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## Florida Civic Advance announces the launch of its Civic Excellence Awards Recognizing Innovative Intergenerational Civic Engagement Initiatives

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Jeff Johnson, Chair of the Florida Civic Advance (FCA) Coordinating Council and State Director, AARP Florida, announced the first FCA Civic Excellence Awards. "We believe there are many innovative, yet unsung, civic initiatives taking hold in Florida's communities that are improving civic life and increasing citizen involvement. We want to recognize, share and replicate these civic excellence initiatives and showcase them at our December 12-13, 2019 FCA Summit at St. Petersburg College-Seminole Campus."

In 2019 the FCA will be recognizing intergenerational (IG) civic excellence initiatives that address a community and civic need, involve multiple generations and offer the potential for replication in other communities in Florida. We are interested in IG civic innovations that focus on one or more of the following areas:

Community IG Planning	IG Civic Shared Sites and Spaces	IG Housing Communities
Local Government IG	IG Initiatives by Schools	IG Leadership and
Advisory Councils	Libraries and Universities	Volunteer Training

The program will also offer recognition for innovative Citizen Engagement with Local Government initiatives, and Voter Education and Civic Service initiatives. The online application platform for the three areas of civic practice is at: <u>https://fca-fsu.us.fluidreview.com</u>. **The deadline for applications has been extended to July 15, 2019** 

Intergenerational Civic initiatives that are selected to receive the FCA Civic Excellence award recognition will become a part of a statewide network committed to strengthening and increasing civic engagement and civic life in Florida's communities.