HEP STEP ONE ENERGY PROGRAM
How is this program funded?

Local Foundations
To date HEP has received funding from six local foundations in support of Step One Weatherization. Funding requests targeted different aspects of the program’s needs. These include

- seed funding/development
- capital expenses (equipment)
- weatherization basic packets –insulated pipe covers, caulking, shower heads, outlet insulators, plastic for windows
- labor

Contribution: CASH GRANTS

Local Non-Profit Partners

- Equipment
- Storage
- Materials
- Grants
- Mentoring (Job Shadowing for Energy Audits)
- Training

Contribution: ALL FORMS GENEROUSLY ACCEPTED

State of Maine

- Basic Materials
- Discount on Certification Training
- Plastic Window Inserts

Contribution: INKIND DONATIONS

HEP Green Team Members

HEP Members who wish to earn or spend Hours providing Step One Weatherization to fellow HEP Members are invited to participate. They are required to attend either a 2 hour safety and energy training or a basic one hour safety and energy training. The two hour training is for persons interested in employment in the field and is usually attended by persons with skills in building trades. However, no experience is required for either training.

Members spend Hours receiving the training and having their homes completed.

Members earn Hours providing weatherization, transportation to weatherization, food for the Green Team. loaning tools or any other relevant work related contribution. For example: a homeowner who has received weatherization may earn Hours presenting the story to other members at a potluck, or on the local radio station or newspaper.

Contribution COMMUNITY CURRENCY (Hours)

Businesses

- Have donated Step One Weatherization Packets (listed above)
- Donated items for our Online Auction to support HEP

Contribution: INKIND

Individual Donors

- Have sponsored Maine State Certification for BPI/Energy Technician credentials and ME State Certification for Home Energy Auditors. Two members of HEP have now completed these certifications and found employment in the private sector because of the combination of field experience and certification. Our goal is one or two persons to complete certification each year.

Contribution: CASH