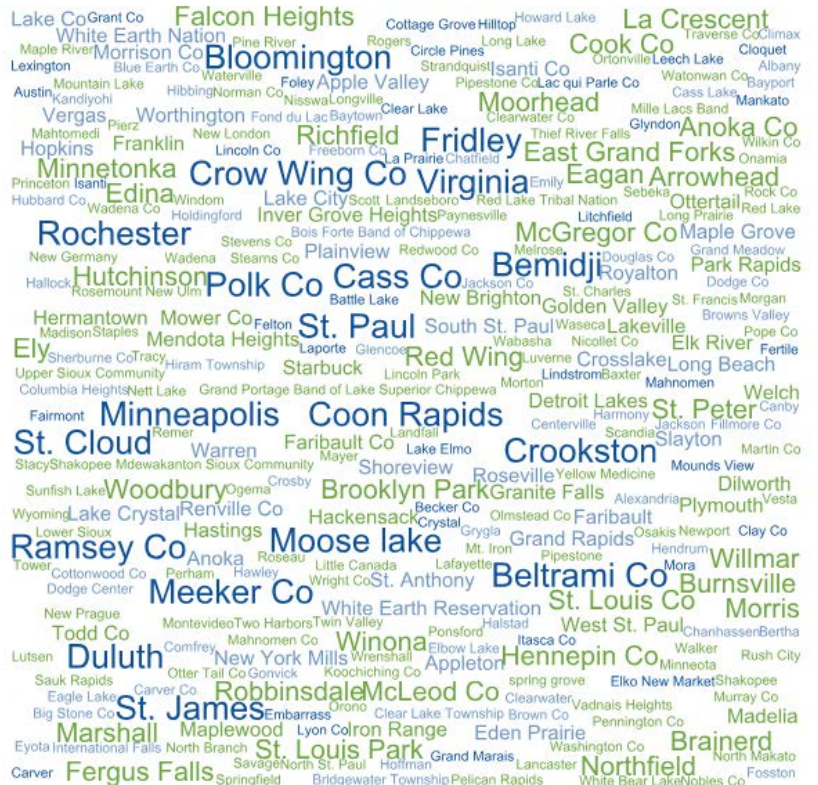
Expanded relationships across Minnesota:

- **175 local governments**
- **9 Tribal governments**
- **38 school districts**
- **46 electric and gas utilities** and their associations
- **87 regional steering committee members.**

Extended community reach across **68 MN counties** with over **1,100 Community Energy Ambassadors.**

Supported learning opportunities through forums like the Community Energy Network, which brought together **117 local government staff** to explore clean energy opportunities.

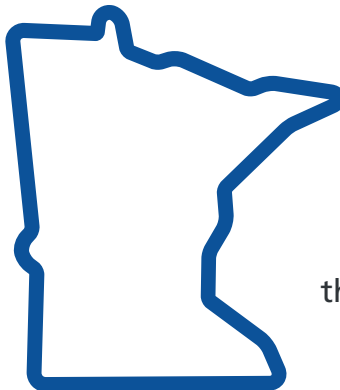
Provided direct assistance for programs like Solar for Schools: CERTs supported **43 schools** within **22 districts** in procuring solar, including International Falls, Pine Point, and Roseville.



### 53.6 billion BTUs saved in 2024 from CERTs' efforts on energy efficiency and renewable energy.



Connected with **11,800+ community members** through nearly **900 events and outreach activities** across MN.



Lowered energy costs for **3,400 energy-burdened households** through distribution of energy-saving items and program information.



Solar in Tofte

## Advancing Clean Energy for Economic Benefits

Provided clean energy project assistance to **135 rural small businesses and farms** across the state, like the AmeriCnn solar energy project in Tofte.

Partnered with community-based organizations and community development financial institutions to provide **clean energy technical assistance to small businesses** in Minneapolis.

Supported **workforce development** efforts in Mahnomen, St. Cloud, and in the Arrowhead region.

## Growing Local Efforts with CERTs Seed Grants

Awarded **45 CERTs Seed Grants** to community-led projects across Minnesota including:

- **Detroit Lakes Library** LED lighting upgrade.
- Granite Falls' **Neighbors United Resource Center Food Shelf** and their energy saving initiative.
- **Care and Share** of Crookston's energy efficient upgrades.
- Lighting upgrade for the **Murray County 4-H** building in Slayton.
- **Just Housing's** EmPOWERment project, introducing green building to Duluth contractors.
- **LifeGate Services'** clean energy outreach for African immigrant communities in Austin and Rochester.
- **MN Interfaith Power and Light's** efforts expanding the base of Community Energy Ambassadors.



Replacing lights at Detroit Lakes Library



CERTs + Becker County Food Pantry

## Reducing Home Energy Burden

In communities like Appleton and Walker, **connected shoppers at 25 food shelves to resources** to reduce home energy costs.

Partnered with utilities, community action agencies, and nonprofits to **conduct energy efficiency "blitzes" in 19 manufactured home parks**, serving nearly 2,000 households.

