



Support from State Agencies for Community Development

Congratulations on your community's designation as a Delaware Downtown Development District! Governor Markell has asked each cabinet agency to offer incentives and information to support your efforts.

In the pages that follow, you will find information to help you access support for your community from state agencies. Each agency has identified a contact person to make your engagement with the agency as smooth as possible. In addition, agencies have pledged program enhancements to support the Downtown Development Districts. Some of these, like the investment incentives offered by the Delaware State Housing Authority or Historic Preservation Tax Credits offered by the Department of State, offer direct monetary support to investors in Downtown Development Districts. Others agencies have pledged to prioritize projects within the Districts. In all cases, the agencies will endeavor to support the districts with their programs.

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Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

Planting Hope Garden

A multi-purpose garden housed at Herman Holloway Campus in Newark and began in 2010. This project was a partnership with Dr. Faith Kuehn in DDA's Plant Industry and DHSS. The garden offers a weekly farmers' market, a community supported agriculture (CSA) program, and therapeutic attributes for the residents of the Campus.

Urban Gardening/Farming

Working with the Delaware Urban Farm & Food Coalition, DDA has helped build relationships and worked with several of the community gardens throughout Wilmington. Our support has been anywhere from making connections, to contributing money for materials (dirt, wood, plants), to sponsoring a bus trip of youth to the Delaware State Fair in 2013 to meet with the Governor and learn more about agriculture. There are approximately 70 community gardens and counting in Wilmington and with the help of the DE Urban Farm & Food Coalition, they are building vibrant communities. Dr. Faith Kuehn currently sits on the coalition as a representative for DDA.

Eastside Rising

There are several strategies to the Eastside Rising project, which is being executed through the Central Baptist Church. DDA has been involved with the strategies of community health (see Corner Store initiative below) and economic development. DDA has helped build relationships with farmers from Sussex County to provide a source of fresh fruits and vegetables to Urban Acres, an operation of four farm stands in Wilmington run by Mike Minor from the Central Baptist Church. DDA has

also participated in meetings about creating a Food Hub in the Eastside offering wholesale local food distribution, incubator kitchens, canning facilities and more.

Corner Store Initiative

This project started from the Eastside Rising community health strategy. One of the Rising committee members, Konrad Kmetz, connected with the Philadelphia Food Trust to work on increasing the availability and sales of healthier foods throughout all of Wilmington corner stores – including fresh, local produce. This project is a spinoff from Eastside Rising and has really gained momentum and is moving forward on its own. DDA has matched a planning grant that the group secured through Longwood Foundation, and we also helped the group secure a USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant for the implementation phase.

Kent County Food Innovation District

This is a steering committee through the Kent County Economic Development that is looking at how to maximize the assets of Kent County, specifically agriculture, to develop new markets. The group is partnering with several in Kent County to coordinate some community gardening efforts, especially in Dover. Holly Porter represents DDA on this committee.

Farmers' Markets

There are currently nine farmers' markets within Wilmington. Each year DDA works with market managers to build relationships with farmers, share marketing ideas and promote the farmers' markets throughout the state. A website was established to help promote all farmers' markets and retail operations throughout the state (de.gov/buylocal). DDA has created summer campaigns for the past two years to help market the website and encourage local buying.

DDD Program Enhancements

Farmers' Markets

DDA's marketing department is working with DHSS to implement a WIC Farmers' Marketing Nutrition Program (FMNP) for key farmers' markets. We are also investigating a Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) for the Delaware markets as well. That will continue to assure the availability of fresh produce to low-income families, helping to increase healthy living. DDA and DHSS hope to roll out pilot programs for the next season.

Specialty Crop Block Grant

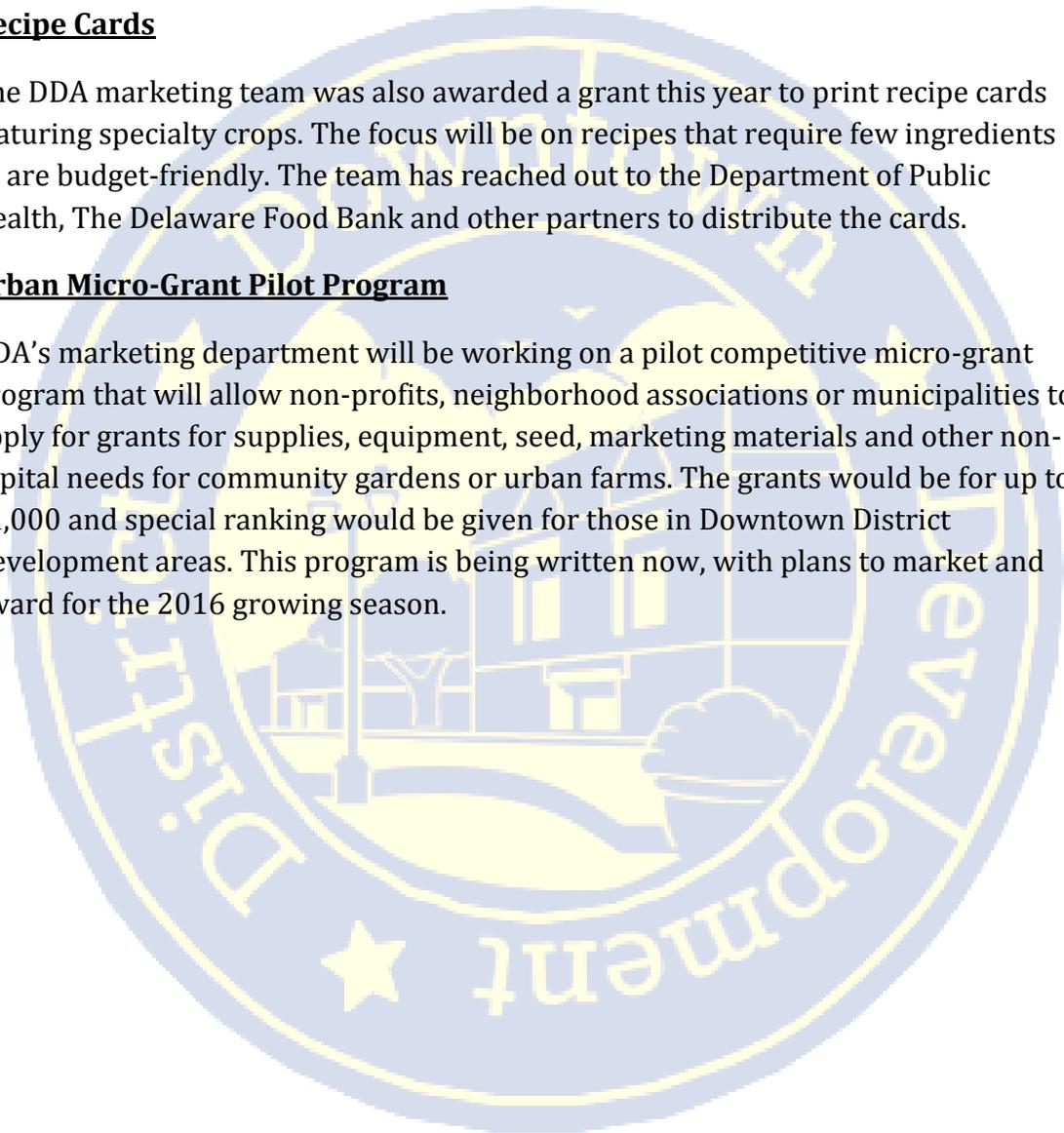
DDA administers this USDA program, and our marketing department continues to promote this grant to any candidates that would help increase consumption of fruits and vegetables and encourage healthy eating in adults and children.

