

Workforce Issuance

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To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs

MassHire Workforce Board Directors MassHire Career Center Directors

MassHire Fiscal Officers

MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director

MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: February 21, 2025

Subject: Grant Availability: Climate Service Corps Grants

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and

other local workforce partners of Climate Service Corps Grants available through

the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC).

Background: The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is a state economic

development agency dedicated to accelerating the growth of the clean energy

sector across the Commonwealth to spur job creation, deliver statewide

environmental benefits and to secure long-term economic growth for the people

of Massachusetts.

By 2030, the Massachusetts clean energy workforce will need to grow by 38%, or more than 38,000 workers, to meet the state's climate goals. Many of these jobs will be well-paying, with median wages of over \$36 per hour, in 2023 dollars. A robust, well-trained, and inclusive workforce is vital to achieving and sustaining the Commonwealth's climate goals. Young people are often interested in these

roles but need skills and guidance to be ready to seize the opportunities this moment presents.

Climate Service Corps Grants will provide direct funding and technical assistance support to organizations that can build, and scale career pathway programs tied to occupations in the energy efficiency and clean heating and cooling sector for young people ages 18-24 from target populations.

MassCEC is accepting applications to provide funding to proposals categorized into the following strands:

- **Strand A:** Implementation grants to develop robust workforce development programs that align with the MA Climate Service Corps framework, funding up to \$375,000.
- **Strand B:** Planning grants to prepare for full implementation through comprehensive planning and technical assistance, funding up to \$50,000.

Pre-application office hours are offered through Zoom to ask questions and meet other potential applicants to form partnerships:

<u>Feb 24, 2025 at 5 pm</u> <u>March 5, 2025 at 8:30 am</u> <u>March 11, 2025 at 12 pm</u>

Proposals are due via email to rfpworkforce@masscec.com by 11:59 pm ET on March 17, 2025.

Action

Required: Please share as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Questions can be directed to MassCEC via rfpworkforce@masscec.com