

## 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.

Eligible projects include:

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

Interest rates are typically between 2-5%.

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### 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 loan from the Housing Finance Commission, along with a federal REAP (Rural Energy for America Program) grant, allowed her to purchase the biodigester from Impact Bioenergy. It will be installed in spring 2017.

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

**--Laile Fletcher**

**Crooked Shed Farm, Carnation**

