

Memorandum



To: Natick Board of Selectmen
CC: Melissa Malone, Town Administrator
William Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations
From: Jillian Wilson Martin, Sustainability Coordinator
Date: March 1, 2019
Subject: Senior Energy Grant Program

The Council on Aging, Natick Sustainability Office and volunteers from Renewable Natick are partnering to launch Natick Senior Energy Grants. This new program focuses on helping Seniors lower their energy costs and make their homes more comfortable by supporting participation in the MassSave home energy efficiency program and providing financial assistance to complete recommended home improvements.

How it Works

The Natick Senior Energy Grant Program will provide financial assistance and a Volunteer Energy Concierge to help Seniors at every step on their journey to save energy and money.

Our Volunteer Energy Concierges will provide as little or as much assistance as a Senior desires, and may support activities such as joining the Senior at his or her home during the MassSave energy assessment and reviewing recommended home energy improvements. In terms of financial assistance, the program will provide eligible Seniors with grants of up to \$500 for qualifying energy-saving projects, such as wall or attic insulation, a new high-efficiency heating system, energy-efficient refrigerators or clothes dryers.

Eligibility

Applicants must own and occupy their home in Natick and be 60 years of age or above. To qualify for financial assistance, they must have an income of no more than \$70,000 for an individual or \$85,000 for a couple.

Funding

The Town of Natick currently has \$11,500 allocated, which were donated by Next Step Living for this purpose. We are working to request matching funds from local banks. Funds will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

How to Participate

Interested Seniors are invited to attend an information session at the Community Senior Center on March 21 at 7pm or on March 27 at 10am. Interested volunteers are invited to attend a session on March 13 at 7pm or March 24 at 10am. Both are also encouraged to call or email Karen Edwards, the Council on Aging's Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 508-647-6540 and kedwards@natickma.org.