Recipe Cards

The DDA marketing team was also awarded a grant this year to print recipe cards featuring specialty crops. The focus will be on recipes that require few ingredients or are budget-friendly. The team has reached out to the Department of Public Health, The Delaware Food Bank and other partners to distribute the cards.

Urban Micro-Grant Pilot Program

DDA's marketing department will be working on a pilot competitive micro-grant program that will allow non-profits, neighborhood associations or municipalities to apply for grants for supplies, equipment, seed, marketing materials and other non-capital needs for community gardens or urban farms. The grants would be for up to \$1,000 and special ranking would be given for those in Downtown District Development areas. This program is being written now, with plans to market and award for the 2016 growing season.



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DDD Program Enhancements

Incentivize Community Based Program Investments

- A program's location within a DDD can be made a preference for which additional points are awarded in the Request for Proposals scoring process for DSCYF contracts.
- The Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services has two existing programs that are accessible to students living in each of the Downtown Developmental Districts. The first is the K-5 Early Intervention Program which places Family Crisis Therapists into Elementary Schools. The second is the Behavioral Health Consultant Program which places licensed clinicians in Middle Schools. The participating schools in each of the three counties are:
 - New Castle County
 - Stubbs Elementary
 - Bancroft Elementary
 - Bayard Middle
 - Kent County
 - Fairview Elementary
 - South Dover Elementary
 - Central Middle
 - William Henry Middle
 - Sussex County
 - West Seaford Elementary
 - Douglas Elementary
 - Seaford Middle
- The Department works in partnership with DSHA to provide Statewide Rental Assistance Program vouchers for children aging out of foster care and reunification of families involved with DFS. Once the redevelopment of the DDDs has occurred and the housing stock is available we can encourage youth and families to utilize the vouchers for homes/apartments in those areas.
- DSCYF prevention funding (for billboards, etc.) can be targeted to the DDDs.

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Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

Although DOC is not offering incentives specifically directed to the DDD program, the Department administers a number of programs and services we that could be useful in improving public safety and/or quality of life in our downtowns. DOC welcomes the opportunity to share this information on the many programs which to aid DDD's in achieving their goals.

- Attorney General's Violent Crime Task Force/Crime Strategies Unit: Probation & Parole (P&P) assists as needed with the Task Force.
- Attorney General's Proactive Focus Zone (PFZ) on the Eastside Initiative: The AG's Office coordinates targeted visits to areas of concern on the Eastside of Wilmington. The AG's Office, Licensing & Inspections, DATE and P&P assist. P&P has created a Rapid Response Plan for the City of Wilmington. The plan deploys P&P Officers assigned to Operation Safe Streets to the areas where violent crimes are occurring. P&P Officers conduct home visits and warrant attempts on offenders under the supervision of P&P.
- Operation Safe Streets : P&P has four (4) Probation Officers assigned to the Operation Safe Streets Unit in partnership with WPD and a fifth Probation Officer is assigned to Safe Streets carrying a traditional Probationer Case Load. In addition, the P&P Absconder Unit has two Probation Officers assigned to the City of Wilmington to search for probation and Level 4 absconders.
- Delaware Reentry Court Enhanced Supervision Project- Restricted (ESP): Located in Wilmington under Judges Medinilla and Butler, the first client was enrolled in the court in August 2011 under Judge Toliver. The target population for the ESP-R program is moderate to high risk men who are returning to the City of Wilmington after serving at least one year in a Delaware prison. The offenders in the program receive enhanced supervision and enhanced access to services to assist with employment, housing, education, substance abuse, treatment, etc.

P&P participate with the project through our I-ADAPT assigned Probation Officers (PO) as well as the following four (4) PO's assigned to the case management of offenders in the program; 1-Senior PO, 1 - Level III PO, 1-Level IV Home Confinement PO, 1- Level II PO

- HOPE Commission Achievement Center: DOC will assist in screening candidates for the program and P&P Officers will coordinate supervision efforts of those offenders in the program.
- Federal Task Forces: P&P has officers assigned to the FBI Violent Crime Task Force, the DEA Task Force, and the US Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force.



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Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

DEDO can provide limited but meaningful customized technical assistance to support targeted projects in DDD designated communities on an as-needed and budget-permitting basis.

DDD Program Enhancements

While the Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO) does not have funding specific to “special DDD enhancements”, Downtown Delaware (a program of DEDO) works through community partners statewide, including representatives in designated Main Street towns and Commercial District Affiliates, and through whom we regularly initiate and participate in conversations that can lead to facilitation and creation of programs, technical assistance, and incentives that will support projects in DDD designated areas.

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Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

Although the Delaware Department of Education (DOE) is not offering incentives specifically directed to the DDD program, the Department administers a number of programs and services we that could be useful in improving public safety and/or quality of life in our downtowns. DOE welcomes the opportunity to share this information on the many programs which to aid DDD's in achieving their goals.

