Green School Works Overview

Green Communities + Leading by Example Summit

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EMERGING CLIMATETECH

We help new climatefocused businesses grow faster by backing a vibrant community of researchers, startups, and established industry players creating an ecosystem where they connect and thrive.



ACCELERATING DECARBONIZATION

We tackle barriers to widespread use of clean energy and climate technology in buildings, transportation, and the grid.

LARGE SCALE DEPLOYMENT: OFFSHORE ENERGY

We're building a cuttingedge offshore energy industry, marshaling world-class ports while addressing supply chain and workforce development challenges.

CLEAN ENERGY & CLIMATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We're growing a diverse and talented clean energy workforce by supporting a dynamic network of community-based organizations, labor, training providers, schools and employers committed to a sustainable future for all.

Green School Works: Program Overview

The Challenge

Massachusetts has $\pm 1,800$ public school buildings. Over 50% were built before 1970. School districts are struggling with financial and technical barriers to building decarbonization.

The Approach

- Technical assistance to incorporate energy efficiency, resilience, and sustainability into capital planning
- Implementation grants for capital projects with a focus on existing buildings and low-income communities

Key Partners

- Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)
- Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)
- Mass Save®
- Department of Energy Resources (DOER)
- Office of Climate Innovation & Resilience (OCIR)



Horace Mann Laboratory School, Salem (\$5M grant award)

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Technical assistance studies funded

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Implementation projects funded (Berkshires to Barnstable)

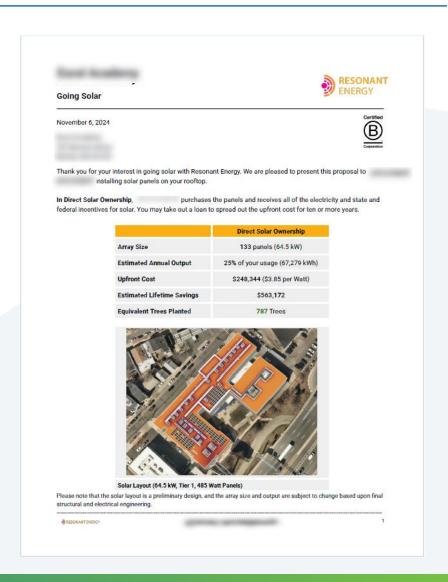
\$52.6M

Funding awarded to date

Technical Assistance

Low or no-cost support for decarbonization planning that focuses on modern, energy efficient schools

- Enrollment open now!
- > ~\$5 million of funding available
- ➤ Designed to complement Mass Save offerings (e.g., by adding renewables analysis with the same vendor)
- ➤ Also available to non-Mass Save eligible schools
- ➤ For K-12 public schools that serve at least 40% students from low-income families
- Examples:
 - Solar analysis (rooftop, parking canopies, replacing/buying out existing system)
 - Ground-source heat pump analysis
 - Open to creative ideas that are filling a gap!



Upcoming Implementation Funding Round

Funding for clean energy infrastructure that improves energy efficiency, reduces carbon emissions or mitigates impacts of climate change.

- > Application will open soon!
- ➤ Enroll in a comprehensive building assessment now to help prepare your school's application
- ➤ Anticipated Changes:
 - Adjusted eligibility criteria to prioritize schools serving a higher percentage of students from low-income families versus requiring that applicants serve at least 40% of students from low-income families
 - Focus on remaining ITC-eligible technologies: ground-source heat pumps and storage, including "recoverable grant" option to backstop the ITC
- > \$19 million of funding available
 - Up to \$3 million per school
 - Up to \$5 million for recoverable grants
- ➤ Can be stacked with other funding

