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### GREEN CITY AWARDS

The Green City Awards recognize local governments that encourage physical activity, energy conservation and environmental benefits through community design and management. The awards will profile best practices that local governments can review and adapt to make their communities greener and healthier.

Selection criteria include:

- **Triple Bottom Line:** demonstrating how social, environmental and economic values are integrated in a community's long-term planning, reflected in items such as official community plans, master water plans or transportation plans;
- **Liveability and Demographics:** demonstrating how a local government is addressing issues that may affect specific demographic groups, for example, through smart design and planning answering the needs of an increasingly aging population – or demonstrating support for ActNow BC by promoting healthier, more active lifestyles within a community.
- **Climate Change:** demonstrating proactive efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change;
- **Innovation and Transferability:** providing examples that other local governments can learn from and apply in their communities and that showcase B.C. communities internationally.

This direct award program provides \$500,000 annually over the next five years for awards in eight categories:

Award Category by Population	Amount
0 – 1,499 .....	\$25,000
1,500 – 4,999 .....	\$25,000
5,000 – 9,999 .....	\$25,000
10,000 – 24,999 .....	\$50,000
25,000 – 99,999 .....	\$100,000
100,000 + .....	\$200,000
Regional District – Local Area .....	\$25,000
Regional District – Regional .....	\$50,000

Eligible recipients are municipalities and regional districts. Each municipality may submit one nomination per year. Each regional district may submit one nomination in each of the two regional district categories. The latter two categories are based on initiatives in unincorporated communities in electoral areas, and initiatives covering all communities within a regional district, including municipalities.

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