- Pursuing grant funding to expand and increase nutrition programs for children birth to age 18. For example, the Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, has a long standing partnership with the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Department serves as a sponsor in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) as an At Risk Sponsor. As a sponsor in these USDA Child Nutrition Programs, the city is responsible for the oversight of approximately 40 At Risk feeding sites during the school year which provides afternoon snacks, supper meals, and evening snacks to children participating in enrichment programs after school hours throughout the city. When school lets out for the summer, the city coordinates over 90 feeding sites to feed children who may otherwise go without.
- DOE will work with other agencies including the Office of Child Advocate, Family Court, and DSCYF to build compassionate schools based in evidence-based trauma-informed practices
- DOE plans to continue 21st Century Community Learning Center grants. Currently there are close to 50 program sites in Stubbs Elementary, Lewis Dual Language School, Kuumba Academy, Delcastle and Howard HS, AI HS and AI MS, HB MS, Delaware College Prep, Baltz ES, Mote ES, Warner ES, Highlands ES, Richardson Park ES, East Side CS, and Family Foundations CS and Thomas Edison. There is an annual competitive grant available for schools and community partners to apply, posted in the fall and due in February. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/1058>
- Adult/Education Programs are available in downtown areas of each county as follows:

- New Castle County:
 - ABE/GED classes at the YWCA Home Life Center at 709 N. Madison Street, Wilmington DE (Christina Adult Education)
 - ABE, Career Readiness and Groves High School Classes at the Wilmington Central Library-Inspiration Space at 10th and Market Streets in Wilmington DE (Christina Adult Education)
 - ABE/GED classes at the DOL Fox Valley One Stop Center at 4425 North Market Street, Wilmington, DE (New Castle County Adult Education)
- Kent County:
 - ESL/family literacy services in Dover at South Dover Elementary in the evenings (Polytech Adult Education)
 - ABE/GED classes at Smyrna Public Library (Polytech Adult Education)
 - ABE/GED classes at Dover Public Library (Polytech Adult Education)
 - BE/GED classes at Milford Multicultural Community Center (Polytech Adult Education)
- Sussex County:
 - ESL classes in downtown Seaford and Bridgeville (Sussex Tech Adult Education)
 - ABE and Groves classes in downtown Laurel, Seaford and Bridgeville (Sussex Tech Adult Education)
 - After School programs in Downtown Bridgeville (Sussex Tech Adult Education)
 - ESL Family Literacy classes in Downtown Bridgeville (Sussex Tech Adult Education)

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DDD Program Enhancements

Although DHSS is not offering incentives specifically directed to the DDD program, the Department administers a number of programs and services we believe are useful, or could be useful, in improving public safety and/or quality of life in our downtowns. These programs represent a mixture of:

- “Safety net” or “public benefit programs” that are basic to human existence;
- Emergency assistance programs that provide a bridge for citizens who are temporarily struggling with life’s exigencies;
- Healing programs, particularly those related to substance use disorder and mental health issues;
- Collaborative efforts with other organizations to directly address crime or work to prevent it through education, training, outreach and various other means; and,
- Volunteer/civic engagement of some of our staff who live in urban communities that are afflicted with crime.

DHSS welcomes the opportunity to share this information on the many programs which we believe could aid DDD’s in achieving their goals.

Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

Safety Net Programs

“Safety net” programs are those that provide for the basic needs of the population. Studies show that people living in poverty and unable to provide for themselves or their loved ones with the basics of existence are more likely to fall victim to crimes and/or become involved in criminal acts. Effective use of Safety Net programs can improve life for the whole community.

Health Support Services

- Medicaid

Medicaid represents the largest fiscal program within the Department’s budget. Medicaid is the federal/state health insurance program for those impoverished, including children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. It makes available comprehensive health care benefits to low-income children and adults, including both preventive and acute care services as well as long-term care services and supports.

- Public health services, e.g., WIC, funding for safe drinking water, responding to public health emergencies, Smart Start, Healthy Homes, etc.

The public health team is engaged with advancing positive health outcomes that are population based. These efforts are primarily recognized with immunization campaigns; safe drinking water loans to communities to improve drinking water infrastructure which is critical to maintaining healthy populations; and the State Health Operations Center which was busy during and after Hurricane Sandy to ensure medical support at shelters, activated call center to guide individuals during and after the storm and organized individuals ready to support evacuations of the most vulnerable populations.

Benefit Programs

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – Cash benefit to indigent families with dependents
- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) – nutritional support for low-income families and individuals
- General Assistance (GA) – cash assistance
- Purchase of Care – support for child care for low-income families
- Needy Family Fund assists clients who are eligible for Emergency Assistance Services (EAS) by being an active participant of TANF, SSI, GA or Medicaid

- Utility Fund – Client Assistance assists with paying clients’ utility bills. Funding comes from consumer usage through utility deregulation rules applicable to Delmarva Power

Homeless Outreach and Housing Supports

- Code Purple is a confederation of city, state, non-profit and faith based organizations which provide emergency shelter and services in the city for the homeless. DHSS provides coordination, expanded funding and new in-kind benefits (e.g. blankets and sleeping bags) to support this program.
- Projects in Assistance for Transition from Homelessness (PATH) provides outreach to individuals who are both homeless and who may have a mental illness or co-occurring disorder
- Project Renewal provides services to the homeless in Sussex County
- Oxford Houses provides a network of 37 (and growing) houses for 201 individuals who have a substance use condition and are in recovery and who have jobs and attend programs

Emergency Assistance Programs

Emergency assistance programs provide a temporary “bridge” for Delaware’s citizens who are struggling with a crisis that leaves them unable to meet living needs.

- Child Care Subsidy provides a subsidy for low income workers with children; enrolls children, infants through 12 years, into a childcare program.
- Employment & Training assists unemployed recipients to find jobs
- Adopt-A-Family has been in assistance for more than 30 years, to alleviate crisis and promote independence for Delawareans in need. Sponsors support Year-Round, Back to School and Holiday Programs through tax-deductible donations of household goods, baby supplies, gift certificates and financial assistance
- Community Resource and Assistance Services Program CRAS/CRASP allows each State Service Center Administrator and local Center staff to access donations from community agencies and resources as a result of partnerships they have developed over time; donations are county and locale specific
- Emergency Assistance Services (EAS) provides payments to avoid the destitution of a child or to eliminate an emergency need (i.e. food, shelter, clothing, utilities, etc.) and is funded by the Division of Social Services (DSS)
- Kinship Care Program provides voucher assistance to meet some of the immediate, transitional care needs for infants/children; voucher limit up to \$500 per child; funded through DSS.

