



2016 AFFORDABLE GREEN NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM



Thank you for your interest in the 2016 Affordable Green Neighborhoods Grant Program. The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) believes that buildings' relationships to each other, the broader built and natural environment, and the people they serve have a profound impact on sustainability, including social equity and human health. As such, USGBC and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation are pleased to announce the fourth round of this effort to provide supporting grants and educational resources to developers of affordable housing projects that are seeking certification under LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED ND). Applications will be evaluated on various environmental and social criteria, including creating a mixed-income community, redeveloping infill and previously developed sites, engaging stakeholders in the development process, and revitalizing both the project area and the surrounding community. Up to five LEED ND registered projects in the US will be selected by a review panel to receive an award package valued at up to \$44,497.

The goal of the Affordable Green Neighborhoods Grant Program is to build capacity amongst the developers of affordable housing to pursue LEED for Neighborhood Development certification for their projects. Projects that best meet the stated criteria and elevate the design and sustainability of an affordable green neighborhood will be selected.

AWARD PACKAGE

All recipients of a 2016 Affordable Green Neighborhoods grant will receive an award package including:

- Refund of the **\$1,500 LEED ND registration fee** paid;
- **Waiver of the LEED ND certification fee** (for projects up to 35 acres in size);
- Access to the **LEED Dynamic Plaque** platform with a **three year subscription** for one existing building in the LEED ND boundary;
- Three, one year subscriptions to **Education @ USGBC** for on-demand, online education access;
- Two-day, in-person, **technical assistance workshop**;
- Two registrations to attend **Greenbuild Conference and Expo**, the **Communities & Affordable Homes Summit**, and the **Leadership Awards Luncheon** in Los Angeles, CA October 4-7, 2016;
- A **partial travel scholarship** to support attendance at Greenbuild; and
- Access to USGBC **technical assistance** and monthly conference calls.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met and demonstrated in the application form:

- The applicant must be either a **nonprofit organization** (501(c)(3) if in the US) or **public agency** involved in the ownership development, or financing of the project. A **for-profit** developer can be a member of the project team, but the non-profit or public agency must be the lead applicant.
- The project must be registered for LEED for Neighborhood Development.
- The project must be located in the United States or Canada.
- The project must meet or exceed one or both affordability thresholds based upon **NPD Credit 4: Mixed-Income Diverse Communities** in LEED ND:
 - **Rental:** At least 30% of the rental units must be affordable to families earning less than 60% of AMI or at least 50% of the rental units must be affordable to families earning less than 80% of AMI.
 - **For-sale:** At least 20% of the for-sale units affordable to families earning less than 100% of AMI.

Preference will be given to projects that meet any of the following criteria:

- Located in infill and previously developed sites, such as brownfield and greyfield sites.
- Located within walking distance of public transportation.
- Designed to strengthen existing communities through new amenities and jobs.
- Include existing and new stakeholders in the development process as part of a comprehensive public involvement process.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to creating a mixed-income community by providing green housing in a variety of housing unit types and for a range of income levels.
- Pursuing LEED for Homes or LEED for New Construction for all residential buildings.
- Projects located in low-income communities that provide services to both the new and existing community, such as building affordable housing near existing jobs and/or bringing both affordable housing and jobs to an existing community and/or locating supportive services in the project or surrounding community.
- Projects that provide affordable units that are accessible to residents with special needs using strategies outlined in NPD Credit 11, Visitability and Universal Design.
- Improved community access to pedestrian and cyclist facilities.
- Pursuing HUD Choice Neighborhoods funding.
- Demonstrated need for technical support to achieve LEED ND certification and implementation of its principles.

SCHEDULE

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| • June 27, 2016: | Application period opens. |
| • July 27, 2016 : | Webcast held for interested applicants |
| • August 15, 2016: | Application period closes. All applications must be received by this date (5 p.m. ET). |
| • September 1, 2016: | All applicants will be notified of their status. |
| • October 4, 2016: | Affordable Homes and Sustainable Communities Summit in Los Angeles |
| • October 5-7, 2016: | Greenbuild Conference and Expo in Los Angeles |

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit the following application package in electronic format ONLY:

- Executive summary;
- Completed application form;
- All supporting files requested in the application;
- Signed grant agreement.

