



Ameren/US Green Building Council – St. Louis Regional Chapter LEED Incentive Grant Program

Introduction:

The LEED Incentive Grant Program is designed to accelerate green building practices, energy conservation and environmental performance in the St. Louis Region. Incentive grants will be awarded to encourage the construction of LEED certified green buildings that will serve as examples for future projects.

Project Eligibility

- § The building which is being LEED certified must be within the AmerenUE electric service area. *AmerenUE service area does not include Illinois and parts of Kirkwood.*
- § Grants will be awarded to the project owner or developer. The application can be made on behalf of the project owner or developer by a building professional (such as but not limited to: architect, contractor, sustainable design consultant or LEED accredited professional).
- § Projects that follow LEED Green Building Rating Systems© for New Commercial Construction and Major Renovation (NC), Existing Building Operations (EB), Commercial Interior (CI) or Core and Shell (CS) projects are eligible. Home projects are not eligible.
- § The project must be LEED registered between June 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. Projects LEED registered before the start of the program (June 1, 2006) are not eligible.
- § LEED Incentive Grants are not to be applied to construction costs (“hard” costs) and are to be used for “soft” costs only, such as, but not limited to:
 - LEED Certification fee
 - LEED Documentation
 - Professional Services such as Energy Modeling, Daylighting Analysis and /or Modeling, and Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)
 - Commissioning
 - Building Design Charrette facilitated by a LEED Accredited Professional

Application Guidelines

Complete applications will consist of the following:

- § Completed Application Form
- § A schedule of how grant funds will be used
- § Verification of LEED registration
- § LEED checklist of preliminary goals
- § A one page project description – **NO DRAWINGS OR GRAPHICS ACCEPTED.**
- § Signed Letter of Intent which commits grantees to the following:
 - Achieving LEED certification
 - Making their facilities available for green building tours
 - Achieving LEED Energy & Atmosphere credit 1.1. *To achieve this credit the building must reduce energy cost by a minimum of 15% for new buildings and 5% for existing buildings compared to the energy cost budget for energy systems regulated by ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1999 (without amendments), as demonstrated by a whole building simulation using the Energy Cost Budget Method described in Section 11 of the Standard.*
 - Providing proof of LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council to receive full grant funds.

Criteria for Selection

- § The project must meet the eligibility requirements listed above.
- § The applicant must submit a complete application package (application form, verification of LEED registration, LEED check list of preliminary goals, one page project description, and signed Letter of Agreement) to USGBC-STL by December 31, 2006.

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- § Funds will be disbursed at the discretion of a Selection Committee approved by USGBC-STL.
- § Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis with the goal of encouraging a mixture of project types, a mixture of public and private projects and a mixture and LEED types (LEED-NC, LEED-EB, LEED-CI, LEED-CS pilot).

Funding

- § Up to \$120,000 of grants will be awarded over the funding period.
- § **Start-Up Funding** - \$5,000 of funds will be dispensed to successful applicants within forty-five days of award of grant.
- § **Completion Funding** - The balance of funds, if any, will be dispensed within forty-five days of award of LEED certification. If LEED Certified, the project will receive \$10,000 above the initial \$5,000. If LEED Silver \$15,000; if LEED Gold \$20,000; and if LEED Platinum \$25,000. Availability of funds depends on the number of projects receiving Start-Up funding and the completion Funding will be rewarded on a first-come basis.
- § If the project fails to achieve LEED certification within six months of the date of the Occupancy Permit the balance of funds may be retained for use on other projects.
- § Grants to participants will be available until funds are depleted.

Any questions about LEED Incentive Grant Program must be submitted in writing by mail, e-mail or fax to:

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*All questions and answers will be posted regularly at
<http://www.earthwayscenter.org/usgbc.html>.*

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