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# NEWS RELEASE

## Durango selected to participate in 2021 LEED for Cities Leadership Program

**Durango, CO:** The city of Durango is among 15 communities nationwide selected to participate in the 2021 [LEED for Cities](#) Local Government Leadership Program. Through the Leadership Program, the city will receive technical and financial support to achieve certification through the LEED for Cities international framework for measuring and tracking action on climate, resilience and social equity. The framework is administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, creators of the LEED green building rating system.

“Participating in the LEED for Cities Leadership Program will enable the city of Durango to take stock of community-wide sustainability and establish benchmarks against which to track progress,” said Imogen Ainsworth, city of Durango sustainability coordinator. “LEED certification will complement the city’s sustainability plan update that is currently underway by helping to identify key performance indicators and celebrate successes achieved to-date.”

LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - is the most widely used green building rating system in the world and expanded in 2018 to include cities and communities. Durango became LEED certified in 2018 and will recertify using the updated [LEED for Cities framework](#). Through the 2021 Leadership Program supported by Bank of America, the city will receive technical assistance, educational resources and peer-to-peer networking opportunities. The program also waives the city’s U.S. Green Building Council membership, registration and certification fees.

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