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Community center saves $15,000 annually with upgrades

The Hall Neighborhood House, a non-profit community center built nearly 60 years ago, was challenged by outdated systems that were wasting resources. After years of excessively high energy bills, the historic East Side Bridgeport center has been able to cut approximately $15,000 in annual operational expenses by making energy efficient upgrades. Those cost savings are now redirected into the facility’s daycare, pre-school, after-school care, adult and senior programs.

Hall received more than $38,900 in incentives from the Energize Connecticut Small Business Energy Advantage program, allowing the facility to update lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. The center also qualified for $100,000 in zero percent financing offered through the programs. The gas and electric savings achieved each month will offset the monthly zero percent loan installment.

The installation and upgrades were done when rooms were not being used, minimizing the impact that construction work had on day-to-day schedules and students’ lives.

Project: Hall Neighborhood House
Measures: Upgrade to energy-efficient lighting and building management system
Fund Incentive: $38,987
Energy Savings:
- 85,105 kWh electricity/year
- 408 ccf natural gas/year
Estimated Cost Savings:
- $15,000 electricity/year
- $450 natural gas/year

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