Accessible Cities Award

# Please answer the below questions to the best of your ability. Feel free to provide supporting documentation, including data, pictures etc., where possible. Consider both public and private sector places and spaces within your municipality.　In recognition of the commitment to long-term accessibility, RHF is excited to announce that this year's chosen city will be awarded an Access4All Barrier Buster grant of up to $30,000 for an accessibility infrastructure improvement and associated awareness event of the winning recipient's choice. For details on this grant visit www.rickhansen.com/access4all.　The application deadline is 11:59pm PST on March 31, 2017.

# Municipality name:

# Approximate population:

# Mayor:

# Contact name of applicant on behalf of the municipality:

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# Evaluation

# Vision & Planning:

Please describe the extent to which your municipality embraces and encourages the long-term planning of accessibility in the built environment. Approx. word count of 250 per question - maximum 500 per.

# Do you have an accessibility plan or strategy? Please describe.

# How is the plan or strategy translated into policies?

# Do you have accessibility implementation guidelines and building codes? Please describe.

# How are your municipality and the developers held accountable to these guidelines and/or codes? What processes are in place?

# Are people with disabilities included in the development of plans and guidelines and the assessment process, and if so, how?

# Program Implementation & Delivery

Please describe how your policies and initiatives have improved accessibility and quality of life for people with disabilities. Approximate word count of 250 per question - maximum 500 per.

# How have your strategies, policies and guidelines resulted in improved access in the built environment?

# How have both the public and the private sector provided greater accessibility?

# Has your municipality taken steps to deliver against its plan? If so how?

# Provide any examples of when the city or developers went beyond building codes.

# Has your municipality and/or the private sector made improvements to access across a wide variety of places and spaces, including examples in corporate, public spaces, education and transportation categories? Please describe.

# Continuous Improvement & Awareness

Describe your commitment and initiatives to create awareness of accessibility issues and their efforts to create longer-term improvements.Approximate word count of 250 per question - maximum 500 per.

# Do you have resources available to educate and inform or to demonstrate and share best practices? Please describe.

# What efforts are undertaken to increase awareness of accessibility issues and solutions amongst municipal staff, businesses and the general public?

# Are there plans to introduce new or more comprehensive accessibility guidelines? When and why?

# Access4All Barrier Buster Grant

If your municipality is chosen as the winning showcase city, your city will be awarded a Rick Hansen Foundation Access4All grant of up to $30,000 to complete a Barrier Buster project, which includes: an accessibility infrastructure improvement to a public place within your municipality (up to $20,000) an awareness building event to celebrate this infrastructure improvement (up to $10,000)

# Do you have a Barrier Buster project that you could use this grant for this year? If so, please describe it below. Approximately 250 words - maximum 500.

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# Thank you for your application and we look forward to learning about your municipality’s efforts to create a more universally accessible built environment.