

# News from the Green Communities Division



## Lunch & Learn Virtual Workshop Series Offered Wednesdays, May 25<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon

[Learn More and Register for Workshops Here!](#)

The Central Mass Regional Planning Commission and UMass Collins Center for Public Management are offering free municipal energy-focused Lunch & Learn sessions. Each Wednesday, starting May 25<sup>th</sup>, grab your lunch, hop on Zoom, and hear each of the expert panelists share their experiences. Registration on the [website](#) required. You will receive the Zoom link for each workshop after registering. Each workshop will focus on the following topics:

- May 25, 2022 @ Noon: **Municipal Microgrids Revisited**
- *\*\*Note: there is no session on June 1, 2022\*\**
- June 8, 2022 @ Noon: **Leveraging Volunteer Committees to Achieve Green Goals**
- June 15, 2022 @ Noon: **Peer Experiences with Hybrids, Electric Vehicles (EVs), and EV Charging Stations**
- June 22, 2022 @ Noon: **Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings: Successes, Challenges, and Strategies**
- June 29, 2022 @ Noon: **Energy Justice and Increasing Access for All**

Please note each workshop is a separate Zoom link, so please register for each workshop individually on the website. This workshop series is supported by a DOER Regional Energy Planning Assistance grant.

## Date Set for National Grid Municipal Summit

National Grid's Summit will be meeting in-person at Holy Cross College in Worcester on Wednesday, June 8. This year's theme is ***Pathways to Decarbonization: Bringing Energy Solutions to the Heart of Your Community.***

The day will feature a full agenda with presentations from state agencies, National Grid representatives, and other energy efficiency partners who can help your organization achieve its energy efficiency and carbon reduction goals.

Advance registration is required. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Municipal attendees can receive a certificate toward an **additional 10% incentive** for any new qualifying, non-lighting, efficiency project that is completed within a year. As in previous years, one certificate will be issued per municipality (not per attendee) at the end of the day. Its use will remain limited to downstream equipment upgrade incentives.

## MassCEC Offers Equity Workforce Training Planning Grants

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) released a funding opportunity for **Equity Workforce Planning Grants of \$50,000** each. These grants allow organizations to work with employers and partners to develop plans for career training programs for residents of Massachusetts Environmental Justice (EJ) neighborhoods and/or fossil fuel workers. The planning grants are intended to assist and prepare organizations for future large-scale, multi-year equity workforce training funding opportunities that will lead participants to employment in climate critical occupational categories. Webinars and office hours are also being offered. Applications are due July 1. Visit MassCEC's [website](#) for more information

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