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides utility assistance through one time benefits and crisis assistance to prevent weather related health problem
- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) provides furnace repair and replacement and energy conservation measures for households throughout Delaware.

Healing Programs

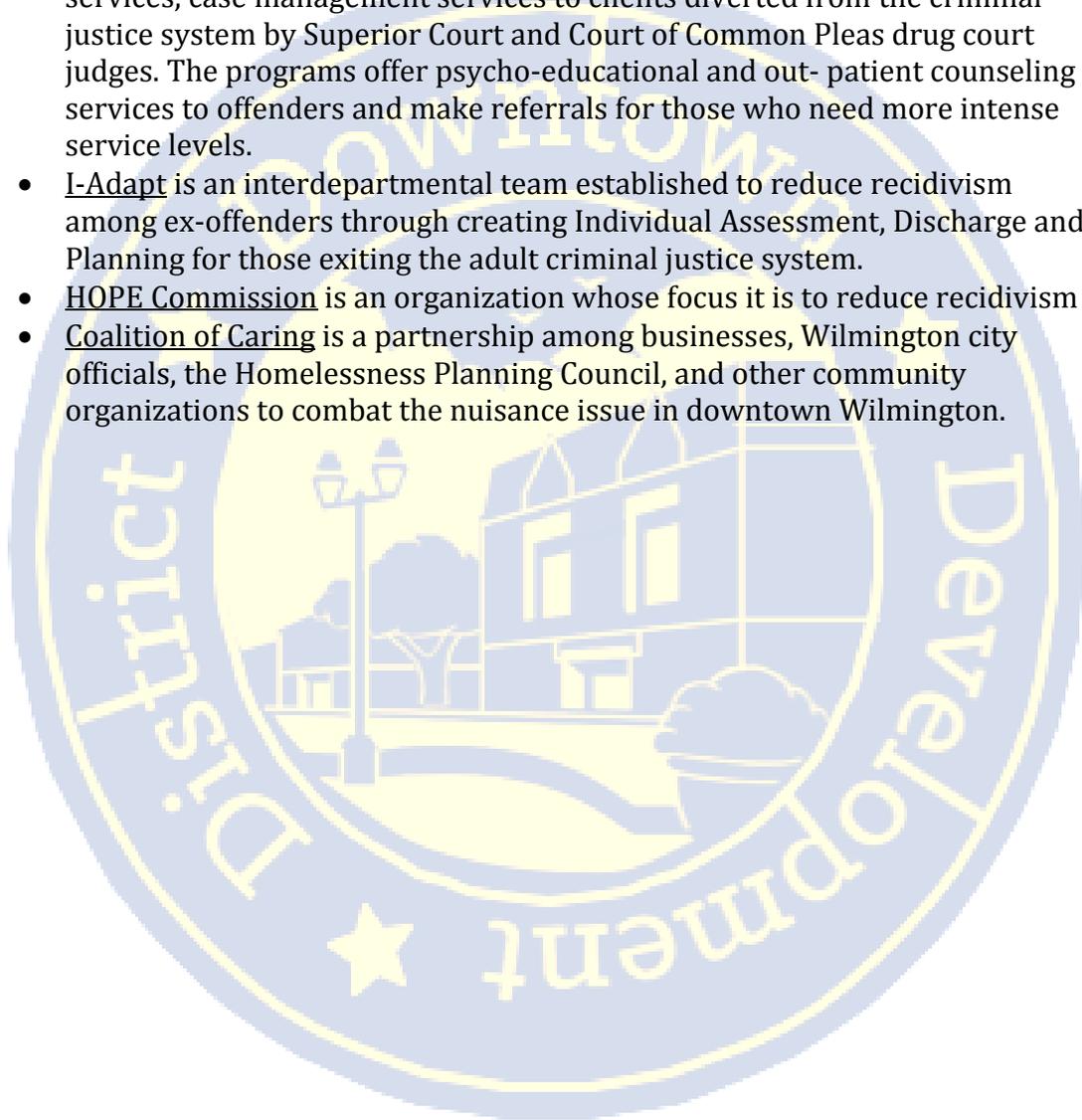
Healing programs primarily focus on mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

- Needle Exchange Program provides clean needles to intravenous drug users which reduces their chances of acquiring chronic health conditions such as hepatitis or HIV. The program also provides treatment services
- DSAMH Crisis Services: Mobile Crisis Intervention Services, Crisis Assessment and Psychiatric Emergency Services (CAPES) and CCCP Crisis Responses. The three primary Crisis Intervention Services help insure that a psychiatric crisis is ameliorated rapidly and those individuals in crisis are promptly connected and engaged to the appropriate services needed.
- DHSS's Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) also provides a full continuum of services to treat substance use disorders. A major new initiative on this issue is currently in the planning stages.
- Delaware Council on Problem Gambling provides a quick gambling screen followed by the more thorough South Oaks Gambling Screen. If the people score high on the SOAG screen, they are provided access onsite to gambling counseling or referred to a gambling program. Gambling prevention and a toll free help line is also available.

Collaborative Efforts

- Family Visitation Centers provide a continuum of services designed to help address custody and visitation issues in families with a history of domestic violence and abuse. Visitation centers are located statewide and offer an appropriate way to provide for safe visitation and exchange, along with flexible visitation alternatives on weekends, evenings and holidays. Individuals are referred by the Family Court.
- Foster Care Greenhouse is a collaborative program between DHSS and the West End Neighborhood House employing adults who have aged out of the foster care system. Statistics show that a significant number of those incarcerated had some level of child welfare intervention, including up to foster care. This program provides meaningful training and employment for those young adults which offers them a chance to break a cycle of abuse/neglect and incarceration.

- Court Programs: The Treatment Access Center (TASC) is the primary liaison between DHSS and the criminal justice system (Superior Court). TASC provides statewide assessment, treatment referral and case management services to individuals with legal affairs as they move through both the criminal justice and treatment systems. TASC coordinates and monitors all Drug Court diversion programs that are funded by DHSS.
- Drug Diversion Programs are community based organizations funded by DHSS to provide an array of education, counseling and urine monitoring services, case management services to clients diverted from the criminal justice system by Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas drug court judges. The programs offer psycho-educational and out-patient counseling services to offenders and make referrals for those who need more intense service levels.
- I-Adapt is an interdepartmental team established to reduce recidivism among ex-offenders through creating Individual Assessment, Discharge and Planning for those exiting the adult criminal justice system.
- HOPE Commission is an organization whose focus it is to reduce recidivism
- Coalition of Caring is a partnership among businesses, Wilmington city officials, the Homelessness Planning Council, and other community organizations to combat the nuisance issue in downtown Wilmington.



