



ReBuild Western Massachusetts



Program Details

INTRODUCTION

Through the “ReBuild Western Massachusetts” program, the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), in partnership with the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), is providing incentives and grants, subsidizing construction loans for energy improvements, and providing technical assistance to help homeowners, businesses, and municipalities that sustained damages inflicted by the June 1st 2011 tornadoes in Western Massachusetts. The goal of this program is to help individuals and communities rebuild, using energy efficiency practices and renewable energy technologies. All loans are subject to bank approval and applicants must meet bank loan eligibility requirements to qualify for loans.

WEBSITE & CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information or to receive the necessary application forms, please visit www.mass.gov/energy/ReBuildWesternMA, call **(877) 524-1325**, or email ReBuildWMA@icfi.com. Participants must contact the program to pre-qualify. Participants may also be eligible for additional incentives through local utilities and this information can be found at www.masssave.com.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Homeowner Opportunities

Homeowners can access improvement grants for repairs, grants and zero interest loans for gut-renovations and rebuilds. DOER is providing incentives for the installation of a variety of energy efficiency measures including windows, doors, and insulation. Funding for gut renovations and rebuilds will be determined by Home Energy Rating System (HERS) scores, with higher efficient projects being eligible for more funds. It is critical to have a HERS rating to start your project. These grants and loans support energy saving improvements, locking in fuel cost savings for many years to come.

Business, Industrial, and Municipal Opportunities

The ReBuild Western Massachusetts Program for Commercial, Industrial and Municipal facilities provides partial funding for an Engineering Study to assist with the identification and evaluation of opportunities to increase significantly the overall energy efficiency of the repaired or reconstructed facility. An Engineering Study application and calculation guidelines are available online. An application form for heating, water heating, air conditioning, windows, doors, and insulation incentives for businesses and municipalities is coming soon.

Other Opportunities

Renewable Energy grants and incentives totaling \$1 million are available to homeowners who install solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal systems. These funds allow impacted residents to offset substantially more than 50 percent of the total installed cost for renewable systems, through a combination with other federal and state incentives. In addition, DOER and area partners will provide **training and technical assistance** to home and building owners, contractors, and others to help with renewable energy and energy efficiency rebuild projects.

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