

**GRANT ANALYSIS FORM
OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

Department/Division: CITY DEVELOPMENT

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Category of Request

- New Grant
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Project/Program Title: Civic Best Practices Grant

Grantor Agency: Greater Milwaukee Foundation

Grant Application Date: 6/1/2011 **Anticipated Award Date:** 7/1/2011

Please provide the following information:

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

This grant program provides seed money for government agencies to explore “best practices” in solving a local government problem. DCD applied for a grant to allow travel to two cities (Cleveland and Baltimore) to investigate successful vacant lot reuse programs.

2. Relationship to Citywide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

DCD is responsible for the management and marketing of property that comes into City ownership through property tax foreclosure. At present, the City owns approximately 2,000 vacant lots, and as the rate of tax foreclosure increases, the vacant lot inventory is likely to increase. This grant will allow a partnership involving DCD and community organizations to explore alternative uses for vacant lots that serve the interests of the neighborhoods in which they are located and contribute to the City’s sustainability and storm water management goals.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

There will be no fiscal or operational impact on other City departments.

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

DCD will evaluate the vacant lot reuse strategies used in Baltimore and Cleveland, to determine whether such strategies could be implemented successfully here. DCD will prepare a report of findings to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and, if there is opportunity to do so, work with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to secure additional private funds to implement such strategies locally.

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-out Plan:

7/10/11 through 12/10/11

6. Provide a List of Subgrantees:

N/A

7. If Possible, Complete Grant Budget Form and Attach to Back.