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**Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) FY26 State Budget Reporting:**

Per Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025; within 1595-6232:

**1595-6232** *For the Clean Energy Investment Fund, established in section 15 of chapter 23J of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be appropriated for clean energy workforce development initiatives and investments to support emissions reductions in the energy, transportation and buildings sectors, as directed by the Massachusetts clean energy and climate plan for 2050; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for investments to support entrepreneurial fellowships enabling the translation of research into businesses, products and jobs in the energy, transportation and buildings sectors, as directed by the 2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan; and provided further, that not later than March 2, 2026, the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, in consultation with the Massachusetts clean energy center, shall submit a report to the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) summaries of the investments made from or expected to be made from the transfer; (ii) the workforce training programs supported or developed with funds from the transfer, including the number of workers served by each program; and (iii) the estimated impacts of the transfer towards the clean energy climate plan for 2050's outlined goals, including details by sector.....\$10,000,000*

The following is required reporting from MassCEC:

***(i) summaries of the investments made from or expected to be made from the transfer;***

***(ii) the workforce training programs supported or developed with funds from the transfer, including the number of workers served by each program; and***

***(iii) the estimated impacts of the transfer towards the clean energy climate plan for 2050's outlined goals, including details by sector***

**(i) The FY26 state budget funds were allocated as stated below:**

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**Science Research and Analysis (\$2,250,000):**

Cultivate capacity and provide direct support for science, applied research, and analysis to advance responsible climatetech technology and offshore wind development, reduce costs and increase reliability, and address challenges in areas including fisheries, wildlife, supply chain, logistics, and transmission.

Programs that support academic researchers and companies who need cost-share or adders for federal/non federal prime awards. The programs provide up to \$300,000 for academic or company projects pursuing cost-share or adders for federal or non-federal prime awards (such as awards from ARPA-E, NSF, DOE, and USABC), or up to \$100,000 for academic projects that are not tied directly to a prime grant. The program supports projects that aim to commercialize or substantially de-risk an innovation that falls within MassCEC's mission.

**Early Stage Company Support (\$1,500,000):**

Grants of up to \$75,000 to Massachusetts-based researchers and early-stage companies looking to demonstrate initial prototypes of their climate technologies. The programs provide connections and funding to create a prototype of a novel technology.

In conjunction with other early state company support programs run by the organization, MassCEC will award up to three additional grants of up to \$75,000 each for projects led by applicants who are underrepresented in the climatetech industry or faced economic barriers entering the environmental or entrepreneurial landscape.

**Ecosystem Development (\$1,500,000):**

Identify and activate a network of climatetech assets and resources to map strengths and identify opportunities (gaps) in the climatetech ecosystem across the Commonwealth. Programs support the innovation ecosystem in Massachusetts by enabling accelerators, incubators, and other entrepreneur support organizations to provide valuable and complementary resources to MassCEC. Programs provide up to \$120,000 in operational grants for such MA-based ecosystems partners, and the administration of a one-time ecosystem boost of up to \$1,000,000 to support entrepreneurial fellowships enabling the translation of research into businesses, products and jobs in the priority sectors as identified in the 2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan.

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**Growth Stage, Supply Chain Support (\$4,000,000):**

Programs provide a suite of support services to Massachusetts climatetech startup companies who are undertaking initial demonstrations and deployment-scale projects. These programs are designed to attract and retain climatetech companies in Massachusetts. Programs provide up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding, access to third-party technical support, experts, and access to a robust commercialization/deployment partner matchmaking system that pairs selected climatetech startup companies with electric utilities, universities, municipal, and corporate partners to execute the proposed projects. Successful applicants propose projects that address important energy or climate-resilience or -adaptation challenges, help to grow the state's economy, and contribute to Massachusetts' continued climatetech leadership.

**Clean Energy Internship Program (\$750,000):**

The program helps prepare the next generation of climatetech workers by funding internships at Massachusetts climatetech innovation companies for individuals currently enrolled or recently graduated from college, vocational-technical high schools, or training/certification programs. Interns gain valuable experience and have opportunities to network within the climatetech sector.

Applicants over 18 can get matched with an employer for a MassCEC-sponsored internship by creating an intern profile. Applicants then have access to view internship postings, and potential employers will have the opportunity to review your qualifications and invite them to an interview. The internship program runs throughout the year, with sessions available in Spring, Summer, and Fall. Various internship opportunities are available for individuals with diverse educational backgrounds.

**(ii) The number of individuals served by workforce training programs is 156 and includes the following programs:**

In FY26, \$750,000 via the state operating budget was allocated to the MassCEC Clean Energy Internship Program. This funding will support an estimated total of 156 internships for the fiscal year (fall, spring, and summer sessions).

**(iii) The status of projected progress towards the goals outlined in the Massachusetts clean energy and climate plan (CECP) for 2050 is described below:**

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- a. Out of the 21 projects funded under (i), the following CECP priorities and sectors have been impacted, as a percentage of the 21 awards made:
    - i. 43% Manufacturing & Industry
    - ii. 19% Transportation
    - iii. 14% Buildings
    - iv. 5% to each of Offshore Wind, Offshore Renewables, Net Zero Grid/Grid Infrastructure, Agriculture, and other decarbonization technologies
  - b. It is expected that the remaining FY state budget will follow a similar pattern.
  - c. Per the CECP “All programs and initiatives contained in this 2025/2030 CECP aim to increase the participation of EJ populations in the transition to a clean energy future.” MassCEC strives to achieve this mission in all its programming, but in particular, MassCEC’s internship program prioritizes Gateway Cities and Environmental Justice populations for additional outreach throughout the placement process.