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CP FEDERAL CITY SQUARE UP FOR MML AWARD, RESIDENTS CAN VOTE FOR PROJECT ONLINE JUNE 30-JULY 30

JACKSON, MI - The city of Jackson and those involved with the CP Federal City Square project downtown are in the running for the 2017 Community Excellence Award from the Michigan Municipal League.

The award recognizes municipalities that create “new and better ways to make vibrant communities for their residents,” the MML’s website reads. Jackson officials entered into the contest last week, and online voting begins June 30. Voting is open to any area resident, and those interested are allowed one vote per day between June 30 and July 30.

“CP Federal City Square serves as a keystone project in downtown Jackson,” Vice Mayor and Jackson City Councilman Derek Dobies, 6th Ward, said. “This project is a testament to what can happen when an entire community comes together and works toward a specific goal. The countless people and organizations who helped make this building a reality should be very proud.”

After roughly three years of planning, fundraising and construction, the Glidden Parker mural - housed in CP Federal City Square - was unveiled May 5. Funding for the project began with the success of two competitive grants, and was followed by eight organizations and nonprofits stepping forward to donate funds.

“Private donations and grants accounted for nearly 75 percent of the project costs,” said Jackson City Councilman Andrew Frounfelker, 5th Ward. “Throughout the process of garnering support for the project, it became clear that the work began to serve as a catalyst of community support and appreciation from all sectors - public, private and nonprofit.”

The city of Jackson won an MML Community Excellence Award for the Armory Arts Project in 2008. In 2015, the city of Jackson won the MML’s “Place for Talent” category for the Citizen Interaction Design project - competing in the state convention in Traverse City.

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