The National Center for Appropriate Technology has been helping people build resilient communities through local and sustainable solutions that reduce poverty, strengthen self-reliance, and protect natural resources since 1976. NCAT is a trusted, practical connector for individuals and businesses who are working to leave our world better than we found it. We do this work through a trusted knowledgebase, providing individualized technical assistance, facilitating practical solutions, and connecting people with each other to support sustainable agriculture and clean energy systems.

Headquartered in Butte, Montana, NCAT has field offices in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Throughout the pandemic, NCAT has continued to offer the nationally recognized programs and services that support sustainable agriculture, local food systems, homegrown energy solutions, and resilient communities. Now more than ever we’re supporting people as they adapt to the challenges – and opportunities – created by the pandemic. This includes new websites to better connect people with each other and trusted information, free multimedia content like our Weekly Wednesday Workshop series, no-contact energy assessments, and helping people access resources to pay their energy bills.

NCAT’s work brings together diverse partnerships and communities to help reduce poverty and protect our natural resources. We strive to be a multicultural organization that embraces the rich dimensions of diversity, and we partner with vulnerable communities of color engaged in food systems and energy solutions. NCAT works in partnership with low-income and historically underserved communities of color to build resilient communities.

The need was great this year, as the pandemic affected our economy, and our National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) program helped 194,919 people find local resources to pay their home energy bills.

Our Energy Services team helped Montana businesses, government agencies, and non-profits save 65,873,262 kWh of electricity and more than $5.2 million in energy costs over the life of the projects.

We manage the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Clearinghouse (LIHEAP), providing technical assistance to agencies and tribes serving those in need of help with energy bills. Last year, the Clearinghouse website received 956,909 pageviews.

Episodes from our podcast series Voices from the Field were listened to 33,996 times.

Our videos about sustainable agriculture were viewed 130,502 times.
3,348,790 technical resources were accessed through our ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture website.

Our staff provided technical assistance to clients 47,838 times.

We donated more than 930 pounds of food grown on our SIFT demonstration farm to Butte, Montana charities serving folks in need.

The photovoltaic solar array at our Butte, Montana, headquarters produced 69,326 kWh of electricity during the year, more than enough to meet our consumption of 53,265 kWh for the year.

Program Expenses:
- Sustainable Agriculture Programs: $5,134,492
- Energy Programs: $755,529

End-of-year net assets: $2,404,522

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