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DDD Program Enhancements

The following are incentives DSHA may provide for housing activities being done within the DDDs. This list is not comprehensive and may adapt as we work with the jurisdictions submitting applications and coordinate with the designated DDD jurisdictions to match our program resources to their identified needs.

Incentivize Real Estate Investments

DSHA will administer the DDD Grant program to incentivize transformative private investments in DDDs by providing investors with a rebate of up to 20% of invested hard cost associated with the development of residential, commercial, or industrial real estate.

Incentivize Homeownership Development

DSHA will change Housing Development Fund (“HDF”) policies and application scoring mechanism to ensure that HDF investments are made within DDDs.

- Increase the maximum per unit grant amount from \$35,000 to \$50,000
- Providing prioritization within the scoring points for development incorporated in neighborhood redevelopment plans.

DSHA will focus resources allocated to the Strong Neighborhoods Housing Fund (SNHF) from Settlements or other means on targeted areas that will, by definition, include any designated DDD.

Incentivize Homeownership Financing

DSHA intends to increase the number of families eligible for our first mortgage product by increasing the maximum income limits. In addition to getting a favorable/below-market interest rate, homebuyers using DSHA programs have access to down payment and settlement assistance loans.

- Increase down payment and settlement assistance loan amount (currently at \$8,000 per homeowner / may need to secure additional funding for this program)
- Offer a new mortgage product that facilitates the acquisition and rehabilitation of homes for sale.

Combining this product with the increased down payment and settlement assistance for DDDs could be powerful mechanism for facilitating increased homeownership.

Incentivize the Revitalization of Affordable Multi-family Rental Sites

DSHA intends to ensure that the owners of affordable rental housing stock in DDDs are able to access financing to rehab older units to make them more attractive to renters and ensure they are a positive force in redevelopment efforts.

- Create prioritization for applications for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) that are part of a DDD plan.

Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

Homeownership

Homeownership Development

- Housing Development Fund (HDF) is designed to provide financing for developers through sponsoring agencies. Types of developments that will be considered include, but are not limited to, the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing housing, the adaptive reuse buildings, and new construction.
- Strong Neighborhoods Housing Fund (SNHF) is intended to fund local jurisdictions and non-profit development agencies to acquire, renovate and sell vacant, abandoned, foreclosed, or blighted buildings in targeted areas.

Mortgage Assistance

- Welcome Home/Home Again is a home ownership program that provides first mortgage financing at below-market interest rates to qualified homebuyers.
- First Time Homebuyer Tax Credit is a federal income tax credit designed to help make homeownership more affordable to qualified homebuyers. Homebuyers who elect to use the federal tax credit are eligible to claim a portion of the annual interest paid on their mortgage as a special tax credit.
- Second Mortgage Assistance Loan (SMAL) assists income qualified borrowers in the purchase of their own home by providing down payment and closing cost assistance in the form of second mortgages. SMAL must be used in conjunction with DSHA's Homeownership Loan.

- Advantage 4 grant program assists qualified borrowers in the purchase of their own home by providing down payment and closing costs assistance in the form of a grant equal to four percent (4%) of the first mortgage loan amount.
- Home Purchase Rehabilitation Program assists homebuyer's purchase a home that may need to be repaired, improved, or made more energy efficient. The cost to purchase the home and the costs of repairs (up to \$35,000) are combined into one loan.

Homeownership Rehabilitation

- DSHA administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which offers assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners in Kent and Sussex Counties who need home repairs or handicapped-accessible features.

Foreclosure Prevention

- Delaware Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (DEMAP) is designed to assist Delawareans who are 90 days or more delinquent on their mortgage payments. Reasons for hardship are limited to unemployment or reduction in hours as a result of the down turn in the economy, illness, or injury. DSHA brings the mortgage current with a lump sum payment and makes additional payments for up to 24 months total that allows the borrower to stabilize their financial position.
- Wilmington Senior Tax Assistance Program is designed to assist homeowners in Wilmington who are 62 or older and facing imminent foreclosure due to delinquent property taxes, or sewer and water bills. This program is available in the City of Wilmington.

Rental Housing Creation and Rehabilitation

- The statewide Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program provides a direct federal income tax credit to qualified owners and investors to build, acquire, or rehabilitate rental housing units to rent to working low-income Delawareans. The equity raised through the tax credit investment makes it possible for developers to attract the financing needed to create or restore low-income rental housing.

Other

- The Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) program encourages businesses and individuals who pay Delaware state income taxes to invest in programs serving impoverished neighborhoods or serving low- and moderate-income families. In exchange for a qualified contribution to benefit an approved non-profit program, the NAA provides state tax credits equal to 50% of the investment.

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DDD Program Enhancements

Although DNREC is not offering incentives specifically directed to the DDD program, the Department administers a number of programs and services we that could be useful in improving public safety and/or quality of life in our downtowns. These programs represent a mixture of:

- Renewable Energy
- Energy Efficiency
- Brownfield Clean-up
- Water Quality
- Solid and Hazardous Waste
- Flood Mitigation
- Regulatory Assistance

DNREC welcomes the opportunity to share this information on the many programs which we believe could aid DDD's in achieving their goals.

Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Division of Energy & Climate (DEC): The Green Energy Program provides grant incentives for qualifying renewable energy systems installed in Delaware. In order to qualify for rebates under the Green Energy Program, participant's electricity provider must collect funds for the program and currently offer a grant program for renewable energy projects. Each electric utility company offering rebates through the Green Energy Program has unique program regulations, requirements, program budgets, incentive levels and application forms. For more detailed information about each

program please visit program website:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/services/GreenEnergy/Pages/default.aspx>

- Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Nonprofit, Schools, Local Government, Agricultural, Institutional applicants may be eligible for rebates for use of photovoltaics, wind, geothermal heat pumps or fuel cells using renewable fuels.

