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Green Communities Division

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Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

MassCEC is a quasi-public agency dedicated to accelerating the success of clean energy technologies, companies and projects in the Commonwealth, while creating high-quality jobs and long-term economic growth.

www.MassCEC.com

Mass Save®

Mass Save® is an initiative sponsored by Massachusetts' gas and electric utilities and energy efficiency service providers that works closely with DOER to provide a wide range of services, incentives, trainings, and information about energy efficiency to help residents and businesses manage energy use and costs.

www.MassSave.com

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Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES





Helping Massachusetts Cities and Towns Create a Clean, Affordable and Resilient Energy Future

Benefits of Being a Green Community

- CUT MUNICIPAL ENERGY COSTS
- ACCESS GRANTS FOR CLEAN, AFFORDABLE AND RESILIENT ENERGY PROJECTS
- REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
- PROMOTE ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
- FOSTER RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES
- BECOME A CLEAN ENERGY LEADER AND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

The Green Communities Division provides...

- Local support from Regional Coordinators
- Education on benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Guidance and technical assistance for all of your energy questions and projects
- Funding opportunities for clean energy projects

DOER's Green Communities Division

The Green Communities Division offers a full range of energy initiatives and services to cities and towns. Contact your Regional Coordinator for more information.

Regional Coordinators — Four Green Community Regional Coordinators throughout the state offer technical assistance and support to public officials and local energy committees.

Green Communities Designation and Grant Program — In accordance with the Green Communities Act, up to \$20 million per year is available for qualifying communities to implement energy-efficiency measures, construct renewable energy projects, or pursue other avenues to reduce their fossil fuel energy consumption. The Division has awarded over \$185 million to designated Green Communities since 2010. Contact: Jane Pfister, jane.pfister@mass.gov, 857-202-9720

Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) Grants — Grants are offered once a year by the Green Communities Division. All municipalities, regional school districts, and water/wastewater districts, were invited to apply for funds to support clean energy projects at public facilities. These include feasibility studies for zero-net energy construction, engineering studies, and assistance with solar PV development. Contact: Paul Carey, paul.s.carey@mass.gov, 857-202-2415

Climate Leader Communities Certification and Grant Program — A "higher-tier" of Green Communities, Climate Leader Communities focus efforts on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in support of the MA Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2050. The program provides a new framework for municipalities to meet these goals by providing tools and resources to reduce emissions by transitioning away from fossil fuel use in buildings and fleets.

MassEnergyInsight — Offered at no cost to all cities and towns, MassEnergyInsight (MEI) is an easy-to-use, web-based tool that benchmarks the energy performance of all municipally owned and operated buildings, as well as streetlights and vehicles.

Energy Management Services Technical Assistance — Energy management services (EMS) can be an effective tool for cities and towns looking to implement significant energy savings measures without upfront capital. EMS is a type of performance contracting through which guaranteed energy savings pay for the cost of installing the energy efficiency measures.