

2019 CSAC CHALLENGE AWARDS

COMMITMENT

COLLABORATION

INNOVATION

CALL FOR ENTRIES

• Deadline June 21, 2019 •

CREATIVITY



CALIFORNIA
Counties

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) invites you to enter our 2019 Challenge Awards competition!

These unique awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of our California Counties as they find innovative, effective and cost-saving ways to provide programs and services to their citizens. This is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight your county's best practices while recognizing staff for developing innovations in county government!

Please read the following instructions and consider entering your county's programs/projects to win one or more of these awards.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

All entries must be placed in both a specific issue area category and population category. (CSAC reserves the right to move an entry to a different category.)



ENTRY CATEGORIES

ISSUE AREAS

Administration of Justice & Public Safety – Includes programs associated with local law enforcement and public safety, adult and juvenile detention, and probation.

Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources – Includes programs associated with agriculture, the environment, air quality, water, flood control, energy, parks and recreation, public lands, forestry, mining, endangered species, solid waste, and hazardous waste.

Government Finance, Administration & Technology – Includes programs associated with internal operations, employee training and wellness, workers' compensation, public records, technology, economic development, libraries, elections, food safety, and disaster planning/response.

Health & Human Services – Includes programs associated with health care, mental health, homelessness, foster care, child welfare services, adult protective services, IHSS, general assistance, aging, CalWORKs, county hospitals/medical facilities, the indigent, and veterans.

Housing, Land Use & Infrastructure – Includes programs associated with housing, land use, growth, planning, transportation, infrastructure, and tribal gaming issues.

POPULATION

Population categories reflect the three caucuses within CSAC: **Rural, Suburban and Urban Counties**. On your entry form, please check which population category you are entering.

Rural – Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yuba.

Suburban – Butte, Imperial, Kern, Marin, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Placer, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Yolo.

Urban – Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Ventura.

ELIGIBILITY

Only programs that are developed, managed or funded by a county department or agency are eligible. Entries must be submitted by a county. Multi-county programs are eligible. Court-related programs must be coordinated or funded by a county.

An entry can only be submitted in one category; if a program is inter-departmental, please mark the category that best reflects the nature of that program.

Programs that have previously received a Challenge Award cannot be entered again; Merit Award recipients are eligible.

Judges will be looking for programs that are innovative, unique and replicable. To enhance your chances, county programs or projects submitted should be in existence for at least one year.



ALL CHALLENGE AWARD ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR SPECIAL AWARDS AT THE JUDGES' DISCRETION. THESE AWARDS WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE POPULATION CRITERIA OUTLINED ABOVE.

SELECTION CRITERIA

A panel of county and private sector officials will evaluate the entries. Judges' decisions are final. The following criteria will be used to select the award-winning programs:

- Statement of the challenge and solution.
- Innovation, resourcefulness, vision and uniqueness.
- Results, showing how the program has enhanced the community and/or organization.
- Potential replicability of the program/project.
- Conformance to application instructions as set forth in the "Entry Instructions" in this brochure.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. FILL OUT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM ON INSIDE BACK PAGE OF THIS BROCHURE.** Make sure you check the appropriate issue and population categories. Entrants can recreate the entry form; please make sure it contains all of the necessary information.
- 2. OBTAIN A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION.** This is simply a letter signed by either your Board Chair or County Administrator authorizing the entry of the county's programs in the Challenge Awards competition. Counties may submit one (1) letter of endorsement for all entries, but please list each entry by program name in your letter of endorsement.
- 3. CONSTRUCT YOUR "EXECUTIVE SUMMARY."** This is your statement of the challenge and the solution. Your Executive Summary is a very important part of your entry. It must be **NO MORE THAN TWO 8.5x11 DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES.** Please include contact information on the summary.