Application packages should be emailed to studhalter@usgbc.org to the attention of Casey Studhalter. All supplementary materials are requested in 8.5" x 11" format for ease of reproduction.

For any questions, please contact Casey Studhalter, Project Manager, Neighborhood Development, at 202-742-3288 or studhalter@usgbc.org.



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BASIC PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name:

Project City:

Project State or Province:

Project Zip or Postal Code:

Date of LEED ND Project Registration:

Project ID from LEED Online:

LEED ND Stage registered to pursue:

Status of development (select one):

Project acreage:

Residential square footage:

Non-residential square footage:

Retail square footage:

Location type (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Brownfield
- ☐ Previously developed
- ☐ Infill

Other uses (describe and list square footage):

Total number of dwelling units:

Number of for-sale units:

Number of rental units:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Description of project (500 words max):

What is unique about your project that makes it deserving of this grant and what do you hope to gain from being selected? (200 words max):

Description of residential program including types and sizes of units (200 words max):

How many buildings within the project are already LEED-certified or are pursuing LEED certification? Through which LEED rating system(s)? (200 words max):

Please provide a description of the community engagement process, both of any existing stakeholders and any stakeholders in the surrounding community (and use of strategies listed in NPD Credit 12: Community Outreach and Involvement) (200 words max):

How will the project benefit the surrounding community and build on existing community assets? (200 words max):

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Describe the affordable mix of the project and how affordability will be maintained for the duration listed (200 words max):

Describe how the project will create a mixed-income community, either in the project or through a combination of the project and the surrounding neighborhoods (200 words max):

Rental dwelling units

Percentage of units priced for families earning up to 30% of AMI:

Percentage of units priced for families earning up to 60% of AMI:

Percentage of units priced for families earning up to 80% of AMI:

Rental Term of Affordability:

For-sale dwelling units

Percentage of units priced for families earning up to 30% of AMI:

Percentage of units priced for families earning up to 60% of AMI:

Percentage of units priced for families earning up to 80% of AMI:

Percentage of units priced for families earning up to 100% of AMI:

Percentage of units priced for families earning up to 120% of AMI:

For-Sale Term of Affordability (if applicable):

Overall Percentage of Affordable Units in Project:

PROJECT TEAM INFORMATION***Primary contact***

Primary Contact Name:

Primary Contact Organization:

Primary Contact Title:

Primary Contact E-mail Address:

Primary Contact Phone Number:

Developer contact

☐ Check here if same as above

Developer Contact Name:	<input type="text"/>
Developer Contact Organization:	<input type="text"/>
Developer Contact Title:	<input type="text"/>
Developer Contact E-mail:	<input type="text"/>
Developer Contact Phone:	<input type="text"/>

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PROJECT PARTNERS

Is the lead applicant a non-profit or public entity? ☐ Non-Profit ☐ Public Entity

Is your company or organization a subsidiary of another entity?

Please describe (50 words max):

List partners involved and describe the group's experience with creating mixed-income, sustainable communities (150 words max):

Please describe the funding plan for the project and how this grant will help (150 words max):

ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Site and vicinity map (required) (8.5"x11" preferred)
- ☐ Renderings (optional) (three maximum, 8.5"x11" preferred)
- ☐ Letter of endorsement from a local public agency (required)
- ☐ Signed grant agreement (required)
- ☐ Additional letter from a relevant public sector, nonprofit, or other community supporters (optional)

COMMITMENT

By submitting this form to USGBC, I, the owner/developer of _____ (the "Project"), express my intention that the Project will pursue at least one stage of certification through the LEED for Neighborhood Development Rating System. Further, I acknowledge that any award of an Affordable Green Neighborhoods Grant is conditioned on my acceptance of a Grant Award Letter containing among other terms and conditions, the requirement that I acknowledge USGBC in any statements or publications about the grant, and I will permit the Project's name and images will be used and a case study may be created. Further, if awarded a grant, I agree that I will submit a report with a milestone list and status update every 6 months and understand that any grant funds received from USGBC may only be used for costs directly associated with LEED for Neighborhood Development certification.

I verify that the information in this grant application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all application materials is **August 15, 2016 by 5:00pm ET.**

Applications will only be accepted electronically. Send completed application and accompanying materials to **ctudhalter@usgbc.org**