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## CHICAGO- GREEN PERMIT PROGRAM

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Green Building Incentive is applicable to all sectors. The City of Chicago encourages building design, construction and renovation in a manner that provides healthier environments, reduces operating costs and conserves energy and resources through their Green Permit Program. The Department of Construction and Permits provides developers and owners with an incentive to build green by streamlining the permit process timeline for projects which are designed to maximize indoor air quality and conserve energy and resources. Projects accepted into the Green Permit Program can receive permits in less than 30 days. Projects which meet more stringent sustainability guidelines may also qualify for a waiver of consultant code review fee.

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[www.cityofchicago.org/dcap](http://www.cityofchicago.org/dcap) (under Permit Review Options)

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## ILLINOIS CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Private Grant Program for the non-profit sector, school and local government facilities. The ICECF was established as an independent foundation with a \$225 million endowment provided by Commonwealth Edison. The ICECF invests in clean-energy development and land-preservation efforts, working with communities and citizens to improve environmental quality in Illinois. The ICECF provides grants, on a competitive basis, to programs and projects that improve energy efficiency develop renewable-energy resources and preserve and enhance natural areas and wildlife habitats in Illinois.

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## DCEO - SOLAR ENERGY REBATE PROGRAM

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State rebate program for all sectors. Solar thermal systems must be designed to produce at least 50,000 Btus per day or contain at least 60 square feet of collectors. The systems must be approved by the SRCC or a comparable organization. The program is funded by the Renewable Energy Resources Trust Fund and is administered by the DCEO. Rebates are available for solar-energy systems installed in Illinois after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. The DCEO offers rebates of up to 30% of an individual system's cost, with a maximum individual award of \$10,000. The application deadline for the current funding cycle is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

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## DCEO - SOLAR THERMAL GRANT PROGRAM

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State grant program for all sectors. The program provides funding for the purchase and installation of solar-energy systems that collect and transfer heat for space, water heating and/or electric generation, and that cost a minimum of \$50,000. The maximum grant for an individual project is 30% of the project's cost or \$250,000, whichever is less. Project applications are evaluated at a first-come, first-serve basis through May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

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