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Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund Provides Energy Assistance to More Than 1,250 Households During 2025-2026 Campaign

41st annual campaign assisted Massachusetts households facing temporary financial hardship

CANTON, MA - (September XX, 2026) - The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, or MAGoodNeighbor, is marking the completion of its 41st campaign year, having helped **more than 1,250 households** across Massachusetts with home energy expenses during the 2025-2026 campaign.

Administered by The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division, MAGoodNeighbor serves residents who experience a temporary financial setback but do not qualify for traditional state or federal energy assistance programs. The Fund provides a bridge for households that may be managing an unexpected expense, loss of income or other short-term financial challenge while still needing to keep up with essential energy costs.

"For more than four decades, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund has helped fill an important gap for Massachusetts households facing an unexpected financial setback," said Justin Stearns, Chair, Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund. "This year, the generosity of our sponsoring energy companies, their customers, and supporters across the Commonwealth allowed us to help more than 1,250 households keep up with essential energy costs. We're proud of what this campaign accomplished and grateful to everyone who helped make that support possible."

Eligible households received grants of up to $400 toward a home energy expense during the 2025-2026 campaign, with payments made directly to their energy provider. This assistance helped households facing temporary financial hardship manage essential home energy costs.

Support for MAGoodNeighbor comes from participating energy companies, their customers, businesses and individual donors throughout Massachusetts. Contributions help ensure that assistance remains available to households whose incomes fall above the limits for many other programs but who may still need help navigating a temporary financial emergency.

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MAGoodNeighbor also continued to emphasize that energy assistance needs can extend well beyond the winter heating season. The Fund remained available through the spring and summer, helping eligible residents manage home energy expenses as household energy needs changed throughout the year.

During the 2025-2026 campaign, applicants were required to have a gross household income between 60% and 80% of Massachusetts state median income levels. For example, a household of four qualified with a gross annual income between $103,050 and $137,399.

Since its establishment in 1985, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has raised more than $26.1 million and helped more than 98,500 households with home energy expenses.

Following its annual year-end processing period, the Fund is scheduled to begin accepting applications for the 2026-2027 campaign on Monday, October 19, 2026. Eligible households will once again be able to receive a grant of up to $400 toward a home energy expense.

For more information about the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, including eligibility and ways to support the Fund, visit magoodneighbor.org.

About the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund:

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is available to any Massachusetts resident who, because of temporary financial difficulty, cannot meet a month's energy expense and is not eligible for state or federal energy assistance. Household income must fall between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels. For more information, visit the Good Neighbor website or call 1-800-334-3047 (serving area codes 339, 351, 508, 617, 774, 781, 857, and 978) or 1-800-262-1320 (serving area code 413).

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