

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Maryland Municipal League's 2022 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS COMPETITION

Making Maryland Municipalities More Resilient

The 2022 MML Achievement Awards theme is *Making Maryland Municipalities More Resilient* and will honor cities and towns that have successfully implemented programs and policies that have contributed to ensuring that their municipality has measurably strengthened its ability to remain resilient against future challenges ranging from public health to climate change to economic and fiscal uncertainty. Municipal resilience is commonly defined as "the capacity of a city (individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems) to survive, adapt and thrive no matter what kinds of chronic stresses or acute shocks they experience." What has your community done to ensure that it will continue to thrive no matter what threat we will face in the next five to ten years and beyond?

Entries must be for programs that have been successfully operating for at least one year during the time period March 1, 2020 to March 1, 2022. A municipality may submit only one entry. The three population categories for this award program are:

- Up to 3,000 population
- 3,000 to 10,000 population
- Over 10,000 population

Winners will be announced in the May/June issue of *Municipal Maryland*. Awards will be presented at the summer conference in Ocean City and/or virtually. A short article on each award-winning program will appear in the May/June issue of *Municipal Maryland*.

Judges. The Maryland Municipal League is pleased to have faculty from the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy judging this year's entries. Please note that the judges have the authority to withhold an award in any category if no entry is exceptional.

Preparing the Entry. Keep your entry simple and clear. **Entries must be submitted electronically.** Each entry should be typed using a 12-point font, double-spaced, and should not exceed three pages. A cover page (on municipal letterhead) indicating the name of the program, population category, municipality, and bearing the contact information for the chief elected official is required. Entries must be emailed to the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy from a municipal official. The cover page must also include a 100-word summary of the project and indicate the name and daytime phone number of a contact person within the city. An appendix including photographs (in jpg format), art or newspaper article scans may be attached to the entry but is limited to six additional pages.

The entry should describe your municipality's project or program and answer the following questions:

- Why was the project or program needed? How was this determined?
- How was the program created/executed? Who was involved?
- What is the future challenge or opportunity it addresses?
- What costs are involved?
- Who benefits?
- Is the program innovative in other ways?
- Can you demonstrate tangible results?
- Can other municipalities implement a similar program?

Grammar and good writing style will be considered by the judges.

Deadline. All entries must be submitted electronically to mmlawards@umd.edu by 12 noon on March 1, 2022.