

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A DDA GRANT TO THE CITY TO PAY THE COSTS TO CERTIFY THE NEW COURT/POLICE BUILDING AS ACHIEVING A LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) CERTIFICATION LEVEL (\$200,000)

Whereas, The Ann Arbor DDA's 2003 Renewal Plan sets forward a Sustainability Strategy to help the DDA accomplish its mission;

Whereas, At its fall 2007 retreat the DDA set forward as a priority for 2008 the establishment of "green" grant guidelines that would enable it to meet its DDA mission of downtown development and private reinvestment;

Whereas, The DDA ROC Committee is working to establish guidelines for the provision of grants for existing downtown buildings that would enable business and property owners to undertake an energy audit to undertake cost-effective ways to reduce energy use;

Whereas, In addition to retrofitting existing downtown buildings, there is also an interest in encouraging the construction of new downtown buildings that attain a minimum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating;

Whereas, LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building project meets the highest green building and performance measures, and demonstrates that a building is environmentally responsible and a healthy place to live and work;

Whereas, There is a added cost to a project for this LEED certification, and this cost may prevent developers from seeking certification;

Whereas, The DDA Partnerships Committee has an interest in branding downtown Ann Arbor as a center for environmental awareness and activities, and one way to do this is to encourage more LEED certified buildings to be constructed as they help to reduce construction waste sent to landfills, conserve water and energy, reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, and are healthier and safer for occupants;

Whereas, The Partnerships Committee recommends the provision of a grant to the City of Ann Arbor in the amount up to \$200,000 for the purpose of independently certifying that the new court/police building has achieved a Gold LEED certification;

RESOLVED, The DDA approves DDA grant to the City of Ann Arbor in the amount of \$200,000 from its 003 TIF Fund to cover the costs needed to certify that the new City court/police building has achieved a Gold LEED standard;

RESOLVED, The DDA recommends that its ROC Committee consider the development of a new DDA grant program that would provide funds to cover the costs of independently certifying that new downtown developments achieve a certain LEED standard.