

**Chandler Receives Prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Award**  
*Ten Winning Communities Receive State Environmental Award and Share \$2 Million in Prize Money*

Chandler, Tx April 6, 2023 – Chandler has been recognized as one of ten winners of the 2023 Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) for outstanding community improvement. Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), has awarded the GCAA to Texas communities for over 50 years. This year, the ten winning communities will share \$2 million in landscape funding from TxDOT; Chandler will receive \$110,000 for a landscaping project to be completed by TxDOT along a state-maintained right-of-way.

The Governor's Community Achievement Award is one of the most coveted annual environmental and community improvement honors in Texas. A community's environmental program is judged by a group of diverse, multi-sector judges on achievements in seven environmental and community improvement areas: public awareness and outreach, environmental education, beautification and community improvement, litter prevention and cleanup, solid waste management, litter law and illegal dumping enforcement.

The city of Chandler, population 3,400, is a Gold Star Affiliate of KTB. KCB sponsors recycling projects, street and river clean-ups, and beautification projects. Members work with Chandler Elementary and Chandler Intermediate to provide hands on environmental projects and distribute educational materials at public events. The group works closely with the city government and local organizations to address issues that promote a better quality of life for citizens. A KTB member since 1997, Chandler won this award in 2003.

The GCAA program has recognized outstanding communities since 1969, with TxDOT providing landscaping award funding since 1985. Chandler will be honored during KTB's Annual Conference, which will take place in Houston, TX from June 26 through June 28, with an awards dinner and presentation on the evening of June 28. Other winning communities include Collinsville, Nolanville, Henderson, Dickinson, Lake Jackson, Burleson, Pflugerville, McAllen, and Frisco.

To learn more about GCAA and this year's winners, visit [ktb.org/gcaa](http://ktb.org/gcaa).

**About Keep Texas Beautiful**

Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) is a non-profit organization dedicated to making Texas the best place to live, work, and play! Our mission is to inspire and empower Texans to make their communities clean and beautiful. We provide resources for community improvement projects, clean-ups, and youth engagement efforts across the state. Our Keep Texas Recycling program provides technical assistance, education, and access to markets to increase recycling in rural and underserved communities.

Everything we do is focused on mobilizing volunteers to take action by providing them with tools, resources, and training. Our fieldwork includes research on best practices for litter reduction along with the development of community programs to prevent the flow of litter to the Gulf of Mexico.

Founded in 1967, Keep Texas Beautiful's work is driven by its network of affiliate members, communities, volunteers, and supporters that span the state, and reach 17 million Texans annually.

For more information and to find your closest affiliate, visit [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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