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The Sustainable Energy Fund, or SEF, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking down financial, educational, and regulatory barriers to a sustainable energy future. Since 1999, SEF has been a leading financier of sustainable energy projects and has expanded its services to seek a sustainable energy future.

With over \$63 million invested in clean energy projects, SEF has financed more than 227 projects that range from HVAC systems, LED lighting fixtures, upgraded plumbing to decrease water usage, and more. These upgrades have made quite a difference, saving more than 46 million kWh combined. In addition to saving energy, these clean energy projects have reduced more than four million tons of greenhouse gases, which means less carbon dioxide going into the atmosphere.

Financially, the organization aids small businesses, farms, and nonprofits in Pennsylvania to reduce energy consumption from non-sustainable resources. With the programs SEF offers, those seeking to upgrade their buildings have various options.

One financial service SEF provides is C-PACE, or the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program. It is a financial tool for commercial, agricultural, and nonprofit businesses to obtain low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation projects. With up to 100 percent financing for a clean energy project, C-PACE allows building owners to enjoy the advantages of their energy upgrades immediately and pay for them over time. You can learn more about C-PACE by visiting pennsylvaniacpace.org or calling the SEF office at 610.264.4440.

Another product of SEF is Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Loans. They help finance projects like building envelope improvements, HVAC (Heating



Ventilation Air Conditioning), lighting systems, and more. To qualify for this loan, a project must meet one of the following criteria: Reduce energy consumption, generate energy from a renewable source, or replace a dirty fossil fuel with a cleaner energy source.

To learn more about SEF loans, visit www.thesef.org or call 610.264.4440 to get financing for your clean energy project. You can also visit our website for more information on sustainable, renewable, and non-renewable energy sources.







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