

As a homebuilder, how can I participate?

The city has made the process of applying for a KGHIP extremely simple for homebuilders.

- Builder is notified of the grant each time they apply for a building permit.
- Builder applies to the city for grant funding before building a new home; third-party verification of LEED is required.
- City reviews application; if LEED certificate is valid and application is complete, City pays builder.



If you would like more information about this program, please visit:

www.kitchener.ca/greenhousing
or call 519-741-2428



Build green Buy green Save green!



What is green building?

Green building is a collection of design and construction strategies that significantly reduce the negative environmental impacts of a building while providing healthy indoor space for its occupants.

The City of Kitchener is taking a proactive lead in preparing for the 2012 changes to the Ontario Building Code with the introduction of the Kitchener Green Housing Incentive Program.



We have partnered with Community Renewable Energy Waterloo (CREW) to create this new exciting grant program

available to all homebuilders in Kitchener. Residential dwellings built and certified to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards will receive a financial incentive in the form of a grant.

What is LEED?

LEED is a certification program and an internationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in several key areas of human and environmental health, including:

- Sustainable site development
- Water efficiency
- Energy efficiency
- Materials selection
- Indoor environmental quality

Building to LEED standards takes the current ENERGY STAR standard, required for all new building, to the next level -- incorporating improvements in more environmental areas, including energy, water and air quality

Why should I build a LEED home?

LEED certified homes are simply better homes. Certification recognizes leadership in high-quality green homebuilding.

Green features means green margins, and the homes sell better. As a builder your work won't just be differentiated, it will be more desirable to the consumer. A rapidly-growing number of organizations are adopting LEED certification. Here are some other benefits to using LEED:

- Increase durability and reduce call-backs;
- Let the certification prove that your work is better: overcome consumer doubt of your green claims;
- Gain recognition for green building efforts - earn extra media attention;
- Qualify for the KGHIP grant;
- Join the growing green building movement.