



# League of Minnesota Cities/GreenStep Cities Sustainable City Award | 2025

## OVERVIEW

The League of Minnesota Cities is accepting nominations for an award that recognizes sustainability efforts of cities participating in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.

## EVALUATION

Evaluators will make decisions based on the extent to which the program/project/initiative helped the city achieve its sustainability goals AND how it accomplished one or more of the following criteria:

- Improved the general quality of a city service.
- Developed an effective or innovative way to solve an old or common problem or challenge.
- Demonstrated a financial benefit to the city.
- Significantly involved city residents in its development and implementation.
- Provided leadership in a local or regional collaborative.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD

- Any city currently participating in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that has achieved Step One or higher is eligible.
- Non-winning entries from previous years can be resubmitted for consideration, if all eligibility requirements are met.

## ENTRY PROCESS

Send an entry packet via email or USPS mail that includes an entry form, completed essays that are described on the entry form, and any relevant supporting materials. Please note that entry materials submitted by mail cannot be returned.

## WINNING ENTRY

A first-place award, including a cash prize of \$1,000, will be presented to the winner.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

Completed entries must be submitted or postmarked by **April 21, 2025**.

Electronic submissions are encouraged.

Please note that, by submitting your entry, you are granting the League approval to use your entry for promotional purposes.

## Send via email to:

Don Reeder at [dreeder@lmc.org](mailto:dreeder@lmc.org)

## Send via mail to:

Sustainable City Award  
Attn: Don Reeder, Public Affairs Coordinator  
League of Minnesota Cities  
145 University Avenue West  
St. Paul, MN 55103-2044

## Questions?

Contact Don Reeder at [dreeder@lmc.org](mailto:dreeder@lmc.org) or (651) 215-4031.



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## ENTRY FORM

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**Please submit the following information for each entry.**

Name of city: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of project: \_\_\_\_\_

List one or more of the program's 29 best practices that were involved in this project:

Contact person/title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please provide a brief program/project description (budget, timeframe, goals, collaborations, etc.) of approximately 250 words.
2. In addition to your project description, please describe in 500 words or less how this work helps the city achieve its sustainability goals AND how it accomplished one or more of the following criteria:
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3. If appropriate, please include any relevant supporting documents (reports, proposals, photos, brochures, maps, newsletters, newspaper clips, charts, graphs, etc.).

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