



Helping Massachusetts Municipalities Create a Greener Energy Future

Green Jobs Conference

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The Green Communities Program – Partnering with Massachusetts Cities and Towns

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Green Communities Program

Serving as the hub to all Massachusetts cities and towns on all matters related to energy



Green Communities Program

- DOER Programs for Municipalities
 - Energy Audit Program (EAP)
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 - ARRA Stimulus support – EECBG
 - Regional Coordinators
 - Green Communities Grant Program

Green Communities Grant Program

- Provides up to \$10M annually in grants and loans to **qualifying** communities
 - Grants will fund significant energy efficiency initiatives, renewable energy, innovative projects
- Qualification Criteria
 - File an application
 - Adopt as-of-right siting, in designated locations, for RE/AE generation, or RE/AE R&D, or RE/AE manufacturing
 - Adopt expedited (12 month) application/permitting process
 - Establish an energy use baseline inventory with a program to reduce baseline by 20% in 5 years
 - Purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles
 - Require all new residential construction > 3000 ft², and new commercial and industrial real estate construction to minimize life-cycle energy costs

Green Communities Grant Program Development

- Funds allocated for Green Communities from RGGI auctions
- Rollout of program
 - RFI to municipalities – 120 Responses
 - Planning Assistance award to 103 municipalities (72 indiv. & 6 regional – 31 municipalities) – *Contracts awarded to 6 consulting teams*
 - Issued final criteria on 7/10/09
 - Stretch Code Webinar on 8/19/09 for public officials and future training for building inspectors
 - Website, tools added over time:
 - Model as-of-right by-laws
 - Model Policy and Spreadsheet for vehicle criteria
 - Link to stretch code

Becoming a Green Community – Why Do it?

- Economic Benefits – save energy – reduce costs
- Environmental benefits – reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Spurring job growth in the green economy
- Recognition – Sustainability leader in the Commonwealth
 - Recognized on DOER website, printed materials
 - Recognition sign placed in each community
- Grants - to become even greener

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ARRA – Funding Opportunities for Municipalities

- Local Energy Assurance Planning – Due 10/8/09
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block (EECBG) Grants - \$400M (TBA)
 - competitive nationwide; awaiting guidance
- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) – Formula**
 - Municipalities > 35,000 (direct grants) – Due 8/10/09
 - Municipalities < 35,000 (competitive grants)

Information available on DOER website, fedconnect.net and grants.gov

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

- Direct Grants to Cities and Towns with a population > 35,000 – Application Deadline: August 10, 2009
 - 42 Municipalities qualify
 - Grants range from \$150,000 to \$6.5 mil; total of \$27M, ~293 jobs per US DOE formula

Green Communities has:

- Issued guidance
- Hosted a webinar
- Dedicated staff to assist with applications
- Outreach to municipalities

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

- DOER / Green Communities will develop and administer grants for cities and towns with populations < 35,000 – Application deadline for DOER: August 10, 2009
 - 309 municipalities are eligible
 - \$14,752,100 in grant funds available
 - Submitted grant application on June 10, 2009; received final approval September 25, 2009

Green Communities:

- Issued guidance with webinar
- Issued Draft application 9/15/09
- Final application to be issued imminently

DOER EECBG Grant Programs

(~ 200 jobs per US DOE formula)

Grant Program	Amount Available	Eligible Municipalities	
		All 351	< 35,000
1.Competitive funding will be available for the following projects: •Solar PV •Other Clean Energy Technologies •Performance Contract buy-down •Thermal efficiency measures in oil/propane heated buildings only	\$12,252,100		X
2.Provide DOER’s Energy Information Reporting System	\$700,000	X	
3.Energy code training for all local building inspectors	\$1,000,000	X	
4.Technical Assistance for owners agents (renewable energy projects, performance contracts)		X	

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

- Regional Coordinators will act as liaisons directly with cities and towns on energy efficiency and renewable energy activities
- Will be located at each of the DEP Regional Offices:
 - SERO – LAKEVILLE: Seth Pickering 10/5/09
 - NERO – WILLMINGTON: Joanne Bissetta
 - CERO – WORCESTER: Kelly Brown 10/5/09
 - WERO – SPRINGFIELD: Jim Barry

OUTREACH

- Participate in forums and meetings
- Email updates via listserv (~800 subscribers)
- Produce informational material (brochures, fact sheets, model documents)
- Regional Coordinators
- Website:

www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities

Green Communities Resources

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