## 2021 All-America City Awards Building Equitable and Resilient Communities



#### About

Established in 1949, the All-America City Award is given each year by the National Civic League to ten communities in recognition of their outstanding civic accomplishments. The award recognizes the work of communities in using inclusive civic engagement to address critical issues and create stronger connections among residents, businesses and nonprofit and government leaders.

## Inclusive and Community Driven

The program celebrates innovation and excellence in a range of American communities – from small towns and tribes to cities, counties and regions. The smallest towns and largest cities compete on equal footing – judged on the impact of their work and excellence of their engagement, not reputation or size. Leaders from local government, nonprofits, libraries, and youth have all led their communities to apply.



# Benefits of Winning the Award

"I couldn't begin to imagine how exciting and rewarding the All-America City Award process was until our city participated. You'll learn more about your community than you know now and realize how people of all backgrounds can join forces for a common goal and experience a life-changing event."

- Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development, Eden, NC

## **Examples of other community benefits are:**





Increased ability to solve problems together Love of community and civic pride

Connections with other communities Greater equity in community services

Collaboration