

## All America City Award

### Application details

El Paso submitted an award application outlining three community projects that addressed the community's most pressing challenges. This year 27 cities were named as finalists who will send a delegation to Kansas City in June to make a live presentation to a panel of judges.

**Citizen Involvement Goal Project:** Over the last five years, the City of El Paso has seen a substantial shift in the relationship between the organization and citizens at-large. Now more than ever, both the residents of this great city and its municipal government are working together through collaborative efforts and with a genuine civic fervor.

**Storm Water Sustainability:** Though El Paso is an oasis in the Chihuahuan desert, seeing on average over 300 sunny days a year, the city was struck a severe blow when torrential rains tore through the borderland in July 2006. What appeared to be an insurmountable task, in the end, provided El Pasoans peace of mind and assurances that their drainage and stormwater infrastructure needs would be effectively met.

**Dia de los Ninos / Dia de los Libros:** Every year in April, the Parks and Recreation Department and El Paso Public Library work with a myriad of community organizations to organize and plan this free event for the community. The goal of Día de los Ninos / Dia de los Libros is to provide El Pasoans and visitors alike a dedicated, special day to celebrate children, literacy and health regardless of social, cultural or economic background.

El Paso is the only city in Texas vying for this award this year. Ten All-America Cities will be announced on June 18 by the National Civic League.