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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **2019 Innovation in Governance Award Program**

Trenton, NJ (November 20, 2019) The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities continue to recognize *Innovation in Governance* through their annual awards program. The awards are presented as part of the Mayors' Lunch and Executive Briefing Wednesday, November 20, during the Annual League Conference in Atlantic City.

This award program was established to highlight exemplary local government programs that provide innovative and practical approaches to solving municipal problems and concerns. At the same time, we share these innovative approaches with municipal leaders throughout the state at the Annual New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference, and through the National League of Cities' "Best Practices" database.

The 2019 judges were: League Past Presidents Paul Maticera and Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu; Division of Local Government Services Director Melanie Walter; and, New Jersey State League of Municipalities Executive Director, Michael J. Darcy, CAE.

The program invited applications describing any type of innovation undertaken by municipalities in the past 16 months. The participants responded with a range of submissions that underscore the variety of challenges municipalities solve.

#### **The 2019 Innovation in Governance Awards go to:**

Town of Westfield: [The Westfield Rink](#)

Township of Weehawken: [North Hudson Partnership](#)

Middletown Township: [Tax Dollar Receipt Calculator](#)

#### **The 2019 Honorable Mentions are:**

Borough of Glassboro

Township of River Vale

Town of Newton

Township of Wyckoff

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