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- Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU)/DECSEU buys Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC) for \$0.45\per watt from solar installations up to 50Kw. In exchange the generation owners assign SREC's generate over the next 20 years to the SEU. Residential photovoltaic systems up to 50kW are eligible to generate for SREC procurement.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Energy Efficiency Investment Fund (EEIF) program helps businesses offset upfront costs for energy efficiency improvements and offers two grant/loan options for installation of energy efficiency projects. A prescriptive energy efficiency grant option to install specified efficiency equipment according to a set incentive amount. A custom option is for businesses with complex energy efficiency projects. The fund will not pay more than 30% of a custom or prescriptive project costs and will not exceed \$500,000. Grants are awarded on a first-come first-served basis and the funds are limited. Non-residential electric or natural gas consumers located in Delaware that pay the Delaware Public Utility are eligible. Energy Assessment rebates and Installation of energy efficiency projects that achieve a simple payback of not more than ten years and not less than one year. Efficiency measures include but are not limited to: Efficiency improvements to thermal barrier, mechanical insulation, HVAC, lighting, and controls Efficiency improvements to process equipment such as air compressors, motors, pumps, variable frequency drives and Retro-commissioning. Contact Patty Murray, Patricia.Murray@state.de.us, (302) 735-3480
- Low-interest loans for installation of energy efficiency measures that, in turn, lower their bills while reducing the environmental impacts of energy production, delivery and use. Applicants need an energy audit that includes a detailed project description as well as documented energy savings. Projects are reviewed on a case by case basis. Commercial, Industrial, Nonprofit, Schools, Local Government, Agricultural, and Institutional applicants are eligible. Contact: Ed Synoski, Edward.Synoski@state.de.us, (302) 735-3358
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a free service that is designed to reduce energy costs for low-income families by improving the energy efficiency of their home. Grant funds are provided by the U.S. Department of

Energy and state sources for administering the program. Residential home owners, low-income housing developers and owners, and home renters are eligible to apply for direct grants to install energy efficiency and home weatherization measures. Contact: Rob Underwood, 302-735-3480, Robert.Underwood@state.de.us

Clean Transportation:

The Delaware Clean Transportation Incentive Program provides grants and rebates for Delawareans, Delaware counties and municipalities, and Delaware businesses for the purchase of new alternatively fueled vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations.

Providing public electric vehicle charging stations in downtown development districts can encourage travel to downtown locations and help support the local economy. Rebates of \$500 are currently available for the purchase of Level 1 and Level 2 charging stations. In addition, this program offers rebates of up to \$2,200 for purchase or lease of electric or plug-in hybrid mid-sized passenger vehicle; rebates of up to \$1,100 are available for dedicated natural gas or propane mid-sized passenger vehicle. Individuals are limited to one rebate, while fleets are limited to five rebates. Municipalities are encouraged to take advantage of these rebates to provide charging services to an increasing number of electric vehicle drivers and to add alternative fueled vehicles to their fleets.

Funding for this program is provided through Delaware's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). More information can be found at www.de.gov/cleantransportation or by contacting Kathy Harris at (302) 735-3480 or Kathleen.Harris@state.de.us.

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP

- Site Investigation and Restoration Section (SIRS) supports brownfield clean-up with a variety of programs. Contact: Tim Ratsep, 302-395-2600, Timothy.Ratsep@state.de.us
 - Grant assistance to non-profit entities, local governments, and prospective owners by becoming a Brownfield Developer;
 - Grant and loan assistance to prospective brownfield developers;
 - Loans to owners of potentially contaminated properties to serve a public purpose by protecting groundwater or surface water supplies, or sediment quality.

- SIRS staff can tour neighborhoods at the request of local governments and community groups to identify properties that are potentially Brownfields. Once confirmed, these sites can be added to our Brownfields Inventory for marketing. Contact: Christina Wirtz, 302-395-2600, Christina.Wirtz@state.de.us
- SIRS can conduct at the request of local governments a community groups a limited number of site histories (Preliminary Assessments) and possibly take actual soil samples (Site Inspection) to determine if a site is contaminated using Federal grant funding. Any site may be eligible, but the request must be submitted through the State's annual grant application to EPA. Contact: Tim Ratsep, 302-395-2600, Timothy.Ratsep@state.de.us

WATER QUALITY

- Green Infrastructure loans for are available for projects at below market interest rates. Interest rate subsidies and/or principal forgiveness may be provided based on the affordability of the project. Wastewater facilities and other green infrastructure, water efficiency, energy efficiency or environmentally innovative projects are eligible. Contact: Greg Pope, Greg.Pope@state.de.us, 302-739-9941
- Stormwater Infrastructure loans are available for stormwater infrastructure projects at below market interest rates. Interest rate subsidies and / or principal forgiveness may be provided based on the affordability of the project. Projects with water quality benefits are eligible. Contact: Greg Pope, Greg.Pope@state.de.us, 302-739-9941
- Leaking Storage Tank Remediation loans provide a source of low interest financing for protecting the State's groundwater supplies by rehabilitating underground storage tank systems. Eligibility is open to owners or lessees of underground storage tank facilities that need rehabilitation in order to meet regulatory requirements and where the applicant demonstrates the ability to repay the loan. Eligible projects provide the following:
 - Upgrade and/or retrofit underground storage tank systems to include the installation of leak detection, spill containment, overflow protection, and/or corrosion protection on any underground storage tank system;
 - Removal or abandonment of underground storage tank systems; provide maintenance and monitoring of contaminated project sites;
 - Remediation of sites contaminated as a result of a release from an underground storage tank system;
 - Investigation and assessment of contaminated sites;
 - Restoration or replacement of potable water supplies;
 - Emergency response and initial site hazard mitigation.

