[](http://www.building-strong-communities.com/)

The FMEA Building Strong Communities Awards Program recognizes cities and utilities offering extra services to their local community, other than those services normally supplied. Cities and utilities will be recognized during the luncheon at our [Energy Connections Conference](https://www.flpublicpower.com/events/energy-connections-conference) on November 7, 2023 in Orlando.

The following is a list of possible programs, although we encourage you to include others you believe may be appropriate. All eligible events and programs should have occurred between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

1. **Programs that improve the environment:**
2. Tree distribution
3. Sponsor/road clean-up
4. Renewable resource demo projects
5. Grocery cart returns

II. **Community Education**

1. Public power
2. Career day
3. Plant tours
4. Job shadowing
5. School safety programs
6. Mall/events promotional
7. School calendars

III. **Charitable Donations**

1. United Way involvement
2. Share program
3. Homeless support
4. Low cost/no cost fix-up for low-income households
5. Senior citizens
6. Extension programs
7. Special causes

IV. **Crime Prevention**

1. Crime watch

B. Security lighting

C. Radio watch

D. Spouse/child abuse

E. Self-defense

V. **Special Programs**

1. In-kind contributions, services construction
2. Annual festivals
3. Military recognition
4. Ball field/playground lighting
5. Christmas parade
6. Donation of equipment, computers, trucks, poles for playgrounds
7. Beyond-the-call mutual aid
8. Blood mobile
9. Lights at school bus stops
10. COVID response
11. Volunteerism

Please indicate 1-2 programs or contributions that you would like FMEA to highlight in recognition efforts. When emailing or uploading your form, please attach any photos, news articles, or social media posts that reference these programs so we might use them in generating a press release(s).

**Florida Municipal Electric Association**

**2023 Building Strong Communities Awards Evaluation Form**

City/Utility: Contact:

Email: Phone:

Shipping address (if not attending ECC):

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| **Name, brief description of program** | **Estimated number**  **of customers reached** |
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List any events or programs that occurred between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

Feel free to attach photos, materials, brochures, social media posts, presentations or links for any/all programs.

Return via email to [ebendele@flpublicpower.com](mailto:ebendele@flpublicpower.com), upload using [this Dropbox link](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/hmaiphtsuqkq7gt61ahts/h?rlkey=2c9x70kvw7ruzy7ycomz4iwn5&dl=0), or fax to (850) 224-2831.