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Alliance for Green Heat to undertake wood stove change out assessment for West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

March 22, 2016 - The Alliance for Green Heat received a \$15,600 grant from West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) for a wood stove change out assessment.

The grant funds will be used to propose options for programs that remove existing older stoves, and replace them with new, wood burning appliances that meet or exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2020 New Source Standards wood heater regulations. Such a program must also include a measurement and verification component that ensures existing wood stoves are removed, taken off the market, and disposed of.

In addition, the project will explore the integration of a wood stove change out program into existing financing or incentive programs, as well as a residential energy efficiency program that will significantly reduce wood smoke emissions and address home comfort and air quality safety concerns.

“Woody biomass is an abundant renewable heat feedstock which has been used by generations to provide low-cost heating for homes across Pennsylvania. WPPSEF seeks to better understand how older wood burning stoves can be replaced by state-of-the art stoves that meet or exceeds EPA’s 2020 New Source Standards while ensuring the old stove is removed from the marketplace. WPPSEF is striving to develop a cost-effective program that help homeowners replace their old wood stove and while improving local air quality and home comfort” says Joel Morrison, Director of the WPPSEF.

The **[Alliance for Green Heat](http://www.forgreenheat.org/)** promotes modern wood and pellet heating systems as a low-carbon, sustainable and affordable energy solution. The Alliance works to advance cleaner and more efficient residential heating technology, particularly for low and middle-income families. Founded in 2009, the Alliance is an independent non-profit organization and is tax-exempt under section 501c3 of the tax code. Learn more at <http://www.forgreenheat.org/>

The **[West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund \(WPPSEF\)](http://www.wppsef.org/)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

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