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FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES

MUNICIPAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

THIS PROGRAM RECOGNIZES INNOVATIONS AND EXCELLENCE IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

The Florida League of Cities Municipal Achievement Awards program provides municipalities the opportunity to receive deserved recognition for outstanding and innovative efforts in four categories:

**ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP**

**LOCAL
ACTION**

**PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT**

CATEGORIES



Economic Advancement Award

This award focuses on a city program that supports, highlights, or partners with a city's local business community to improve the economic well-being of a city.



Environmental Stewardship Award

This award focuses on a city program that promotes environmental sustainability, improves, and protects environmental conditions or provides environmental education and outreach programs within a city.



Local Action Award

This award will be given to a city for a specific, single citywide effort that successfully addresses a local need.



Public Engagement Award

This award focuses on a city program that builds a more vital, participative community. The program develops civic awareness, increases education and knowledge of local government functions or promotes active participation among their residents, businesses, and visitors.

AWARD CRITERIA

1. Objectives: What were the program's goals?
2. Implementation and Outcomes: How were the program's objectives accomplished? Were the desired goals met? If so, what were the outcomes?
3. Challenges: What challenges or constraints did your city encounter during the development or implementation of this program, and how did you address them?
4. Measurable: How did you measure the program's success?
5. Innovative: Why do you feel this program was a creative way to meet your objectives?
6. Adaptable: Can this program be used in other cities?

NOMINATION MATERIALS

1. Narrative (no more than 1,200 words maximum): Answer all six criteria questions listed above in 1,200 words or less.
2. Summary (no more than 150 words maximum): Summarize your nomination in 150 words or less.
3. Letter of recommendation: Include a letter of recommendation from the Mayor, Council/Commission, or Clerk/Manager.
4. Supporting materials: Please include any newspaper articles, data, pictures, etc., that support your narrative.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Your nomination must include a 1,200-word or less narrative, a 150-word or less summary, a letter of recommendation, and supporting materials.
2. Include word counts at the end of the narrative and summary.
3. There should be no photos or supplemental materials within the narrative or summary.
4. Supporting material (newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.) is limited to 20 pages.
5. **The deadline to submit entries is March 27, 2026.**
6. Entries will now be submitted online at flcities.com/awards. All nomination materials should be combined into a single PDF document. No mailed, faxed, or emailed submissions will be accepted.

CHECKLIST

Use the checklist below to make sure the nomination packet is complete. Each nomination should include:

- ☐ Letter of recommendation from the Mayor, Council/Commission, or a Clerk/Manager
- ☐ Summary of 150 words or less (with word count)
- ☐ Narrative of 1,200 words or less answering each award criteria (with word count)
- ☐ Supporting materials

RULES

1. The 1,200-word-or-less narrative must answer each criteria question.
2. A municipality may submit one nomination in the following categories: Economic Advancement, Environmental Stewardship, Local Action, and Public Engagement. Each nomination must be for a different project.
3. This program is open to Florida cities, towns, and villages that are current members of the Florida League of Cities.
4. A municipality that has already won can submit a new project in the same category after five years. (Please visit flcities.com/awards for a list of past winners).
5. Your nomination will not be judged if your nomination does not meet the instruction and rule requirements. Judges reserve the right not to award a winner in every category.

The judges' decision is final, and all material received becomes the property of the Florida League of Cities, with permission to use it perpetually and universally in any manner deemed appropriate by the League.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced in May 2026.
Winners will:

1. Receive a **Muni** trophy at a local council/ commission meeting
2. Be featured in the Quality Cities statewide magazine and Quality Cities Live Webinar series
3. Receive one comp registration to the League's Annual Conference from August 13-15, 2026, in Hollywood

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS...

ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AWARD

City of Jacksonville, Small and Emerging Business (JSEB) Certification Program



The City of Jacksonville's JSEB program supports local emerging businesses by connecting them with capital, education, and contracting opportunities. To ensure equitable access to resources, JSEB has facilitated more than 50 outreach events across all 19 districts of Jacksonville. Over the past two years, the number of JSEB-certified businesses has doubled, with participating companies earning more than \$106 million in city contracts. The program's five-pillar approach, focused on legislation, education, community, capital, and contracts, offers a replicable model for economic development.

LOCAL ACTION AWARD

City of Oldsmar, Oldsmar Support Services Alliance



The City of Oldsmar created this program to coordinate relief among local nonprofits, churches, businesses, and volunteers. The Alliance mobilized over 430 volunteers, served nearly 12,000 meals, and provided direct support to nearly 5,000 households. This collaborative response has since been adopted into the city's emergency operations plan as a model for future disaster resilience and is scalable for cities of any size.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

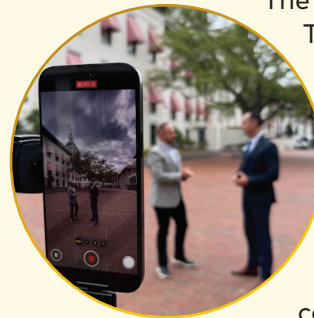
Village of Pinecrest, Everglades Earth Cycle Project



The Village of Pinecrest's award-winning sustainability initiatives include a free community composting program that has diverted over 90,000 pounds of food waste from landfills, a USDA-funded Everglades Earth Cycle project in partnership with the Miccosukee Tribe, and Floating Flower Islands that naturally filter pollution in local waterways. These programs combine environmental innovation with community engagement, offering a model for cities of all sizes and proving that measurable and adaptable environmental solutions can emerge from small municipalities to create regional impact.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD

City of Jacksonville Beach, "Take 2 Tuesdays"



The City of Jacksonville Beach's Take 2 Tuesday is a weekly two-minute video series that simplifies city topics from lifeguard recruiting to code enforcement and shares them on social media. With more than 60,000 views and consistent public interaction, the low-cost, in-house series has become a trusted platform that connects residents with their local government in a clear and consistent way that meets today's communications challenges with authenticity and clarity.





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