ORGANIZE YOUR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AS FOLLOWS:

In reviewing your submission, judges will base their ratings on the following areas:

- **Overview** – Provide a brief, 25-word summary of your program or project.
 - **Challenge** – Describe the challenge your county faced and the process used to address it. Explain the unique or critical factors that led to this project.
 - **Solution** – Describe the innovative steps taken by the county to solve the problem or overcome the challenge.
 - **Innovation** – Describe how this program is innovative among California Counties. Show how your solution demonstrates creativity, uniqueness and an innovative spirit.
 - **Results** – Describe the results of the program/project. Discuss how the program or project has positively impacted the community, improved delivery of services to the public, or improved administration of a program internally.
 - **Replicability** – Describe how your program can potentially be replicated by other California Counties. Can your program be promoted as a best practice that can be utilized by others?
 - **Project or Program Contact** – List the name, title, mailing address, phone and e-mail address of the person who can be contacted about this program.
 - **Optional Submission** – If your project involved the development of a video, graphic design or PowerPoint, please enclose them on a flash drive. Limit supporting material – such as brochures, final reports or other information – to items that are directly relevant to this project. Optional submissions cannot be returned.
- 4. MAKE CHECK(S) PAYABLE TO: CSAC CHALLENGE AWARDS. A payment of \$75.00 must accompany EACH entry.** If entering multiple entries, a single check with a total amount (\$75.00 for each program entered) may be submitted. **However, a photocopy of the check must be submitted with each entry.**
 - 5. SEND IN YOUR ENTRY BY MAIL. You must send two (2) complete copies of each entry form and Executive Summary,** along with either a check (or photocopy of group payment) and your letter of endorsement. Your entry should be mailed to:
CSAC Challenge Awards, CSAC, 1100 K St., Ste. 101, Sacramento, CA 95814.

DEADLINE: JUNE 21

All entries must be postmarked by **Friday, June 21, 2019**, to be considered. Faxed or emailed entries will not be accepted. Entries cannot be returned.

ENTRY FEE

\$75.00 per entry. A check payable to CSAC Challenge Awards must accompany **EACH** entry. If entering multiple entries, a single check with a total amount (\$75.00 for each program entered) may be submitted. Credit card payments cannot be accepted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Two levels of awards will be presented by CSAC in each category: **Challenge** and **Merit Awards.**
- Judges have the flexibility to offer an optional top-level award that crosses all population categories: **The California Counties Innovation Award.**
- Challenge Awards will be presented at a Board of Supervisors meeting in the recipient's county. Merit Awards will be mailed unless the county is also receiving a Challenge Award; in that case, it would also be presented at the Board meeting.
- In the event that a multi-county application is honored, each county will receive an award.
- Award-winning recipients will be notified by email upon completion of judging in September.
- If you have any questions, contact David Liebler, CSAC Director of Public Affairs & Member Services: **916/327-7500, ext. 530**
dlieblier@counties.org

ENTER!



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You may type this information on a separate sheet and submit as Page I of your entry:

ISSUE AREA CATEGORY:

- Administration of Justice & Public Safety
- Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources
- Government Finance, Administration & Technology
- Health & Human Services
- Housing, Land Use & Infrastructure

POPULATION CATEGORY:

- Rural County
- Suburban County
- Urban County



County Name

Contact Name and Title

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Phone Ext.

Email

TITLE OF THIS ENTRY

(to be used on award – seven words maximum)

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH ENTRY:

- Completed entry form; remember to check the appropriate issue area and population categories.
- 2-page Executive Summary (please include two copies).
- Copy of endorsement letter authorizing entry. One letter may be used for multiple entries, but please include a copy for each entry.
- Enclose payment of **\$75.00** for each entry. One check may be used for multiple entries.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

CSAC Challenge Awards

MAIL OR DELIVER ALL OF THE ABOVE TO:

CSAC Challenge Awards
1100 K Street, Suite 101,
Sacramento, CA 95814

THANK YOU FOR ENTERING!

