

Special Town Meeting
May 2022

Article 8

Green Communities Grant Match

The Town of Saugus has been participating in the Green Communities Program for several years and has been successful in receiving grant funding for several projects such as the purchase of electric vehicles, replacement of rooftop HVAC units, and has been named a Certified LEED Community with the green initiatives at the Saugus MS/HS Complex. As a result of the energy saving initiatives at the Saugus MS/HS Complex, the Town of Saugus has received energy rebates from National Grid of approximately \$186,000.00 during Fiscal Years 2020-2021 as well as another \$132,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2022.

This year the Town of Saugus has been awarded a 2002 Green Communities grant in the amount of \$118,000.00. This grant, in partnership with National Grid, as well as funding from the Town of Saugus as a grant match will enable several energy savings projects to be completed. These projects include updating heating and ventilation equipment motors at the Public Safety Building, Library, and Belmonte Steam Academy; replacing failing boilers and insulation at the Youth & Recreation Building; and installation of refrigeration controls at the Veterans Memorial Learning Center.

The amount of the grant match is \$54,392.00 and the source of funding will be the July 1, 2021 Certified Free Cash. The energy rebates that were received during Fiscal Year 2021 were closed out at the end of the fiscal year and certified as free cash.