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Empowering consumers and communities to speed a just transition to a zero-carbon world



First and foremost, thank you for your contributions. There are many nonprofits working in the energy and climate space. We respect them and count them as allies, but believe that we are unique and add great value through a combination of our longevity, approach, and expertise.

In 2023 we restated our mission — *To empower consumers and communities to speed a just transition to a zero-carbon world.* This restatement came as we completed work on a 5-year Strategic Plan that directs us to focus on climate crisis mitigation while also ensuring that efforts to reduce emissions and build a clean energy economy equitably allocate the benefits and costs of the transition. The list of our strategic priorities is long and none of them are easy, but we are well-positioned to be more impactful than ever thanks to new federal incentives, state programs, and the philanthropic generosity of foundations and individuals like you.

We are confident that we can do our part to speed the transition to clean energy by collaborating with other nonprofits, progressive clean energy companies, partners in government, and citizens throughout the great states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We hope you enjoy this report.

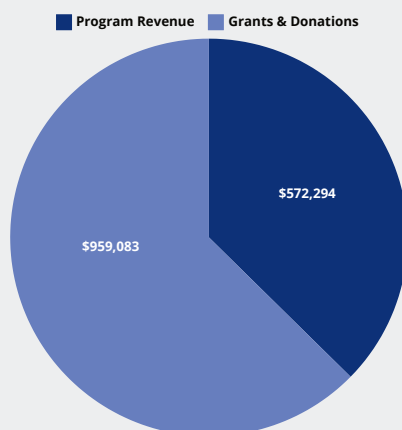
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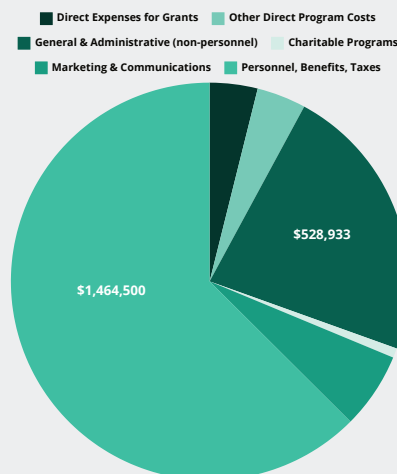
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) income and expenses for Green Municipal Aggregation and Green Powered programs account for many times the income or expenses of any other. RECs are a crucial part of how our organization speeds the transition to clean energy, so they are shown in their own chart.

Income by Type

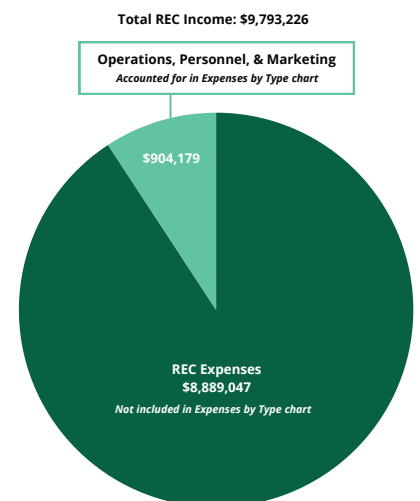


Expenses by Type



Not shown in charts:
REC income and REC expenses

Renewable Energy Certificates



MORE INFO: GREENENERGYCONSUMERS.ORG/ACCOUNTABILITY

STRENGTHENING CLIMATE POLICY

Cleaner Buildings & Heat

Buildings in New England account for 35% of emissions. Building decarbonization, the process of making current and future buildings net-zero, requires attention. We are pursuing crucial policy in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Massachusetts – The Department of Environmental Protection is accepting comments on the Clean Heat Standard, an idea we championed in 2023 which would require sellers of methane gas, heating oil, and propane to support installations of clean heating solutions like heat pumps. Meanwhile, we convened over 70 like-minded organizations in support of our Clean Heat Platform (CHP), because no one bill or policy is sufficient by itself to ensure equitable and complete building decarbonization. Instead, the CHP proposes several complementary policies that together can accomplish what is necessary. Read the details of these policies at: GreenEnergyConsumers.org/CleanHeatPlatform.

Rhode Island – The RI Public Utilities Commission (PUC) created a Future of Gas Stakeholder process, of which we are deeply engaged. Stakeholders are providing input to the PUC and its consultant as they consider ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the gas distribution system. We are advocating for a transition away from the gas distribution system in favor of electrification. The PUC's report is expected to come out in the summer of 2024.

Offshore Wind



With several projects in the works, disinformation about the safety of offshore wind was rampant in 2023, but vigorous environmental siting requirements and numerous studies prove it safe for both people and marine life. We advocate for offshore wind, with our own Amanda Barker chairing the Rhode Island committee of the Northeast Offshore Wind Coalition.

As you may have seen in the news, an abruptly changing economic landscape has caused several developers to cancel their contracts in hopes of re-bidding. So last fall, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island created a lucrative joint solicitation for offshore wind totaling 6,800 MW. With states pooling their resources, the hope is to attract increased private sector investments and to allow bidding developers to scale up their projects while lowering costs. We will be supporting these projects with our advocacy in 2024.

And More!

Additionally, we're working hard on modernizing our electric grid to prioritize and incentivize energy efficiency and clean energy, plus electrifying fleets (like school buses) and individual vehicles while expanding public transit. Read our latest advocacy blogs at GreenEnergyConsumers.org/Advocacy.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO GREEN ENERGY

EquiSol

Through EquiSol, our team is working towards providing no-cost solar installations to residents of low- and moderate-income communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By partnering with renewable energy project manager Palmer Capital, minority-owned installer One Way Development, and solar developer Resonant Energy, we intend to offer renters, landlords, and homeowners the option of either a no- or low-cost residential solar installation or electric bills credits via community solar. We are thankful to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center for supporting EquiSol's work. Once we have the details figured out, we intend to bring the program to Rhode Island.

Electric Vehicle Education

In 2023, we worked with the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts and Quincy Asian Resources Inc. (QARI) to expand EV education. Through various events, we reached hundreds of people with EV resources in five languages, including "gig" drivers, career seekers, and youth. Additionally, the Center for Sustainable Energy presented us with an opportunity to provide education on the Massachusetts MOR-EV rebate, and we are teaming up with groups such as Roxbury's Alternatives for Community and Environment and Pittsfield's Westside Legends to host events and webinars.

Green Municipal Aggregation

Since 2015, we have worked with various communities to help them adopt an alternative municipal aggregation strategy called Green Municipal Aggregation (GMA), also often referred to as community choice electricity. Each community program offers greener electricity at affordable rates to residents. In 2023, we released our fourth report which proves that GMA programs have provided savings to residents and stimulate renewable energy growth in our region. As we developed the report, seven communities became the first to launch GMA programs in Rhode Island. While over 50 communities have enacted programs in Massachusetts, we have advocated to make the process easier for others to undertake. See our interactive community map at GreenEnergyConsumers.org/Aggregation.