Contact: Jill Hall, jill.Hall@state.de.us, 302-395-2500

- Community Water Quality Grants program is designed to assist municipalities, government agencies, and non-profit organizations with implementing projects or programs within Delaware's developed landscape to improve water quality in designated impaired watersheds consistent with specific plans developed for watershed improvements. Programs and projects selected will demonstrate innovative and sustainable methods, techniques, and/or practices for water quality improvements with cost effective and measurable results. State or municipal government, agency or program, non-profit organization, educational institution, community organization, homeowner's association applicants are eligible. Grants are for projects or programs within Delaware's developed landscape to improve water quality in designated impaired watersheds consistent with specific plans developed for watershed improvements. Contact: Sharon Webb, Sharon.Webb@state.de.us, 302-739-9922 or visit <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fab/Pages/Community-Water-Quality-Grants.aspx>

SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Recycling programs support the statewide universal recycling law and offers grants, loans, business sector recycling toolkits, and technical assistance. Government, commercial, and non-profit applicants are eligible for grants and loans to increase the recycling rate. Contact: Bill Miller, 739-9403, Bill.Miller@state.de.us
- Waste Reduction program conducts free waste assessments to help participants understand Best Management Practices (BMPs) and navigate service options related to waste streams. Government and commercial applicants are eligible for technical assistance to increase the recycling rate, reduce waste generation, and cut costs. Contact: Bill Miller, 739-9403, Bill.Miller@state.de.us

FLOOD MITIGATION

Delaware's Flood Mitigation Program provides flood-related assistance to individuals and communities for the purpose of reducing the state's vulnerability to flood damages. Information is provided on available flood studies, and assistance is provided to help individuals and communities assess their flood risk at a particular location. Specifically, the program helps communities comply with floodplain standards including Delaware Executive Order 41 flood avoidance guidance. . It also assists individuals and communities obtain funding for projects which reduce vulnerability to flooding. Contact: Michael Powell, (302) 739-9921, Michael.Powell@state.de.us

REGULATORY ASSISTANCE

DNREC Regulatory Assistance provides an opportunity for developers or business owners seeking to relocate or expand within the state to consult with DNREC agencies about environmental permitting and design considerations. The RAS provides a one-stop-shop for information about necessary permits and regulations. Both public and private sector applicants are eligible for technical assistance. Contact: Michelle Jacobs, 302-739-9069, Michelle.Jacobs@state.de.us



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DDD Program Enhancements

Historic Preservation Tax Credits

The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs administers the state historic preservation tax credit program. This program is authorized at \$5.0M in tax credits annually. A portion of the rehabilitation costs for eligible projects may qualify for state historic preservation tax credits. Eligible projects must include buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places and must adhere to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation. (Note: A building may be listed on the National Register either individually or as part of a National Register District.) Projects for income-producing properties may receive up to 20% in credits for allowable rehabilitation expenses; residential projects may receive up to 30% in credits for allowable rehabilitation expenses. Income-producing projects may also be eligible for additional federal historic preservation tax credits.

The \$5.0M in historic preservation tax credits are available as follows:

- Pool A: Projects in DDDs with an expected tax credit of more than \$300,000: \$1.0M in tax credits available.
- Pool B: Projects in DDDs with an expected tax credit of less than \$300,000: \$500,000 in tax credits available.
- Pool C: Projects in Non-DDD areas with an expected tax credit of more than \$300,000: \$2.0M in tax credits available.
- Pool D: Projects in Non-DDD areas with an expected tax credit of less than \$300,000: \$1.5M in tax credits available.

All credits are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that on April 1st of any fiscal year, all unused tax credits in Pools A through D are available for use by any project, regardless of size and regardless of DDD status.

Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Review

The Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs serves as a reviewer and point-of-contact with all applications made to the National Park Service under the federal historic preservation tax credit program.

Certified Local Government Program

The Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs operates a Certified Local Government program, which certifies that local government have met the standards related to historic preservation set forth by the National Park Service. Upon designation, all Certified Local Governments are immediately eligible for annual funding for historic preservation activities through the Division.

National Register of Historic Places Technical Assistance

The Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs provides technical assistance with parties interested in applying for recognition on the National Register of Historic Places.

A multi-purpose garden housed at Herman Holloway Campus in Newark and began in 2010. This project was a partnership with Dr. Faith Kuehn in DDA's Plant Industry and DHSS. The garden offers a weekly farmers' market, a community supported agriculture (CSA) program, and therapeutic attributes for the residents of the Campus.

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DDD Program Enhancements

Enhancing Home Performance with Energy Star Program

This program is being offered to any property that is a residence or has mixed use residence and commercial building space (four units or less and the commercial space must be 2500 SF or less), within the designated Delaware Downtown Development Districts.

The program is designed to improve comfort, energy efficiency, durability and safety. Rather than focusing on a single problem, such as an inefficient heating and cooling system or drafty windows, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR looks at how improvements throughout your building can work together to make your entire building more comfortable and save you money. Participating properties will follow the general requirement that an energy audit be conducted by one of the program's participating contractors, through which a prioritized scope of work will be generated. The following direct install measures will be offered and installed as a part of this program: CFLs, smart strips, faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads and pipe insulation wrap.

The program will offer a \$50 audit for residential or mixed-use buildings. To complete the energy efficiency upgrades and be eligible for incentives, a test-out conducted by the participating contractor will be required to verify the proper installation of the measures and safety of the property. For projects that include commercial spaces, applicable incentives will need to be applied for separately, through the Energy Efficiency Investment Fund (EEIF) Program.

The following rebates will cover up to 75% of the cost for participants who implement the following audit recommendations:

	Incentives – 75% up to
Home Energy Audit – Customer pays \$50	\$ 350
Air Sealing 20% Improvement	\$ 900
Air Sealing 30% Improvement	\$ 1,200
Duct Sealing 20% Improvement	\$ 900
Add R-20 Attic Insulation	\$ 1,000
Add R-30 Attic Insulation	\$ 1,200
Knee Walls	\$ 400
Crawlspace Wall Insulation	\$ 800
Floor Insulation (open crawl)	\$ 800
Rim Joist	\$ 200
Wall Insulation (min 50% of walls)	\$ 2,000
Heat Pump Tier 1: ≥ 14.5 SEER and ≥ 12 EER and ≥ 8.2 HSPF	\$ 600
Heat Pump Tier 2: ≥ 16 SEER and ≥ 13 EER and ≥ 9 HSPF	\$ 900
Central AC Tier 1: ≥ 14.5 SEER and ≥ 12 EER	\$ 400
Central AC Tier 2: ≥ 16 SEER and ≥ 13 EER	\$ 700
Mini-Split	\$ 600
Furnace Tier 1: ≥ 90 AFUE	\$ 400
Furnace Tier 2: ≥ 94 AFUE and ECM Blower Fan	\$ 700
Boiler ≥ 85 AFUE	\$ 1,000
Heat Pump Water Heater from Electric Resistance	\$ 800
Heat Pump Water Heater from Fossil Fuel	\$ 800
Natural Gas/Propane Tankless Domestic Water Heaters	\$ 800

In addition to rebates, low-interest loans are available for financing the improvements.