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CALIFORNIA COUNTIES INNOVATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

- SANTA BARBARA COUNTY — RESILIENCY IN REBUILDING: DATA-DRIVEN MAPPING
- YUBA COUNTY — 14FORWARD CONNECTS HOMELESS TO SERVICES

CSAC CHALLENGE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Administration of Justice & Public Safety

- Rural: Inyo County – Juvenile Services Redesign Initiative
- Suburban: Shasta County – Shasta County is Stepping Up
- Urban: Sacramento County – Multi-Sensory De-Escalation Room

Agriculture, Environmental & Natural Resources

- Rural: No Award Given
- Suburban: Placer County – Statewide Forum to Ensure Safe Drinking Water
- Urban: Alameda County – Regional Procurement Coordination Boosting Local Green Economy

Government Finance, Administration & Technology

- Rural: Madera County – Telling the Madera County Story
- Suburban: Kern County – Launch Kern: Developing a Culture of Continuous Improvement
- Urban: Orange County – OC CSS Teen Parent Program
San Diego County – Portable Charging Station Program

Health & Human Services

- Rural: Mendocino County – Mendocino County Working on Wellness
Yuba County – 14Forward Connects Homeless to Services
- Suburban: Placer County – Laying Foundations: Placer’s Whole Person Care Program
- Urban: Alameda County – Alameda County Care Partners
San Diego County – Hepatitis A Outbreak Response

Housing, Land Use & Infrastructure

- Rural: Nevada County – “Ask Nevada County” App and Web Tool
- Suburban: Santa Barbara County – Resiliency in Rebuilding: Data-Driven Mapping
- Urban: Alameda County – Measure A1 Rental Housing

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Administration of Justice & Public Safety

- Rural: Kings County – Road to Restoration
- Suburban: Butte County – Transitional Age Youth Probation Program
Monterey County – Juvenile Hall ABC Program
- Urban: Riverside County – Online Briefing and Safety Training Program
San Diego County – Timely Treatment of Justice-Involved Mentally Ill

Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources

- Rural: No Award Given
- Suburban: San Luis Obispo County – Modernizing Access to Environmental Health Information
Santa Cruz County – Lead Partner - Monterey Bay Community Power
Yolo County – Cache Creek Resources Management Plan
- Urban: Orange County – 2017 Wildfire Recovery Project
Ventura County – Raptor Pilot Study

Government Finance, Administration & Technology

- Rural: Inyo County – Online Fictitious Business Name Filings
Nevada County – Nevada County Budget Analysis Interim Program
- Suburban: Kern County – Enterprise Equity Lease
Placer County – Emergency and Homeless Shelter Alternative Food Program
- Urban: Los Angeles County – NEOGOV Implementation
Orange County – Government to Government Recordings Made Easy
Orange County – OCPL Career Online High School
Riverside County – Riverside County Business Centers
San Bernardino County – Elevated Risk Plan
San Bernardino County – Generation Go! Work-Based Learning Program
San Bernardino County – In-House Vehicle Title, Registration and Plates
San Diego County – Know Your Hazards – A Public Map Tool
Ventura County – Library Express Hours

Health & Human Services

- Rural: No Award Given
- Suburban: Placer County – A More Collaborative Child Welfare System
Placer County – Get Hired! Collaborative
San Luis Obispo County/Santa Barbara County – Co-Creating Youth Advocacy for Healthy Communities
- Urban: Contra Costa County – Health Services Detention Health Improvement Collaboration
Los Angeles County – City Planning Grants to Prevent and Combat Homelessness
Los Angeles County – MHLA/340b Pharmacy Network for Uninsured
Los Angeles County – Mission Possible
Riverside County – Expediting Access to In-Home Caregivers for Seniors
San Bernardino County – Video Interpretation
San Diego County – Electronic Systems (JELS) to Distribute Court Documents
San Diego County – Telephonic Signature Process for Semi-Annual Reports

Housing, Land Use and Infrastructure

- Rural: No Award Given
- Suburban: Marin County – Marin County/Marin Housing Authority Landlord Partnership
- Urban: San Bernardino County – Performance-Based Pavement Preservation