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Clean Energy Group Helps Massachusetts Low-Income Communities Access \$3.6 Million for Clean, Reliable and Affordable Backup Power

[Clean Energy Group](#), a national nonprofit organization, helped six community-serving organizations in Massachusetts access \$3,632,490 in state funding to install battery storage for reliable backup power. The funding will enable the groups to build community “resilience hubs” serving as places of refuge and providing essential services to 2,000+ people during extreme weather and power outages, while also reducing energy costs.

This funding was awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) as part of the Advancing Massachusetts Power (AMP) Energy Storage Grant Program. Twenty-eight organizations received funding to develop battery storage-powered community resilience projects.

“We are especially proud that the vast majority of this funding is headed to environmental justice communities, which typically are burdened by longer power outages, an aging grid, and higher energy bills,” said **Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony** in a [press release](#) from DOER announcing the funding. “Every community in Massachusetts deserves a strong, resilient grid and affordable energy bills. These grants help make that possible.”

Clean Energy Group provided technical assistance support to six AMP awardees, helping them design battery storage systems sized for resilience and bills saving. Clean Energy Group also provided one-on-one grant assistance, helping them craft and submit their grant application materials. Five of these projects are multifamily affordable housing facilities, which are home to a total of nearly 700 low-income families, and the sixth is a community center serving children and families. Moving forward, Clean Energy Group will serve as a client advocate throughout the battery storage development process, with American Microgrid Solutions acting as project manager.

The six community organizations that Clean Energy Group partnered with are:

Organization	Property Name	Property Type	City	Population Served	AMP Funding Amount
Fenway Forward	West Fenway Apartments	Affordable housing for elderly and	Boston	75 units	\$521,640

		disabled people			
Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH)	Fairweather Apartments	Multifamily affordable housing for seniors	Salem	127 units	\$521,640
Nantucket Boys and Girls Club	Nantucket Boys and Girls Club	Community center	Nantucket	1300 members	\$765,180
2Life Communities	Leventhal Housing	Multifamily affordable housing for seniors	Boston	364 units	\$780,750
Worcester Housing Authority	Lafayette Place	Public housing supporting primarily elderly and disabled people	Worcester	71 units	\$521,640
Urban Edge Housing Corp	Holtzer Park	Multifamily affordable housing	Boston	60 units	\$521,640

Once the battery storage projects are installed, they will support community health and wellbeing by powering essential building operations during power outages. This might include elevators, lighting in hallways and common areas, heating and cooling, refrigeration for food and medication, and outlets to charge cell phones and home medical equipment. Affordable housing residents will be able to safely shelter in place during power outages, or until emergency support can arrive, avoiding the disruption and potential hazards of relocating during extreme weather events. This is especially important for housing facilities that support elderly residents and people with disabilities, as they are more likely to be medically vulnerable or mobility challenged.

"LISC Massachusetts is thrilled that the Healey-Driscoll Administration has recognized affordable housing and community center partners as critical facilities during power outages," said **LISC Massachusetts Deputy Director Emily Jones**. "We are proud to have partnered with climate resilience leader Clean Energy Group in supporting these partners' applications for DOER's Advancing Massachusetts Power Energy Storage Grant Program. We applaud our community partners for embarking on these battery storage projects and look forward to sharing their learnings more broadly across the sector."

“As a remote island at the far end of the regional electric grid, Nantucket is uniquely vulnerable to the impacts of power disruptions, which can quickly become significant given our geographic isolation,” said **Town of Nantucket Energy Coordinator Lauren Sinatra**. “The Town of Nantucket’s Energy Office is proud to support the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club in advancing battery storage as a critical resilience resource for our community. Made possible through funding from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources’ Advancing Massachusetts Power initiative and instrumental technical assistance from Clean Energy Group, this project will strengthen the Club’s ability to serve the community during power disruptions, while demonstrating the important role battery storage can play in Nantucket’s broader energy resilience.”

“We are incredibly grateful for this investment in Lafayette Place and in the residents who call it home,” said **Worcester Housing Authority Vice-President of Maintenance Gregory Christo**. “This funding gives us the opportunity to make important upgrades that will improve the reliability and resiliency of the property, especially during power outages and emergencies. At the end of the day, this is about making sure our residents have safe, dependable homes and that we continue investing in the long-term future of our properties. We’re excited to work alongside Clean Energy Group to strengthen energy resilience at Lafayette Place and show what’s possible in public housing.”

“Fenway Forward is committed to preserving affordable housing while making our properties more sustainable, resilient, and responsive to the needs of our residents,” said **Fenway Forward Deputy Director & Head of Real Estate Suneeth John**. “Funding from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources’ Advancing Massachusetts Power initiative will allow us to install a battery energy storage system at West Fenway Apartments, providing reliable backup power for 75 elderly and disabled residents. Clean Energy Group’s capacity support and technical expertise were invaluable in helping us secure this funding and move this important project toward implementation.”

“This project is an important step towards building more resilient and sustainable Urban Edge communities,” said **Urban Edge Chief Executive Officer Emilio Dorcely**. “It will serve to strengthen the reliability of our local energy infrastructure, particularly as severe weather events become more common across our region. We are pleased to partner with Clean Energy Group to explore how battery storage can protect residents during power outages while reducing energy costs and environmental impact.”

In addition to assisting Massachusetts community groups with their successful grant applications to build community resilience, Clean Energy Group also received AMP funding to support community safety and education. In partnership with two regional nonprofits, [Slingshot](#) and the [Berkshire Environmental Action Team \(BEAT\)](#), Clean Energy Group will

conduct training for small and rural Massachusetts communities on battery energy storage system technology, safety, benefits, and development best practices.

“This critical investment in public safety and education will bring communities together to collectively share questions, voice concerns, and learn from each other’s experiences,” said **Clean Energy Group President and Executive Director Seth Mullendore**.

Massachusetts has long been a leader on energy storage, and Clean Energy Group has supported energy storage and resilience efforts in the state for over a decade. In addition to informing equitable state energy policy and program design, Clean Energy Group has supported several operational energy storage projects in Massachusetts, including the [Kenzi Apartments](#) in Roxbury and the [Sterling Municipal Light Department](#). Across the country, Clean Energy Group has assisted more than [250 community partners](#) through its solar and storage [technical assistance program](#), resulting in over 100 completed installations delivering community resilience and boosting energy affordability.

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About Clean Energy Group:

Clean Energy Group (CEG) is a national nonprofit organization working on innovative technical, economic, and policy solutions to accelerate the equitable deployment of clean energy technologies. By serving as a trusted partner for communities, advocates, and policymakers working at the forefront of the energy transition, CEG bridges critical gaps in the clean energy space through expert technical assistance, responsive guidance, and independent analysis. Learn more at www.cleanegroup.org.

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