

2024

The Florida League of Cities
is pleased to announce the
16th Annual

FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**THIS PROGRAM RECOGNIZES INNOVATIONS AND
EXCELLENCE IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

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

**LOCAL
ACTION**

**PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP**

**ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT**



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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. Measurable:** How did you measure the program's success?
- 4. Innovative:** Why do you feel this program was a creative way to meet your objectives?
- 5. Adaptable:** Can this program be used in other cities?

NOMINATION MATERIALS

- 1. Narrative (no more than 1,200 words maximum):** Answer all five 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.

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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 29, 2024.**

6. **NEW TO 2024:** Entries will now be submitted online at flcities.com/about-pages/award-programs/florida-municipal-achievement-awards. All nomination materials should be combined into a single PDF document. No mailed, faxed or emailed submissions will be accepted.

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. The Florida Municipal Achievement Awards 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/about-pages/award-programs 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 deadline to submit entries is March 29, 2024. Winners will be announced in May 2024.

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.

CHECKLIST

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

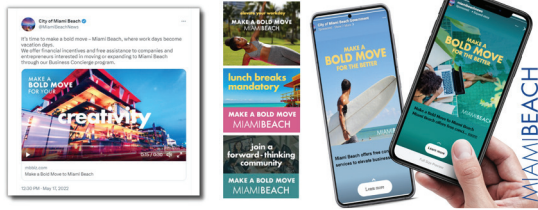
- Letter of recommendation from the Mayor, Council/Commission or a Clerk/Manager
- Summary of 150 words or less (with word count)
- Narrative of 1,200 words or less answering each award criteria (with word count)
- Supporting materials

Congratulations to the 2023 Florida Municipal Achievement Award Winners...

Economic Advancement Award

THE CREATIVE

Reinventing the boardroom concept, welcoming you to your new office from anywhere (poolside!) and inviting you to elevate your workday.



City of Miami Beach, Make a Bold Move

The Economic Advancement Award recognizes a city program that supports, highlights or partners with a city's local business community to improve the economic well-being of a city. The City of Miami Beach's winning entry, Make a Bold Move, is a business attraction campaign highlighting why Miami Beach has become an attractive location for entrepreneurs and businesses seeking to expand their operations or establish new ones.

Local Action Award



City of Dunedin, Gladys E. Douglas Preserve

The Local Action Award recognizes a city for a specific, single citywide effort that successfully addresses a local need. The City of Dunedin's winning entry, Gladys E. Douglas Preserve, is a collaboration between the City, Pinellas County and the community to protect the largest remaining natural area in the County. More than 1,700 individuals donated their time, efforts and monies to preserve this environmentally sensitive area.

Environmental Stewardship Award

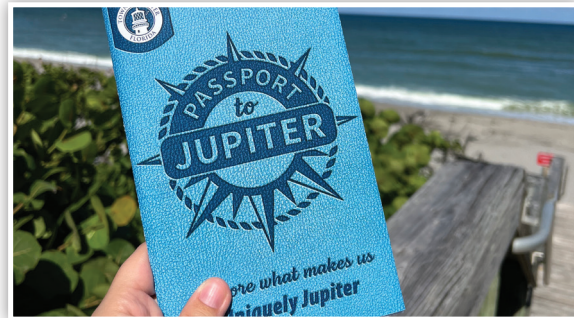


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City of Groveland, Dark Sky Initiative

The Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes a city program that promotes conservation, improves and protects environmental conditions or provides environmental education and outreach programs. The City of Groveland's winning entry, Dark Sky Initiative, is a partnership between the City, residents and businesses committed to reducing light pollution. Groveland is the first Dark Sky Community in Florida designated by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA).

Public Engagement Award



Town of Jupiter, Passport to Jupiter

The Public Engagement Award recognizes 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 residents, businesses and visitors. The Town of Jupiter's winning entry, Passport to Jupiter, encourages residents and visitors to visit locations in the Jupiter area to drive public engagement. Using a passport, participants visit 30 of the 71 locations and bring their passport to the Jupiter Town Hall to receive a prize.