Florida League of Mayors Announces Winners of City Catalyst Grants

Grants awarded to Cities of Hampton, Largo, Quincy and Sunrise

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida League of Mayors, an organization for Florida’s mayors, founded and developed by Florida’s mayors, recently announced the recipients of its annual City Catalyst Grants program. Working in partnership with Business Watch, the Florida League of Mayors developed the Catalyst Grants program to support projects or initiatives that help build community and/or help to enhance the lives of citizens in a city. This year’s program focused specifically on COVID-19 efforts.

“The City Catalyst Grants program provides much-needed support for the important work Florida cities are doing to improve their communities,” said Kevin Ruane, mayor of the City of Sanibel and immediate past president of the Florida League of Mayors. “That’s especially true this year, though, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We’re proud to support the work Florida’s cities are doing as they lead their communities through these difficult times, and we hope these grants help. Congratulations to this year’s recipients.”

The 2020 City Catalyst Grant recipients and their projects are:

- City of Hampton – “City Parks.”
- City of Largo – “Largo Public Library Home Delivery.”
- City of Quincy – “Mayor’s Free Face Mask Campaign.”
- City of Sunrise – “Compassionate Call Center.”

A panel of former Florida League of Mayors presidents who are no longer in elected office, as well as members of Business Watch, judged the applications for the grants. The Catalyst Grants, awarded in increments from $500 to $1,500, can be matched by cities financially or in the form of community support, such as volunteer hours.

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