



Press Release: Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Receives Grant for Local Energy Project

Community-focused clean energy effort will take shape throughout 2018

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Nett Lake, MN, Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – It is an energizing start to 2018 for Bois Forte Band of Chippewa who received a \$4,350 Seed Grant from the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) today.



“We’re very excited to learn about the grant award,” said Danielle Pieratos. “We can’t wait to get started on our project, Bois Forte Weatherization Project.”

The Bois Forte Housing Department will work with technician who will install spray foam insulation, weather stripping, caulking, and window coverings in up to 50 homes of the elderly and disabled on the Bois Forte reservation. The supplies for the weatherization will be provided by the Bois Forte Tribal Government. The project will be shared widely and the Bois Forte Housing Department will provide educational tools on weatherization throughout the duration of this grant.

The award is one of 39 grants given to innovative renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in communities across Minnesota. These awards mark the ninth round of Seed Grants from the group, totalling over \$1 million to 300 projects since 2006. A complete list of funded projects can be accessed at <http://mncerts.org/2018grants>.

“CERTs provides these Seed Grants with two primary objectives in mind,” said Lissa Pawlisch, CERTs Director. “First, to encourage implementation of community-based clean energy projects across the state. Second, to provide an educational forum for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and their economic, community, and ecological benefits.”