

Carroll Energy Commission  
92 School St., PO Box 146  
Twin Mountain, NH 03595  
March 16, 2025

Carroll Select Board  
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Dear Carroll Select Board members,

At the March 12, 2025 Carroll Energy Commission meeting, our Clean Energy New Hampshire (CENH) North Country Energy Circuit Rider, Melissa Elander brought to our attention a USDA (US Dept. of Agriculture) "Rural Community Development Initiative" program to provide funds for CENH services to municipalities whose 2010 median household income was below 80% of the state average.

Because the Town of Carroll qualifies, Melissa Elander stated that she would be able to bill her time to the grant program when assisting us pursue and complete municipal energy projects, if the town submitted a completed USDA Form RD 400-4 *Assurance Agreement* document. She outlined the benefits to both the Town of Carroll and CENH, and stated that several other Coos County towns have approved and submitted the USDA form.

Melissa Elander asked if our Select Board would be willing to complete and submit a USDA Form RD 400-4 *Assurance Agreement*. She stressed there is no financial obligation placed on the town by submitting a signed agreement.

Following additional discussion, the Carroll Energy Commission unanimously passed a motion recommending the Town of Carroll Select Board complete and submit a USDA Form RD 400-4 *Assurance Agreement*. Both the form and additional information on the grant program are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (603) 259-6246 or via email to [bvecelec@gmail.com](mailto:bvecelec@gmail.com).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bill Vecchio  
Chair, Carroll Energy Commission

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