NCAT Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report

NCAT performs critical work that promotes a world with clean air and water, healthy soils and sustainable food systems, and efficient, renewable energy. Since 1976, NCAT has been advancing sustainable solutions in agriculture, energy, and community development to ensure a cleaner, healthier future for us all. This report highlights some of the outstanding achievements of our dedicated staff during Fiscal 2018.

Our Energy Services team assisted 125 Montana businesses and organizations with energy efficiency audits and recommendations, saving 58,056,614 kilowatts of electricity and $4,644,529 in energy costs.

Our Energy Corps AmeriCorps service members educated 5,968 people about energy efficiency and conservation practices.

Energy Corps members also performed light weatherization and lighting retrofits in nine volunteer fire department stations, saving $3,500 a year in energy costs for the stations.

Our National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) program helped 384,220 low-income people find local resources for paying utility bills.

Our FoodCorps AmeriCorps members and NCAT staff and partners reached 21,187 students with information on nutrition and healthy, local foods.

FoodCorps members helped 117 farmers in three states connect with schools to market their products for cafeteria meals.

We manage the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Clearinghouse, providing technical assistance to agencies and tribes serving those in need of help with energy bills. Last year the Clearinghouse website had more than 1,174,000 pageviews.

NCAT staff provided training and technical assistance to 84 agencies in 31 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

665,029 sustainable agriculture technical publications were downloaded by producers and another 24,292 were distributed at conferences and workshops.
Our podcasts on sustainable agriculture topics were played 341,312 times.

More than 2,526,000 technical resources were accessed through our ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture website.

Our staff provided personalized technical assistance about agriculture and food issues to 76,760 individuals.

We held 5 Armed to Farm trainings for military veterans and their spouses, teaching 124 people about profitable and sustainable farming.

The photovoltaic solar array at our Butte, Montana, headquarters produced 65,302 kWh of electricity during the year, more than enough to meet our electricity needs for the year.

**OUR MISSION:** Helping people by championing small-scale, local, and sustainable solutions to reduce poverty, promote healthy communities, and protect natural resources.