

## **Changing Lives Comfort Project Grant Applications**

### **Definition:**

Nexus Energy Center is offering grants to supporting organizations who help low-income families and individuals to live in homes more comfortably and affordably through the installation of **energy efficient measures**. The grant primarily will be awarded to support the elderly, underserved, fixed income, and disabled homeowners to permanently lower utility costs, allowing them to use those savings on other necessities, such as food and medicine. The approved energy saving measures include: whole-home air sealing, attic insulation, duct sealing, window replacement or repair, weather-stripping, energy efficiency lighting, HVAC servicing, crawlspace ground cover and other energy saving measures.

**Minimum request:** \$2,500

**Maximum request:** \$10,000

### **Timeline:**

- Deadline for application: 5/31/2022
- Decision: 6/30/2022

### **Goals:**

- The grant funding must be used within 6 months of approval
- Nexus Energy Center shall require a monthly milestone report of goals achieved throughout the 6-month grant. In addition, a final report within 4 weeks after the 6-month period. Reports will be sent by email.

### **Submit to:**

[contactus@nexusenergycenter.org](mailto:contactus@nexusenergycenter.org)

### **Questions to:**

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# North Alabama Only

## **Grant Criterion:**

Each proposal (maximum of 4 pages) must be submitted in Times New Roman or Arial font, 12pt. font size, 1.15 paragraph spacing and include in this order:

- I. Cover Sheet (not included in page limit)
- II. Scope of Work and Activities (1 page)
  - a. A clear complete Scope of Work including the number of homes in your project.
  - b. A minimum of three energy saving measures (as listed in Definition section) must be installed.
- III. Rationale (1 page)
  - a. Describe **s**pecific, **m**easurable, **a**chievable, **r**ealistic, and **t**ime-bound (SMART) activities.
  - b. Describe the chosen population(s) and present relevant supporting evidence.
  - c. Describe use of partnerships and address the plans.
  - d. Describe clear connections to the purpose of the funding.
- IV. Program Evaluation and Measurement Plan (1 page)
  - a. Describe a clear approach for tracking progress of SMART activities.
  - b. Describe planned participation with partners.
  - c. Describe clear monitoring and evaluation procedures that will be incorporated into planning and implementation.
- V. Budget (1 page)
  - a. A detailed budget narrative containing appropriate justification to support activities listed.
  - b. Budget should be based on activities completed only. It should not include details pertaining to salaries, fringe, travel, and/or indirect costs.
- VI. Signature Page
  - a. Please list the contact people from your organization who will be managing this project
  - b. Please include contact information (email, phone, and mailing address) for these POCs.
  - c. Please have that individual sign below their name and contact information