

GREEN COMMUNITIES

Project Background

The **Green Communities Designation and Grant Program**, an initiative of the Green Communities Division of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), provides funding to qualified municipalities for energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives once designated as a Green Community. Communities must meet five criteria in order to receive this designation.

Why it's important

The Green Communities program provides an **opportunity for municipalities to obtain grant funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects**, as well as publicly demonstrate their commitment to clean energy efforts at the local level.

MAPC'S ROLE

MAPC is available to support your community's efforts to participate in the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program. Services that MAPC staff have provided in the past include:

- Municipal energy baselining, including help with setting up/organizing MassEnergyInsight accounts and tracking down missing data
- Compiling and editing Energy Reduction Plans (helps to meet **criterion #3** for Green Communities)

- Compiling and submitting Green Communities Designation and Grant applications

MAPC staff can provide Green Communities technical assistance on a contract basis, based on staff availability.

Communities just starting out on the path to Green Communities designation should first [contact their regional coordinator at DOER](#) to learn more about program requirements and notify them of intent.

Questions?

For more information, please contact MAPC's Clean Energy Manager, [Cammy Peterson](#)

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/green-communities-grants>

Green Communities Grants

Learn how DOER's Green Communities Division can help your community.

Overview

The Green Communities Division provides funding opportunities to reduce municipal energy use and costs by way of clean energy projects in municipal buildings, facilities, and schools; guidance, technical assistance, and local support from Regional Coordinators. In addition, the Division provides education on the benefits of clean, affordable, resilient energy, and renewable energy projects.

Eligible Applicants

The Green Communities Division strives to help all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns find clean energy solutions that reduce long-term energy costs and strengthen local economies. The Division provides technical assistance and financial support for municipal initiatives to improve energy efficiency and increase the use of renewable energy in public buildings, facilities and schools.

Program Details

The [Green Communities Designation and Grant Program](#) helps municipalities navigate and meet the five criteria required to become a Green Community, in turn qualifying them for grants that finance additional energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at the local level.

For more information about grant opportunities, see [Being a Green Community](#)

In addition, the Green Communities Division provides additional grants and assistance related to other [Municipal Energy efforts](#).

Contact Information

For more information, you can contact the [Green Communities Regional Coordinator](#) servicing your city or town.