



**COMMUNITY
POWER COALITION
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**
For communities, by communities.

MISSION

To foster resilient NH communities by empowering them to realize their energy goals through civic engagement, public education & technical assistance.

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VALUES

In carrying out its mission, the Coalition is guided by the following values:

1. Embody an **inspiring vision** for New Hampshire's energy future.
2. Support communities to **reduce energy costs** and pursue economic vitality by harnessing the power of **competitive markets** and **innovation**.
3. Support communities to implement successful energy & climate policies and to promote the **transition to a carbon neutral energy system**.
4. **Balance the interests of member communities** who are diverse in demographics, geography and their energy goals.
5. Use our shared expertise, leadership and skills to **educate, empower and build the capacities** of our members.
6. Help communities **demystify the power sector** to make **informed decisions**.
7. Facilitate collaboration & teamwork by championing **diversity, equity and inclusion** of people & communities of all kinds.



Meet CPCNH!

Community Power, authorized by NH RSA 53-E, is a program that allows local governments to procure electric power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from alternative suppliers.

CPCNH is a public non-profit designed to empower our state's cities, towns and counties to fully realize the benefits of Community Power by pooling their resources, knowledge and expertise. The Coalition was created so that communities across New Hampshire could streamline implementation by collaborating across a statewide network of peers, share services and staff support among member communities, participate in joint power solicitations and project development opportunities, and speak with one voice in state policy affairs relating to energy issues.

Community leaders are invited to follow up by visiting www.cpcnh.org or by reaching out to any of the members of the Coalition.

What is Community Power?

Community Power empowers towns, cities and counties to choose where their electricity comes from and how it is generated on behalf of their residents and businesses. In many states across the country, municipalities and counties have launched regional Community Power programs as a means to reduce the cost to consumers and to push for production of more renewable energy. There are three main components of Community Power:

1. Bulk Electricity Purchases: Communities pool together purchasing power to make large electricity buys jointly. Bulk purchasing can stabilize and lower costs while expanding choices such as more renewable energy options.

2. Electric Distribution Utilities: Under Community Power programs, the existing utility provider (Eversource, Unitil, Liberty, New Hampshire Electric Coop) continues to deliver power and provide electric distribution and transmission services.

3. Value Added Retail Products & Services: Community Power can create a number of benefits for residents and businesses including: affordable rates, green power options, demand response and time varying rates, greater access to rooftop solar, home energy storage or other technology innovations.

How do we launch a Community Power Program?

There are three basic steps for a city or town to launch a Community Power program.

Step 1: Join the Coalition. The first step is for the Governing Body (Select Board, City/Town Council) to adopt the CPCNH Joint Powers Agreement and join the Coalition. There is no cost to joining the Coalition. By joining the Coalition, communities join a statewide network of peers and experts, and gain support towards developing Energy Aggregation Plans and launching programs.

Step 2: Form a Committee and Develop your Energy Aggregation Plan. The second step is the Governing Body establishes a Community Power Committee to create an Energy Aggregation Plan detailing the structure and goals of the program. The Community Power Committee may be a sub-committee of an existing committee.

Step 3: Local Legislative Approval of Energy Aggregation Plan. The final step is to get local legislative authorization through Town Meeting or City/Town Council approval and adoption of the Energy Aggregation Plan. CPCNH works with member cities and towns to customize its template Energy Aggregation Plan to their community's specific local policy goals and objectives.

How do I learn more about Community Power and CPCNH?

To learn more, please go to our website at www.cpcnh.org or email us at info@cpcnh.org.

We look forward to meeting you!