

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM/PHONE: Thomas Willi, Town Administrator (954) 797-1030
SUBJECT: Resolution

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR THE ALL-AMERICAN CITY AWARD.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The All-American City Award celebrates vibrant, resourceful communities where neighbors pitch in together. Receiving the Award can provide tremendous benefits to the Town, such as: reinvigorating civic pride, creating new jobs, and enhancing the Town's tax base. Also, businesses look to relocate to municipalities who have received the award, recognizing that they are good places in which to live and work.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: not applicable

CONCURRENCES: not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? no

If no, amount needed: \$ \$475 application fee

What account will funds be appropriated from: Office and Miscellaneous

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution

Attachment(s): resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR THE ALL-AMERICAN CITY AWARD.

WHEREAS, the All-American City Award is America's oldest and most prestigious community recognition award; and

WHEREAS, the All-American City Award recognizes exemplary grassroots community problem solving and is given to communities that cooperatively tackle their challenges and achieve results; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, the All-American City Award has encouraged and recognized civic excellence, honoring communities of all sizes in which citizens, government business and voluntary organizations work together to address their critical local issues; and

WHEREAS, applying for the All-American City Award offers an opportunity for a community to examine their strengths and possibilities, to explore local resources and to create innovative solutions to their problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie authorizes the Town Administrator, or his designee, to apply for the All-American City Award.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

All-America City Award



CITIES, TOWNS, COUNTIES, NEIGHBORHOODS AND REGIONS

Application and Instructions

2002

America's Most Prestigious Community Recognition Award

1949 - 2002



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All-America City Award 2002

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The National Civic League invites you to apply for America's oldest and most prestigious community recognition award.

THE ALL-AMERICA CITY (AAC) AWARD, now in its 53rd year, recognizes **exemplary grassroots community problem solving** and is given to communities that cooperatively tackle their challenges and achieve results. The Award celebrates vibrant, resourceful communities where neighbors pitch in together; communities with a diverse collection of talents and people who do not dwell on the problems of the past, but focus instead on the opportunities of the present and possibilities for the future.

For over 50 years, the All-America City Award has encouraged and recognized **civic excellence**, honoring communities of all sizes (cities, towns, counties, neighborhoods and regions) in which citizens, government, businesses and voluntary organizations work together to address their critical local issues.

Completing the AAC application requires **cooperation and collaboration**. It offers an opportunity for a community to examine their strengths and possibilities, to explore local resources and to create innovative solutions to their problems.



Benefits

Winning the All-America City Award, or being selected as an AAC Finalist, can provide tremendous benefits to your community:

- ★ **New jobs, local investment and an enhanced tax base are concrete gains in many winning communities.**
- ★ **Individuals and businesses looking to relocate seek out AAC Winners and Finalists, recognizing that they are good places in which to live and work.**
- ★ **The Award reinvigorates civic pride. People are proud to live in an All-America City and they work hard to live up to the name.**
- ★ **The application process itself presents a valuable opportunity for communities to evaluate themselves and foster new community partnerships.**



All-America City Award Criteria

- Participation of the public, private and nonprofit sectors and key constituencies to the maximum extent possible.
- Recognition and involvement of diverse segments and perspectives (ethnic, racial, socio-economic, age, etc.) in community decision-making.
- Creative use and leveraging of community resources.
- Significant and specific community achievements.
- Projects that address the community's most important needs.
- Cooperation across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Clear demonstration of project results and impacts (i.e. dollars raised or number of people affected).
- Projects which have significantly improved the community within the last three years and have the potential to continue improving the quality of life.
- At least one project must document ways in which the lives of children and youth have been tangibly improved.

The Selection Process

"The All-America City application process re-invigorates a community's sense of pride. It totally changes the mindset of the community so that problems that seemed insurmountable before don't seem so bad. It changes 180° the way communities deal with problems."

- Dinah Hart, Coordinator
Tallahassee, Florida
1999 AAC Steering
Committee

- For a community to qualify, a **completed All-America City Award application must be filed by 5:00 p.m. (MST) Mountain Standard Time, March 28, 2002**. Each applicant is asked to describe its strengths and weaknesses in detail.
- An All-America City Screening Committee of public and civic affairs experts will convene in Denver, Colorado to select 30 Finalist communities.
- Each Finalist will be invited to send a delegation to the AAC Awards, tentatively scheduled for June, 2002, in a city to be announced. During this stage of the process, the National Civic League will conduct field verifications of each of the Finalist communities to confirm the accuracy of the application.
- During the Awards, Finalists will make ten-minute formal presentations and answer questions for an additional ten minutes before the AAC Jury. The AAC Jury includes national leaders from the public, private and non-profit sectors, representing national, state, regional and local organizations with an interest in citizen action.
- Based on the communities' presentations, their applications and the field verifications, the AAC Jury will announce ten winners at the AAC Awards Ceremony, during the evening celebration of the event.

The All-America City Award is a program of the National Civic League

Helping to Building Community



National Civic League

Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, the National Civic League (NCL) is celebrating its 107th year as a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening citizen democracy by transforming democratic institutions. NCL accomplishes its mission through assisting communities engaged in civic renewal, facilitating mutual support and learning, fostering innovative community building and political reform, technical assistance, training, publishing, research, and the All-America City Awards, the nation's oldest and most prestigious community recognition program. For more information about any National Civic League programs, visit www.ncl.org, call (800) 223-6004 or email ncl@ncl.org.

Award Program Rules and Procedures

Eligibility

Any community may enter. A community may be an incorporated city, town, or village; a neighborhood within a large city; a county; a region comprised of two or more cities and/or counties; or a rural region with common but not necessarily formal ties.

Obtaining the Application

For your convenience, for 2002 you can obtain the application in either electronic or paper formats. With the electronic formats, you can answer to questions inside word processor files and print the results using your own printer without filling in preprinted paper forms.

The application consists of two parts: instructions and questions. The question part, filled in with your answers for your community, is submitted to NCL (see "Submitting the Application," following).

To obtain the application and the instructions in electronic and/or paper formats, do any of the following:

- Download both the application instructions and questions as a PDF (Portable Document Format) file from NCL's website at www.ncl.org/NCL/aac.htm. *This version is meant to be viewed on screen using Adobe Acrobat Reader and to be printed for future reference.*
- Download the application questions as a Microsoft Word or an ASCII (text-only) file from NCL's website at www.ncl.org/NCL/aac.htm. *These files will enable you to answer the questions directly in each file without retyping the questions.*
- View both the instructions and the questions online using your web browser at www.ncl.org/NCL/aacapp.htm.
- Request the application instructions and questions in paper format from NCL by e-mail to esmith@ncl.org, or by phoning NCL at 303-571-4343.
- Request all of the above (including a B&W paper copy of the application and instructions) plus:
 - An 8-page summary of 1999 Winners and Finalists as a PDF (Portable Document Format) file
 - The 116-page 1998 All-America City Yearbook as a PDF file
 - The 78-page 1997 All-America City Yearbook as a PDF fileon a CD-ROM for \$12 shipping and handling. The 1998 and 1997 Yearbooks document the AAC Winners and Finalists of those years in words and many photos. (Printed and bound Yearbooks are available from NCL for \$10 for 1998 and \$10 for 1997, and printed Yearbooks from 1990-1998 are also available for \$10 each.)

