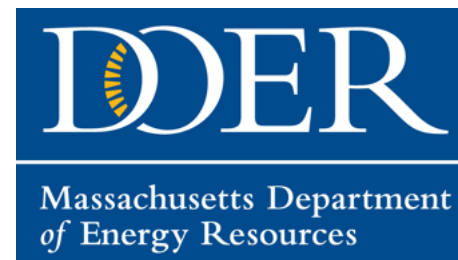


Merrimack Valley Renewal Fund Advisory Committee

Location: Via Zoom

March 7, 2023, 9 AM – 11 AM



Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Staff news**
- **Advisory Board Feedback – 2022**
- **Programs/Initiatives and budget updates-Q&A**
- **Update on Project Facilitator for Energy Efficiency Enrichment Program**
- **Next Steps:**
 - **Pending questions**
 - **Pending topics**
 - **2023 Goals**

Advisory Committee - Feedback

- **INCREASE TRANSPARENCY**

Provide Programs, Initiatives, Budget Updates

Share periodic updated spreadsheet with programs/initiatives prior meetings

Work Force Development(WFD), contractor's compositions demographics by project

Share information on individual project metrics, contract benefits on WFD

Record meetings in addition to minutes

Record AC meetings in Zoom

Empower Advisory Committee(AC) to share info with community

- Maintain and share updated information on projects and initiatives and provide additional info if needed
- Share [MVRF website](#)

Advisory Committee - Feedback

Share info about projects and initiatives before public announcement

Send info to AC before public announcements

• BETTER ONBOARDING NEW AC MEMBERS

Share background materials about MVRF, projects, initiatives

Provide written and verbal MVRF- Programs, and projects information to new AC members

Lexicon use in meetings is very technical on energy

- Provide glossary to AC members with less energy expertise
- Use less acronyms during meeting or spell out

Advisory Committee - Feedback

- **MEETINGS MODALITY AND FREQUENCY**

In person meetings are important

Host in person meetings in the three communities

Virtual meetings are convenient

Host Zoom meetings considering season, weather, or covid

Have meetings more frequent and or shorter meetings!

- Host shorter monthly meetings
- Or two hours meeting and one shorter meeting

Program and Budget Updates

➤ SHARE SPREADSHEET

Enrichment Program Updates

- **PROJECT FACILITATOR PON**
- 2 eligible responses received each with team of applicants
- Internal review and selection process underway
- Finalize selection and contract with selected applicant
- Finalize Program design with input from Project Facilitator
- Launch Program
 - Facilitation services
 - Additional incentives
 - Outreach

Next Meeting

- Next meeting date!

THANKS - GRACIAS!

Appendix

Pending Topics for Future Agendas

- How-who will do Quality Control(QC) of the Enrichment Program?
- Who will provide concierge services to churches?
- Rebates available for churches
- Leverage resources for mental health issues in Lawrence/Pursue partnerships
- Landlord Tenant agreements
- WFD. How to engage local residents, students and contractors?
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2023 Goals

- **Select and contract with Project Facilitator:** First quarter
Update provided in slide 7
- **Issue Outreach PON:** First quarter
Under review at DOER
- **Select and contract with Outreach awardees:** Second quarter
Pending
- **Launch Energy Efficiency Enrichment Program:** First quarter
Program design in progress, working w/PAs and will be finalize with hired facilitator.
- **Affordable Public Housing:** Conduct assessments of public housing in Lawrence, Andover, North Andover. Third quarter.

2023 Goals

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Pending

- **Geothermal:**
 - Site selection. Third quarter
 - Construction services and maintenance procurement. Fourth quarter.

Pending

- **Small Business Program:** Determine program design. First quarter.

DOER coordinating with Massave

- **Workforce Development:** Evaluate and consider potential WFD programs to fund including English classes, wrap around services, basic education and clean energy training. First and second quarter.

AGO working on RFP