

Save energy, save money. We can help.

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission's Sustainable Energy Trust (SET) provides low-interest loans of up to \$1 million for clean-energy projects to property owners of businesses and developers. Single family homeowners are not eligible.

Eligible projects include:

- Solar installations, including community solar models
- Biodigesters that convert farm or food waste to energy
- Combined heat and power technologies
- Other biomass energy systems
- Wind turbines

Interest rates are typically between 2-5%.

SPOTLIGHT: Crooked Shed Farm



"You have to think outside the box if you're a smaller farm."

With her three acres near Carnation, Laile Fletcher will soon fill a need for poultry meat processors in King County. But what to do with the byproducts?

A biodigester is the answer. The machine breaks down animal products to produce energy, which can be fed back to the utility grid. It will also produce a highly nutritious liquid soil amendment, which Laile can use on her farm and sell as another revenue stream.

A low-cost Sustainable Energy Trust loan, along with a federal Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant, allowed her to purchase the biodigester from Impact Bioenergy.

"Without the Commission and the REAP grant from the USDA, it would have taken another year and a half to two years to save up money."

— Laile Fletcher
Crooked Shed Farm, Carnation, WA