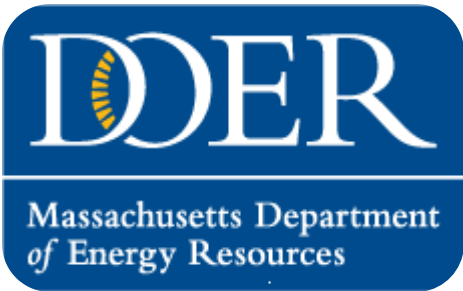


Creating A Cleaner Energy Future For the Commonwealth



Affordable Access to Clean and Efficient Energy Initiative

Working Group

EEAC MEETING

July 13, 2016



Affordable Access to Clean and Efficient Energy Initiative

- Baker-Polito Administration Initiative lead by Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
 - Announced in February 2016 by Governor Baker at the Winn Boott Mills Development in Lowell, MA
- **Key Components:**
 - \$15 million in committed funding from DOER and MassCEC for new and existing programs that incentivize renewable energy for low income residents
 - Increase renewable energy coordination with existing statewide energy efficiency program
 - Create an Inter-secretariat Working Group



Affordable Access to Clean and Efficient Energy Initiative

- Overarching Goals:
 - Increase energy affordability
 - Build on Massachusetts' established, nation-leading energy efficiency programs
 - Increase equitable access to clean energy for all Massachusetts residents regardless of income
- DOER and DHCD hope to achieve these goals by:
 - Coordinating new and existing low-income programs under a common directive to increase program and policy coordination
 - Developing innovative solutions to low-income energy challenges requiring multiple agency coordination
 - Convene an inter-Secretariat Working Group of energy and housing agencies to identify and advance coordinated strategies



DOER and MassCEC \$15 Million Commitment

Funding is for renewable energy programs that coordinate with the existing energy efficiency program and provide energy burden reductions for low and moderate income residents

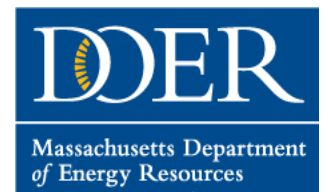
- **DOER:**

- Renewable Thermal for Homes on Fuel Assistance Program: DOER has expanded this existing renewable thermal program that provides funding to community action agencies for renewable secondary heating installations for LIHEAP recipients

- **MassCEC**

- Clean Energy for Low Income Program: \$2 million in grant funding to multiple awardees that will demonstrate energy savings to low income buildings
- Clean Heating and Cooling Program: Increased low income rebate adders for the clean heating and cooling rebate program

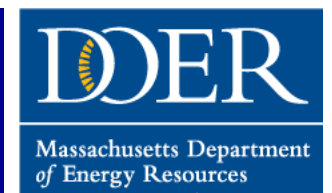
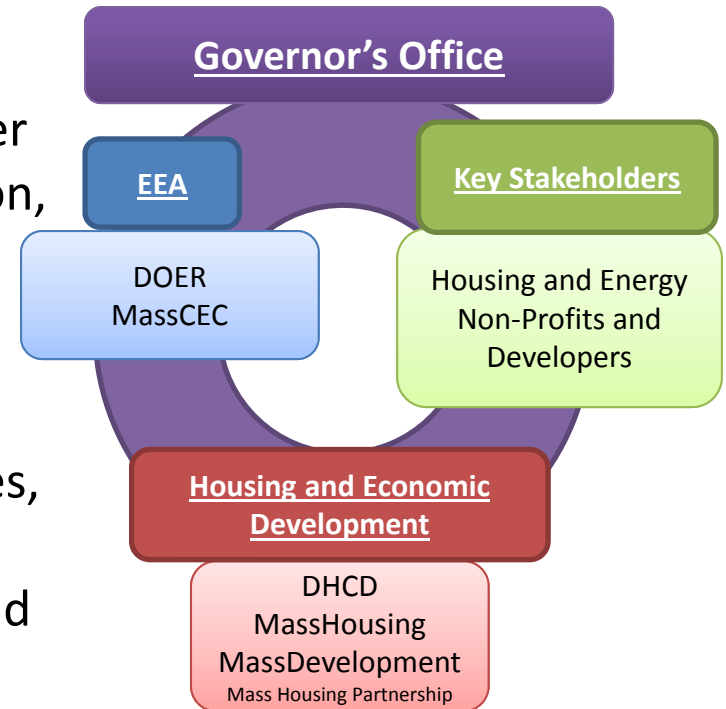
- Additional funding will be released with the release of the Affordable Access Working Group Final Report and as program design is completed



Working Group

Working Group Structure:

- Hosted by DHCD and DOER
- Steering Committee assisted by Meister Consulting Group to facilitate discussion, collect feedback, and organize and develop recommendations
- Steering Committee includes representatives from DOER Renewables, DOER Energy Efficiency, DHCD Public Housing, DHCD Subsidized Housing, and MassCEC
- Meetings began March 31st
- Three meetings so far have developed multiple recommendations
- Two meetings (Aug 3, Aug 30) remain to prioritize and finalize recommendations
- A final report is expected this Fall



Working Group

Public and Quasi-Public Agencies	Private Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department of Energy Resources• Department of Housing and Community Development• Massachusetts Clean Energy Center• MassDevelopment• Mass Housing Partnership• MassHousing• Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (CEDAC)• Metropolitan Area Planning Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boston Community Capital• Center for Sustainable Energy• Co-op Power• Eversource – Energy Efficiency• Habitat for Humanity – Cape Cod• Homeowner's Rehab, Inc• Local Initiatives Support Corporation• Low Income Energy Assistance Network (LEAN)• National Grid – Energy Efficiency• New Ecology• Preservation of Affordable Housing• WinnCompanies• Worcester Green Low Income Housing Coalition



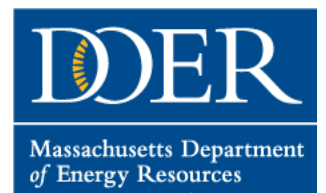
Initiative Scope

➤ *Scope of Working Group*

- Low and Moderate Income Residents
- Subsidized, Public, and Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- DOER and DHCD Programs and Policies

➤ *Newsletter*

- As part of the Initiative outreach, the Affordable Access Steering Committee releases a monthly Newsletter with a survey soliciting stakeholder responses
- The Newsletter provides broader stakeholder feedback beyond the Working Group
- Survey responses have included different perspectives including personal experiences as low or moderate income residents to existing programs



Recommendations

- **High Level Recommendation 1: Agency Coordination**
 - Share expertise, share data , time and coordinate complementary policies and programs
- **High Level Recommendation 2: Create Demand**
 - Increase awareness of program existence and possible cost savings , increase voluntary demand, and increase demand through mandate or requirement
- **High Level Recommendation 3: Financing and Incentives**
 - Increase access to traditional financing, program design with low and moderate income community consideration, most cost effective use of funding for low income communities, consider long term energy burden reductions

