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## **[Energy auditor training program receives \\$450,000 from Columbia Gas](#)**

Columbia Gas of Virginia has donated \$450,000 to the New River Center for Energy Research and Training Energy Auditor training program. Here is a news release from Community Housing Partners:

Community Housing Partners (CHP) announced today that it has been awarded a three-year \$450,000 grant from Columbia Gas of Virginia to be dedicated to the New River Center for Energy Research and Training (NRCERT) Energy Auditor training program. The funding, which will be provided in quarterly installments beginning in April this year, will help NRCERT train and make available additional qualified energy auditors in Virginia. These auditors will provide additional capabilities for

performing home energy audits, which is necessary for low-income residents to qualify for federal home weatherization program funding.

Said NRCERT Director Mark Jackson, “This important funding will lead program participants to job placement in an industry that has a great need for qualified energy auditors. And with more well-trained auditors in the field, an even greater number of needy households can enjoy the safety, financial, and environmental benefits of weatherization services.”

Columbia Gas of Virginia President Carl Levander said his company’s support of the NRCERT training program is an important part of CGV’s newly introduced WarmWise customer conservation and efficiency program. “More trained energy auditors in the field directly translates to more opportunities for home weatherization for our low income customers,” Levander said.

In addition, Bill Beachy, Vice President of CHP’s Energy Services department, has been named to the WarmWise program’s Advisory Board. The committee, which includes subject experts from across the Commonwealth, will review the components of the CGV efficiency program and provide feedback and recommendations to the program’s management.

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