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## Wege Small Cities Sustainability Best Practice Award

While large cities often have more resources to act, small cities – with populations under 100,000 – often do not. The Wege Award provides **\$7,500** to one Cities Initiative member city, with a population smaller than 100,000, to facilitate the protection of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River and to further improve the quality of the water resource for future generations.

Submit a sustainable and meaningful project that balances economic, social, and environmental aspects within the community that could be used as a best practice inspiration to other cities.

Submissions are due electronically by **May 23, 2022**. Submissions will be reviewed and the winner will be announced on **July 1, 2022**. The award winner will be expected to return to the Annual Meeting in 2023 with a report on their use of the award monies. This will ensure accountability, development of best practices, and education for other cities pursuing sustainable best practices within their communities.

### Submission Guidelines:

- Prepare a 500-word description of a new or existing project that clearly characterizes **economic vitality, social equity, and environmental stewardship**. The project must also contribute to **community impact** on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence water resources. The program must be one that is **currently** operating.
- You may select as many programs within your city as you wish to nominate, but a separate submission must be completed for each program you submit.
- Include a cover sheet describing why the project should be considered for the award and what the community will do with the \$7,500 grant award.
- Electronic submissions in PDF format are required.
- Provide your contact information, phone, and email.
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Send submissions electronically to:

Kyle Hills at [kyle.hills@gslcities.org](mailto:kyle.hills@gslcities.org) with the subject line “2022 Wege Award.”

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