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Green School Works



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Green School Works

Increasing the number of **modern, healthy, and efficient school buildings** for public school students, teachers, and communities across the Commonwealth.



Green School Works: Program Overview

The Challenge

Massachusetts has **±1,800** public school buildings. **Over 50% were built before 1970.** School districts are struggling with **financial and technical barriers** to decarbonize and make their buildings healthier and more comfortable.

The Approach

- **Grants** for capital projects with a focus on existing buildings and low-income communities
- **Technical assistance** to incorporate energy efficiency, resilience, and sustainability into capital planning

Key Partners

- Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)
- Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)
- Department of Energy Resources (DOER)
- Mass Save®
- Office of Climate Innovation & Resilience (OCIR)



Horace Mann Laboratory School, Salem (\$5M grant award)

RFP overview

- Launched December 1st
- Responses due February 13th
- As a part of the Green School Works program, up to **nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000)** in funding is available through this RFP for school building modernization projects that:
 - improve energy efficiency
 - reduce carbon emissions, or
 - mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Recoverable grants

- Added an option for awards this round
- Aim to assist schools pursuing the federal ITC with up front costs and/or a backstop
- Designed to be returned to MassCEC upon receipt of another anticipated funding sources (e.g., federal ITC payment) or, with MassCEC approval, funds may be applied to another eligible school decarbonization project by the awardee

Eligible schools, districts, and educational collaboratives

- Must be public, K-12 schools in Massachusetts.
 - Includes public K-12 charter schools, regional vocational technical schools, educational collaboratives.
- Project site must remain a public K-12 school for at least 20 years.

Eligible costs & award levels

Grant award levels per school district:

- Expected minimum award: \$50,000
- Expected maximum grant award: \$3,000,000
- Expected maximum award, with a recoverable grant: \$5,000,000 (at least \$2,000,000 as a recoverable grant)
- Up to 15% of total awarded funds may be used for project “soft costs,” including schematic design, project management, and other non-construction costs.
- Applicants should request the amount of eligible project costs that is necessary for the project to move forward, up to the full eligible project cost.

Requirements for requested awards > \$1 million

- All applicants pursuing awards of \$1 million or more will be required to submit a Mass Save® comprehensive building assessment (“CBA”), investment-level audit, or equivalent building study as part of the Green School Works application to ensure that the proposed project is part of a thoughtful decarbonization strategy.
- Applicants pursuing awards of \$1 million or more with CBAs, or equivalent technical assistance studies in progress but not yet completed, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Eligible Mass Save and non-Mass Save Applicants can access equivalent technical assistance through the [Green School Works technical assistance program](#).
- MassCEC recommends the completion of a CBA or equivalent building study for all projects, regardless of budget.

Eligible projects

- Funding will be awarded for:
 - energy efficiency
 - electrification
 - decarbonization
 - resilience, and
 - clean energy projects.
- Among these eligible technologies, MassCEC will prioritize projects that
 - seek to **leverage the federal ITC** (e.g., for ground-source heat pumps and storage)
 - utilize **innovative technical solutions** (e.g. incorporating resilience)

Selection criteria

- Student population served
- Funding impact
- Project Feasibility: Capacity, Scope, and Budget
- Innovation

[How to apply](http://www.masscec.com/program/green-school-works-grants) (www.masscec.com/program/green-school-works-grants)

GREEN SCHOOL WORKS GRANTS



Timeline

This timeline is subject to change at MassCEC's discretion.

Release of RFP	December 1, 2025
Informational webinar	December 9, 2025 at 3:30 PM
Virtual office hours	Sign up via this form or request additional times by emailing greenschools@masscec.com
Questions due to MassCEC via email to greenschools@masscec.com	December 1, 2025 through January 30, 2026, 11:59 PM
Questions with answers posted to MassCEC website	Rolling through February 6, 2026
Proposals due	February 13, 2026 11:59 PM
Review of applications and interviews of top applicants, as needed	February through April 2026
Notification of Award	Late April/May 2026

Technical assistance services: Planning and support for schools

- **Enrollment open now!**
- Complement Mass Save offerings (e.g., by adding renewables analysis with the same vendor)
- Available to Mass Save eligible and non-Mass Save eligible schools
- **For schools that serve at least 40% students from low-income families**
- Reduces the cost of TA for eligible, low-income public K-12 schools and districts with the goal of making decarbonization planning more accessible

Going Solar

November 6, 2024


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In Direct Solar Ownership, [redacted] purchases the panels and receives all of the electricity and state and federal incentives for solar. You may take out a loan to spread out the upfront cost for ten or more years.

	Direct Solar Ownership
Array Size	133 panels (64.5 kW)
Estimated Annual Output	25% of your usage (67,279 kWh)
Upfront Cost	\$248,344 (\$3.85 per Watt)
Estimated Lifetime Savings	\$563,172
Equivalent Trees Planted	787 Trees



Solar Layout (64.5 kW, Tier 1, 485 Watt Panels)

Please note that the solar layout is a preliminary design, and the array size and output are subject to change based upon final structural and electrical engineering.

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