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There are several issues that should be addressed in the next draft of the 2008 documents:

1) Reduce the number of "shell" applications by limiting the number of threshold exhibit cures to five(5) per application. The applicant can decide which cure forms are the most critical to their project but typically they will be ability to proceed exhibits. Limiting the number of threshold exhibit cures would require the applicant to provide a more complete and correct application at the original application deadline. This should result in fewer shell applications since it is difficult to compile multiple competitive applications by the initial deadline.

The manner of how the staff counts a threshold exhibit cure could be determined on an exhibit basis; for example, a document exhibit or form may need mutiple corrections but that would count for only one threshold exhibit cure. Those threshold exhibits that are not available at the time of intial submission would be allowed to be cured as well as long as the total number of them when combined with those that need correcting does not exceed five.

Without an application limit, the only other meaningful way to reduce shell applications would be by increasing the number of threshold items in the Rule that cannot be cured.

2) Require all new construction projects to maximize their scoring (35 points) Features and Amenities including Green items. This would help end the current abuse by certain SAIL applicants who wait until the cure period to commit to certain scoring items once they know they can win funding without achieving maximum points.

Thanks.

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