About NCL

The mission of the National Civic League is to advance civic engagement to create equitable, thriving communities. We achieve this by inspiring, supporting and recognizing inclusive approaches to community decision-making. Founded in 1894 by a group of civic leaders that included Theodore Roosevelt and Louis Brandeis, the National Civic League is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. Today, more than ever, the work of the National Civic League is critical to helping create vibrant and healthy communities and a strong democracy.

The National Civic League applies civic engagement principles through key programs [documented as goals in this StratML rendition]

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National Civic League (NCL)

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Vision
A country where the full diversity of community members are actively and meaningfully engaged in local governance, including both decision making and implementation of activities to advance the common good.

Mission
To advance civic engagement to create equitable, thriving communities

Values
Civic Engagement: We believe civic engagement is critical to achieving success in addressing issues including:
- Inclusion
- Diversity
- Community
- Democracy
- Decision-Making
- Environmental Sustainability
- Youth Leadership
- Education
- Health Equity
- Racial Equity

Housing: Strategies and Opportunities -- Housing policies and approaches sit at the heart of local efforts to address equity. This webinar features presentations from: Cashauna Hill, executive director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, and Phil Eide, senior vice president of community and economic development at Hope Enterprise Corporation. They will discuss efforts to involve the public in addressing housing needs, as required by the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing provision, and strategies to leverage resources to create affordable housing developments in underserved areas.
1. Community Assistance

Recognize and celebrate communities that tackle challenges through inclusive practices and achieve inspiring results.

**Stakeholder(s)**
- Communities

National expertise to support your local engagement efforts National Civic League facilitates strategic planning processes, community engagement trainings, and development of local engagement plans and materials- helping local governments and institutions engage and involve residents in ways that lead to tangible outcomes. The National Civic League consults with communities in a variety of capacities, including:

1.1. Strategic Planning
- **Consult on resident-led strategic planning**
- **Stakeholder(s):** Residents

1.2. Trainings
- **Lead local engagement trainings to increase institution’s internal engagement capacity**

1.3. Guides, Plans & Tools
- **Partner with local communities to develop specific conversation guides, engagement plans and other relevant tools**

1.4. Engagement Plans
- **Consult on the development of organizational and community-wide engagement plans**
- **Stakeholder(s):** Organizations, Communities

1.5. Coaching & Support
- **Offer civic engagement coaching and support for local leaders**
- **Stakeholder(s):** Local Leaders
2. Awards & Events

Recognized and celebrated the best in American civic innovation

Since 1949, the National Civic League has recognized and celebrated the best in American civic innovation with the prestigious All-America City Award. The Award, bestowed yearly on 10 communities (more than 500 in all) recognizes the work of communities in using inclusive civic engagement to address critical issues and create stronger connections among residents, businesses and nonprofit and government leaders. CELEBRATING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT — The All-America City Award shines a spotlight on the incredible work taking place in communities across the country. By celebrating the best in local innovation, civic engagement and cross-sector collaboration, the All-America City Awards remind us of the potential within every community to tackle tough issues and create real change.

2.1. Equity & Resilience

Recognize communities that have worked to improve equity and resilience

The 2021 All-America City Awards will be held virtually, June 4-6, 2021. This year’s theme is “Building Equitable and Resilient Communities.” As such, the 2021 awards will recognize communities that have worked to improve equity and resilience. Equity is the fabric that allows communities to achieve broad-based economic prosperity and other goals. Resilience enables communities to face challenging times by not only preserving what makes their community great but adapting and growing stronger. Both qualities depend on inclusive civic engagement.
3. Research & Publications

*Serve as a clearinghouse for information and other resources in the field of civic affairs*

The National Civic League has been a clearinghouse for information and other resources in the field of civic affairs since 1912. Our expertise is found in promptly responding to the needs of both residents and community leaders. Many of our resources are available for free to members.

3.1. National Civic Review

*Publish a quarterly journal*

The National Civic Review, the quarterly journal of the National Civic League, is one of the nation's oldest civic affairs journals.

3.2. Promising Practices

*Maintain a database with summaries of projects from All-America City winners and finalists*

Promising Practices Database — The database includes summaries of projects from All-America City winners and finalists.

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