

# News from the Green Communities Division



## Green Communities 2023 Competitive Grant Program

The **Green Communities 2023 Competitive Grant Application** is currently available on CommBuys. To be eligible, Green Communities must have:

- Expended all prior Green Communities designation and competitive grant funds and submitted final grant reports by **February 3, 2023**
- Submitted the FY 2022 Green Communities Annual Report by **November 4, 2022**
- Satisfied all outstanding questions related to final grant reports and Annual Reports by **March 17, 2023**

Applications must be submitted **online** by 5 pm on **May 5, 2023**

## EECBG Request for Information

DOER is seeking feedback from cities and towns with **populations under 35,000** on how to administer the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) as sub-grants to municipalities.

Communities are encouraged to designate one person to complete this survey by **May 19**.

Communities larger than 35,000 will receive a formula EECBG award from DOE and should visit the EECBG Application Hub for more information and technical assistance webinars.

## OSD Climate Action Survey - Forecasting Your Electric Vehicle Needs

The Operational Services Division (OSD) consistently reviews the marketplace, buyer purchasing trends, and the statewide contract product and service portfolio to determine if there are gaps in offerings to public entities. The Local Government Enablement team at OSD is reaching out to municipalities to understand their goals with respect to **climate action initiatives, with a focus on vehicles**, vehicle charging infrastructure, and grants.

Feedback will inform statewide contract procurement activities going forward and ultimately assist municipal organizations in meeting their short- and long-term purchasing goals.

[Please click here to take the survey.](#)

## NEEP Offers Decarbonizing Workshop

The **Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership** (NEEP) and **Power Options** are co-organizing a **Decarbonizing Communities and Campuses Workshop** that will be held on May 3 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

This event will bring together communities from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut to learn from leaders and experts that are working on local-level clean energy initiatives. It will feature a **communities track** with key information for energy and sustainability staff members, town planners, energy committees, and other municipal staff and representatives working on these local initiatives. This track will cover three core areas including:

- **Decarbonizing Existing Municipal Buildings**
- **Electrifying Municipal Fleets**
- **Implementing Community-Wide Clean Heating and Cooling Campaigns**

Visit the **[event website](#)** to learn more and to register.

## Clean Cities Coalition Holds *Green Your Fleet at Loudon Speedway*

The Clean Cities Coalitions of New Hampshire and Vermont are holding an alternative and electric vehicle ride and drive at the NH Motor Speedway & NASCAR track on **Saturday, June 9.**

The event is geared for municipal officials, fleet managers, energy committees, industry, decision-makers, and end-users. Alternative fuel and electric vehicle providers will display a variety of commercial, municipal, and light-duty vehicle options and offer **test drives on the racetrack!**

Panel presentations on charging infrastructure, procurement, funding, and more will be held in the morning, in addition to vehicle and equipment exhibits. The ride and drive will take place from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

**[Click here to register](#)** and visit the **[Granite State Clean Cities Coalition website](#)** for more information.

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