

HEATING & COOLING GRANTS

FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

The Town of South Hadley is offering grants to assist in the purchase of heating & cooling appliances for up to \$1,500 for those that qualify based on income and equipment eligibility!

Applicants must complete the required information about the type of equipment purchased. Up to \$1,500.00 is available for income eligible households. The grant is on a reimbursement basis for costs which can include the purchase price of the qualifying item along with installations by a qualified contractor. Applicants must submit copies of receipts for the purchase and installation (if applicable) for re-imbursement.

Eligibility for the grant:

- The applicant must be a current resident of South Hadley
- Maximum grant if \$1,500.00 per household
- All installed equipment must be new
- All receipts must be dated from 1/1/25 to present, no purchases prior to 2025
- TOSH reserves the right to limit, approve or deny applications
- Someone in the household must qualify under one of the income eligibility qualifications listed below

Income Eligibility Qualifications

If you or a member of your household are currently receiving one of the below financial assistance programs, you may qualify for a Climate Resilience Grant. If qualified, please select the below program you are currently enrolled in (select all that apply):

	Fuel Assistance
	SNAP
	MassHealth
	Brown Bag Food Program
	South Hadley Housing Authority Property - Current Tenant (copy of lease agreement required)
_	Owner/renter other Affordable Housing unit (copy of deed/lease agreement required)

Eligible Equipment & Cost Re-Imbursement

- Small Room Fans
- Large Room Fans
- Ceiling Fans (Energy Star Rated)
- Heat Pump Freestanding Air Conditioning Units
- Window Air Conditioning Units (Energy Star Rated)
- Thermal Window Shades
- Air-Source Heat Pumps

Please mail the completed form and necessary receipts to:

Town of South Hadley

Attn: Anne Capra, Director of Planning and Conservation

116 Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075

QUESTIONS? acapra@southhadleyma.gov | (413) 538-5030 x6128



Climate Resilience Grant Application

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Window Air Condition Thermal Window Sh	ding Air Conditioning Un oning Unit(s) (Energy Sta	r Rated)		
EQUIPMENT	SEER2	HSPF2	COP	Rebate
Central Air Conditioning	Energy Star Rated	N/A	N/A	\$500/ ton
Air-Source Heat Pump	≥14.3	≥7.5	≥1.75 at 5° F/ max capacity	\$750/ ton
Ground-Source Heat Pump	Energy Star	Rated	≥1.75 at 5° F/ max capacity	\$750/ ton
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Town of South Hadley Heating and Cooling Grant Eligibility Supplemental Information – April 22, 2025

I. **EQUIPMENT ELIGIBILITY**

Room Air Conditioners - Window Units

The equipment must be <u>ENERGY STAR</u> rated. Visit the following website to see if your selected appliance qualifies:

https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-room-air-conditioners/results

Required Application Information

- Submit print out of ENERGY STAR certification from website.
- Submit receipt of purchased eligible equipment.
- Submit photo-documentation of installed eligible equipment.

Ceiling Fans

• The equipment must be <u>ENERGY STAR</u> rated. Visit the following website to see if your selected appliance qualifies:

https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-ceiling-fans/results

- Equipment must be installed by a licensed contractor.
- Energy Star rated ceiling fans with light kits are eligible.

Required Application Information

- Submit print out of ENERGY STAR certification from website.
- Submit receipt of purchased eligible equipment.
- Submit receipt of installed equipment from a licensed contractor.
- Submit photo-documentation of installed eligible equipment.

Room Fans

We are not aware of any Energy Star rated room fans. This equipment can provide great benefit during extreme heat so we are offering reimbursement for both small and room fans.

Required Application Information

• Submit receipt of purchased eligible equipment.

Heating and Cooling Equipment - Air Source & Ground Source Heat Pump Systems

- All heat pump systems must be installed by a licensed contractor.
- Equipment must be AHRI Certified, and a copy of the AHRI Certification must be obtained from the contractor.

 Visit the following website for <u>AHRI directory of certified equipment:</u> https://ahridirectory.org/

Required Application Information

- Submit AHRI Certification
- Submit receipt of installed equipment from licensed contractor.
- Submit photo-documentation of installed eligible equipment.

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Thermal Shades

Energy-efficient window attachments are important for both new and existing homes. About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through windows. In cooling seasons, about 76% of sunlight that falls on standard double-pane windows enters to become heat.

Window coverings can help with this loss of energy by providing comfort, regulating temperatures, and lowering energy bills. The exact savings will depend on the type of attachment, the season, the climate, and how the attachment is used. Therefore, not all cellular, honeycomb or insulated shades may be eligible.

- Eligible window attachments must be one of the following:
 - Eligible for the 2025 Federal Tax Credit for energy efficient products. Must provide a Manufacturer's Certification Statement of "Eligible Building Envelope Components" for a Federal Tax Credit for tax year 2025 as Non-business Energy Property under Internal Revenue Code Section 25C (the "Credit"), as modified, extended and amended by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the "Inflation Reduction Act") [This would be provided by the product manufacturer]
 - Qualify through the <u>Attachments Energy Rating Council (AERC):</u>
 https://aercenergyrating.org/product-search/residential-product-search/
- Insulated cellular shades installed on the inside mount of the window opening on side/edge tracks;
- Quilted window blinds, inside or face mounted with a track

Qualified Manufacturers:

Note – This list is not a product endorsement or exhaustive list of potentially qualifying manufacturers. The companies listed here have demonstrated some products that meet the 2025 Federal Tax Credit for window coverings. This information is being shared for informational purposes only.

<u>Federal Tax Credit - Enlightened Style</u> <u>https://www.enlightenedstyle.com/tax-credit/</u>

Hunter Douglas

https://www.hunterdouglas.com/tax-

<u>credit.jsp.#:~:text=The%20federal%20government%20is%20now%20offering%20energy%20tax,Douglas%20Duette%C2%AE%20Honeycomb%20Shades.%20Save%20up%20to%20%241200.</u>

More Information:

Energy Efficient Window Coverings | Department of Energy

https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/energy-efficient-window-coverings

Cellular Shade | Efficient Window Coverings

https://efficientwindowcoverings.org/understanding-window-coverings/cellular-shade/

Required Application Information

- Submit documentation of energy efficiency rating, i.e. Manufacturer's Certification Statement
- Submit receipt of purchased eligible equipment.
- Submit receipt of installed equipment from a licensed contractor, if installed by manufacturer
- Submit photo-documentation of installed eligible equipment.

II. INCOME ELIGIBILITY

The Heating and Cooling Grant program is available to low- and moderate-income households. The applicant or a member of the household must be currently receiving one of the following financial assistance programs to be eligible for the grant:

- Fuel Assistance
- SNAP
- MassHealth
- Brown Bag Food Program
- South Hadley Housing Authority Property Current Tenant (copy of lease agreement required)
- Owner/renter other Affordable Housing unit (copy of deed/lease agreement required)

Required Application Information

• Submit a copy of your financial assistance enrollment certification (i.e. MassHealth card, Fuel Assistance approval letter).