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Florida League of Cities Announces Municipal Race to Zero Scholarship Recipients

22 municipalities from across the state receive scholarships to join the Florida Race to Zero cohort

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TALLAHASSEE, FL – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, celebrating its 100th anniversary as the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, today announced that 22 municipalities will receive scholarships to join the Florida Race to Zero cohort, a friendly competition between municipalities to showcase how they are leading the way to carbon neutrality. The scholarships are provided by the League and will allow the selected municipalities to access the technical assistance and expertise of national and regional organizations.

“Our state is no stranger to climate impacts,” said **FLC Executive Director/CEO Jeannie Garner**. “The League has seen many cities working to address those impacts in their local communities, but we also recognize that many local governments lack sufficient resources and support to do the same. That’s why we decided to offer these scholarships, to help those cities on their path to sustainability. And supporting Florida’s cities, towns and villages is our top priority at the League, so we’re thrilled to be able to provide this assistance.”

The scholarship recipients will join a Florida Race to Zero “cohort” – a structured, technical assistance training program that will guide participants toward tangible results. Each city will receive assistance with conducting greenhouse gas inventories, developing science-based targets, developing and implementing an action plan, reporting results and more.

The municipalities receiving League scholarships are:

- City of Apopka
- City of Boca Raton
- City of Bowling Green
- City of Cape Coral
- City of Coconut Creek
- City of Cooper City
- City of Coral Gables
- City of DeLand

- City of Delray Beach
- City of Key West
- City of Lake Worth Beach
- City of Miramar
- City of Mount Dora
- City of Oakland Park
- City of Pompano Beach
- City of Sanibel
- City of St. Petersburg
- City of Stuart
- City of Sunny Isles Beach
- Town of Havana
- Village of Miami Shores
- Village of Tequesta

This training cohort will allow cities to carve out their path to carbon neutrality and officially join the international cities' Race to Zero program to rally leadership and support from businesses, governments and investors for a healthy, resilient and decarbonized global economy. As part of the Florida cohort, the cities will develop a baseline inventory of local greenhouse gas emissions, create capacity to act among city staff and elected officials, expand climate action to include adaptation and resilience, as well as set a 2030 science-based target and identify high-impact actions that align with the global Race to Zero campaign.

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices," which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida's communities. For more information, visit flcities.com.