



## City wins award for efficient lighting

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The city of Ann Arbor won an award for its plan to have more efficient light bulbs installed in downtown lights.

Ann Arbor won the Climate Innovation Invitational held in Fayetteville, Ark., and will get \$1,000 and the chance to present the plan at the Sundance Summit meeting of mayors around the country in September.

The city will switch to light-emitting diodes, a more energy-efficient light, in downtown. The city believes the cost will be made back in energy savings.

The city implemented a special tax assessment on downtown property owners to pay for the plan. The Downtown Development Authority agreed to pay the city of Ann Arbor about \$630,000 so it can delay and reduce the street light tax.

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