Here is a link to the program that describes more about what it does

<http://www.energizedelaware.org/Home-Performance-with-Energy-Star/>

Existing Programs to Further DDD Initiatives

Low-Interest Loan Program for Businesses and Non-Profits

The SEU will provide direct low-interest loans to businesses, non-profits, and governments for the purpose of financing ECM's. Loans can range between \$25,000 and \$1 Million. Loan terms are based on payback of the efficiency measures. Rates

can vary from 50% to 120% of the AA 20 year municipal bond index. The borrower must be credit qualified. <http://www.energizedelaware.org/Efficiency-Plus-Business-Program/>

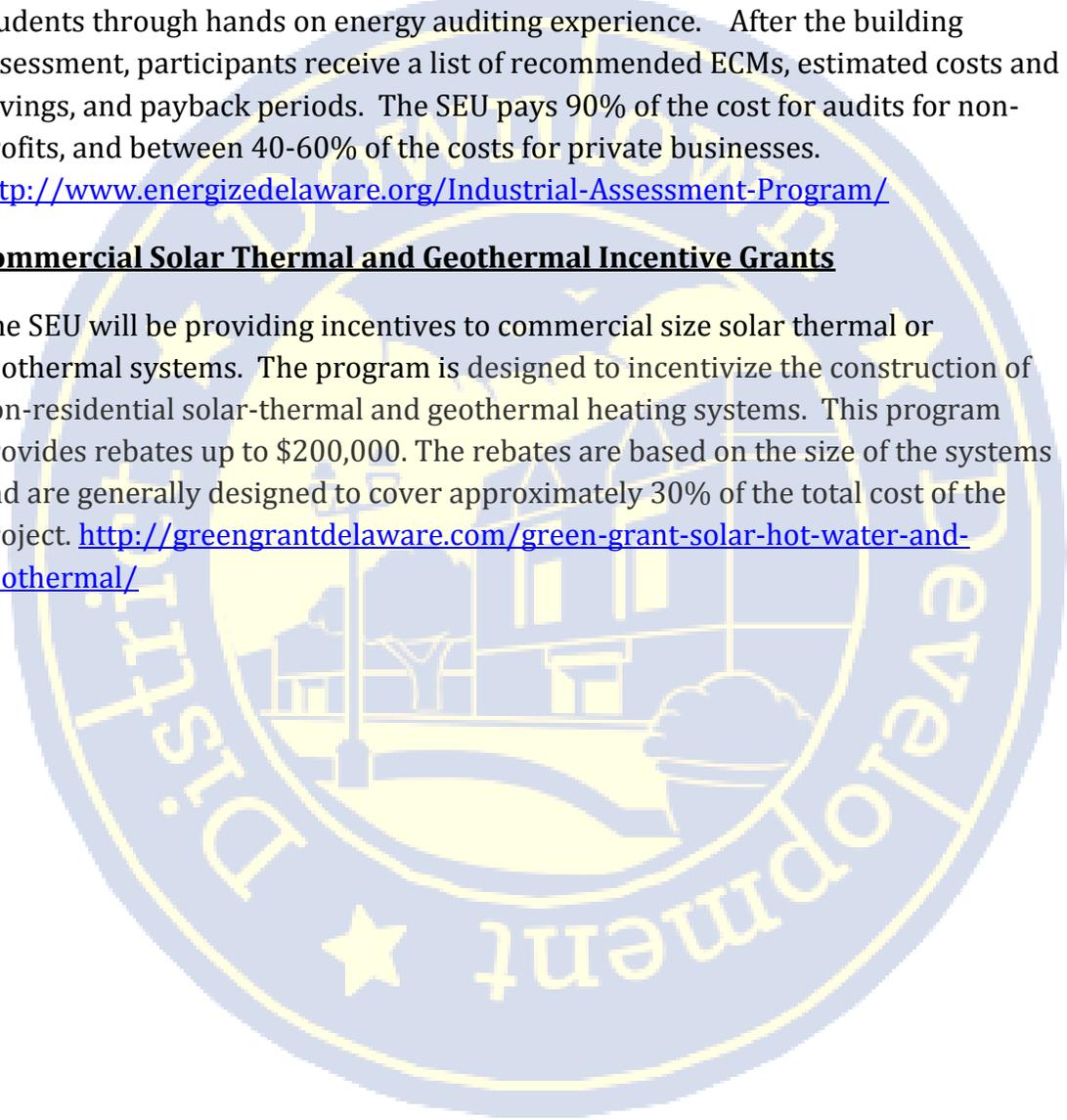
Energy Assessments for Non-Profits, Businesses, and Local Governments

The SEU is subsidizing Energy Audits performed by the University of Delaware's Industrial Assessment Center. This program also serves to train UD graduate students through hands on energy auditing experience. After the building assessment, participants receive a list of recommended ECMs, estimated costs and savings, and payback periods. The SEU pays 90% of the cost for audits for non-profits, and between 40-60% of the costs for private businesses.

<http://www.energizedelaware.org/Industrial-Assessment-Program/>

Commercial Solar Thermal and Geothermal Incentive Grants

The SEU will be providing incentives to commercial size solar thermal or geothermal systems. The program is designed to incentivize the construction of non-residential solar-thermal and geothermal heating systems. This program provides rebates up to \$200,000. The rebates are based on the size of the systems and are generally designed to cover approximately 30% of the total cost of the project. <http://greengrantdelaware.com/green-grant-solar-hot-water-and-geothermal/>



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Existing Programs to Further DDD

Planning Assistance

The Division of Planning within DelDOT is available to assist with identifying and incorporating transportation facets into the overall planning of the DDD area and into the individual developer driven projects. This will allow these improvements to be incrementally completed and coordinated with any capital project the department may be planning.

Expedited Reviews

DelDOT's Division of Planning and Public Works sections will expedite any review and/or permit process for any development plans within a designated DDD that require DelDOT approval. This expedited review could consist of reviewing a plan under the Letter of No Contention process which would allow for approvals to be received within three weeks.

Transit

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) is available to assist with identifying transit and multi-modal options that could be incorporated into the DDD area. Expansion of an existing route, creation of a new line and/or coordination of a transit center are all things that could be considered.