

# Chip in and help Chandler cross finish line in All-American City competition

Chandler could be the next All-American City. But it needs the community's help.

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The city is seeking sponsorships to make its case for the

award. Chandler was nominated by the National Civic League for curbing underage drinking, providing health care to needy children and being a good steward of natural and municipal resources.

But the prospects of winning the

award have not blinded city officials, who still have fiscal responsibility to residents. They want to use donations instead of tax dollars to pay for the trip.

The award could serve as an economic-development tool to show prospective businesses and industries that Chandler works hard to overcome adversity and build prosperous neighborhoods. The more businesses and industries that call Chandler home, the more sustainable the city becomes, with a healthy tax base and good-paying jobs.

The city is the only one in Arizona to be nominated this year. But the contest is far from over — 26 other communities across the U.S. are vying for the award.

More than \$12,000 has been raised but around \$30,000 is needed to cover the trip. That is an ambitious goal in this economy. But Chandler is no stranger to challenge.

The city has worked with ICAN's underage-drinking task force to help combat the problem.

It has provided medical attention and

immunizations to more than 51,000 uninsured children in 15 years through the Chandler CARE Center, thanks to medical, dental and other professionals who donate their services.

And it built a multipurpose development to house a police substation, the Environmental Education Center and a water-recharge facility, demonstrating its commitment to using natural and municipal resources wisely. The community can help the city further that cause by donating to the trip at [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov).