

# PPL Electric Utilities expands eligibility for 'green' building grants

PPL Electric Utilities is expanding an economic development initiative that rewards companies for going green at their facilities, announcing Monday (12/29) that universities, hospitals and other nonprofit organizations will also be eligible for “green” building grants.

The company will continue the program in 2009 and is offering grants of up to \$5,000 to help offset the costs of seeking certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. In addition, the company is offering a \$5,000 bonus for buildings that achieve the program's “Gold” or “Platinum” ratings, the highest LEED ratings.

“By building green, companies can save energy, conserve natural resources, help protect the environment and make their buildings better places to work,” said David G. DeCampi, president of PPL Electric Utilities. “This grant program is a perfect fit with our e-power initiative that encourages customers to take greater control of their electricity use and to use energy wisely.”

LEED-certified buildings typically use 25 to 30 percent less energy than their traditional counterparts. Savings can be even higher for buildings with LEED's Gold and Platinum ratings. Among their features, LEED-certified buildings include energy-efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems; incorporate recycled materials in the building design; use less water; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Customers can access grant applications by selecting the “Publications and Programs” link at [www.ppleconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.ppleconomicdevelopment.com).

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, a subsidiary of PPL Corporation that provides electricity delivery services to about 1.4 million customers in Pennsylvania, has consistently ranked among the best companies for customer service in the United States. More information is available at [www.pplelectric.com](http://www.pplelectric.com).

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