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Green Columbus Fund

City of Columbus

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Green Columbus Fund Overview

- \$1 million reimbursement Grant Program
- First Program Year Oct. 2010 through Sept. 2011
- Open Application Cycle
- Targets private & non-profit sectors
- Priority for developed area
- Two components:
 - LEED Certified Buildings
 - Brownfield redevelopment

LEED Certification Component

- Based on four 2009 LEED rating systems – NC, CS, CI & EB
- If building certified and meets City criteria, we will reimburse the LEED certification fee paid to the USGBC
- Additional incentives available if building achieves Silver or above, meets additional City criteria, or is in developed area

Strengths of this approach

- Builds on vetted programs of the US Green Building Council (GBC)
- Supported by Central Ohio GBC Chapter
- Does not require ramping up City bureaucracy
- Supports economic development & environmental goals

Brownfield Redevelopment funds available for

- Phase I & II Environmental Assessments
- Phase II Physical Environmental Assessments for abandoned gas stations
- Portion of land acquisition costs
- Will not pay for direct remediation costs – defer to State

Strengths of this approach

- Builds on Clean Ohio Fund
- Can fill smaller niches or supplement
- Supports economic development & environmental goals

Program Mechanics

- Submit either of the two applications
- Negotiate development agreement
- City Council authorization
- Performance based reimbursement

**For more information
and an application contact**

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