



Workforce Development Case Study

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Enhancing energy efficiency: Workforce Training Grant

Fall River, MA

The Mass Save Workforce Training Grant aims to enhance the sustainability of the energy efficiency workforce by funding training and transitioning new workers into the field. The grant provides annual financial support for energy efficiency training and certification programs, with funding available up to \$7,500 per individual and \$50,000 per organization. A key focus is supporting diverse individuals from Environmental Justice Communities, with the goal of increasing training and certification completion rates by alleviating financial barriers.

Thanks to the Mass Save Workforce Training Grant from Mass Save Sponsors, Liberty and National Grid, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School received ten different models of heat pumps. This grant allowed students to gain hands-on experience with various installation and repair techniques, including bending copper tubing, measuring, and mounting wall units that distribute heat, as well as connecting the heat pumps to condenser units. This practical experience is a crucial component of their training in the school's heating, cooling, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) program.

The Mass Save program offers homeowners incentives to install heat pumps as replacements or supplements to outdated fossil fuel-based heating systems. Heat pumps are advanced climate control devices that enhance energy efficiency for heating and cooling homes. Rebates and federal tax credits are available for installing air source or air-to-water heat pumps, which extract warmth from outside air as well as for ground-source heat pumps, which draw warmth from underground sources.

“They have fully funded this entire project for us here. The students are getting great training. Without their funding, we would’ve had to find the funding within our budget to do this”

— Brian Bentley, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Superintendent



“Heat pumps are an important technology that will require greater customer adoption for Massachusetts to achieve greenhouse gas goals. We are proud that the students of Diman will have the opportunity to receive training on this technology and contribute to the clean energy workforce.”

— Stephanie Terach, Liberty Manager of Energy Efficiency and Customer Solutions

About Mass Save:

Together, we make good happen for Massachusetts. Your local electric and natural gas utilities and energy efficiency service provider are taking strides in energy efficiency: Berkshire Gas, Cape Light Compact, Eversource, Liberty Utilities, National Grid and Unitil. As one, we form Mass Save®, with the common goal of helping residents and businesses across Massachusetts save money and energy, leading our state to a clean and energy efficient future.

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