



# City Manager's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 28, 2022

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

**FROM:** Suzanne Groneman, Sustainability Program Manager  
Jackie Bryant, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** City of Reno selected under LEED for Cities Government Leadership Program

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In February 2022, the City of Reno applied to be part of the 2022 LEED for Cities Government Leadership Program. On March 11, 2022, the United States Green Building (USGBC) notified Staff they chose the City of Reno through a competitive application process. Applications were evaluated on various criteria including:

- demonstrated need;
- leadership support;
- commitment to data driven decision-making;
- staff capacity;
- alignment with climate, equity and resilience goals;
- and coordination with other local initiatives.

This program will provide the City with a liaison to assist with the LEED for Cities certification process, as well as pay the cost of the registration and recertification for the LEED for Cities designation.

The City of Reno is currently LEED Certified through the USGBC. The City uses the certification to attract grants, identify and implement high-impact practices, and direct resources to the greatest areas of need. The certification allows the City to benchmark our performance against national and global standards, improve the quality of life for our citizens, make data-driven decisions, and demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and resilience. Through this new program and recertification process, the City will seek a “Silver” certification level which is higher than the current level of *LEED: Certified*.

The USGBC will publicly announce this news later this week.