



**Community Health Center Decarbonization Planning Pilot Program
Response to Submitted Questions**

February 12, 2025

On January 24, 2025, MassDevelopment announced the Community Health Center Decarbonization Planning Grant Pilot Program for 2025 and invited all licensed community health centers in Massachusetts to apply. The program provides technical assistance to plan and design interventions that enable them to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050 or sooner. Program participants will receive custom decarbonization “roadmaps” created by MassDevelopment’s third-party partner, PowerOptions. No matching funds are required to receive an award.

All applications must be received by February 28, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.

As stated in the announcement, applicants had until February 7, 2025 to submit questions to MassDevelopment. The following question was submitted and is answered below.

Question:

A Community Health Center has been actively fundraising for a new healthcare facility that utilizes passive house design elements. This is part of a larger project being developed with a partner to overhaul the area for energy efficiency and affordable housing.

Might the project described be eligible for this grant? And, if so, could you offer guidance about how much support we might anticipate receiving were we to be awarded?

Answer:

The Community Health Center Decarbonization Planning Grant pilot program is to provide planning support to existing buildings. The project, as outlined, is to construct a new healthcare facility and would therefore not be eligible for the program at this time.

Awards under this program are in the form of technical assistance provided by the Agency’s contracted consultant Power Options. They are not cash awards.