

2011 Award Recipients

California Counties Innovation Awards:

Riverside County

Landfill Tarp Redesign and Sequence Analysis

San Diego County

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Reform

Challenge Awards:

With a population of 50,000 and Under:

Calaveras County

Can You Hear Me Now?

With a population of 50,001 to 200,000:

Nevada County

My Neighborhood GIS Web Application

With a population of 200,001 to 750,000:

Monterey County

Kick Start Ex-Offender Re-Entry Employment Program

Santa Cruz County

Warrant Reduction Advocacy Project (WRAP)

Solano County

Partnership Teaches Foster Youth that Money Matters

With a population of 750,001 and Above:

Los Angeles County

In-Home Supportive Services Anti-Fraud Program

Riverside County

Desert Strength Academy

Riverside County

KIOSK Reporting Program

Sacramento County

Violation of Probation in Lieu Night Court

San Diego County

Camp Connect San Diego

San Diego County

Free Foreclosure Prevention HOME Clinics

Detailed descriptions of the 2011 Challenge Award recipients can be found on CSAC's Web site at www.csac.counties.org.

Organize Your Executive Summary as Follows

Overview // Provide a brief, 25-word summary of your program or project.

Problem or Challenge // Describe the problem or challenge your county faced and the process used to address this problem. Explain the unique or critical factors that led to this project.

Solution // Describe the steps taken by the county to solve the problem or overcome the challenge.

Budget/Costs/Savings // How much money was budgeted to fund the project?

- List all sources of funding for the project.
- Did the project come within/under budget?
- What costs were involved, what savings were realized?
- What is the measure of increased productivity or time saved?

Results // Describe the results of the program/project. Discuss how the program or project has positively affected the community, improved delivery of services to the public, or improved administration of a program internally.

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 or CD, please enclose

one copy. Videos/CDs will not be returned and become property of CSAC. Please limit supporting material – such as brochures, final reports or other information – to items that are directly relevant to this project.

MAKE CHECK(S) PAYABLE TO: CSAC CHALLENGE AWARDS. A payment of \$50.00 must accompany EACH entry. If entering multiple entries, a single check with a total amount (\$50.00 for each program entered) may be submitted. However, a photocopy of the check must be submitted with each entry.

SEND IN YOUR ENTRY. You must send three (3) 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 CSAC Challenge Awards, CSAC, 1100 K St., Ste. 101, Sacramento, CA 95814.

EMAIL YOUR BRIEF 25-WORD SUMMARY AND CONTACT INFORMATION. Please email a copy of your brief 25-word summary contained in your Executive Summary, along with County, Entry Title and Contact Information to Chris Feusahrens at cfeusahrens@counties.org.

All entries must be postmarked by June 29, 2012. Entries may not be faxed. Entries received by CSAC will not be returned.

Counties by Population Category

Under 50,000

Alpine
Amador
Calaveras
Colusa
Del Norte
Glenn
Inyo
Lassen
Mariposa
Modoc
Mono
Plumas
Sierra
Siskiyou
Trinity

50,000 to 200,000

El Dorado
Humboldt
Imperial
Kings
Lake
Madera
Mendocino
Napa
Nevada
San Benito
Shasta
Sutter
Tehama
Tuolumne
Yuba

200,001 to 750,000

Butte
Marin
Merced
Monterey
Placer
San Joaquin
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
Solano
Sonoma
Stanislaus
Tulare
Yolo

750,001 and Above

Alameda
Contra Costa
Fresno
Kern
Los Angeles
Orange
Riverside
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Diego
San Francisco
San Mateo
Santa Clara
Ventura

Presorted
First Class Mail
U.S. Postage
P A I D
Sacramento, CA
Permit No. 1594

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Call for Entries | 2012

You've Been Meeting the Challenge for Years...

Now It's Time to Show Us How You Do It

2012 CSAC Challenge Awards // Call for Entries

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) invites you to enter our 2012 Challenge Awards competition.

These unique awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments as they find new and effective ways of providing programs and services to their citizens.

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

Helpful Hint // If you want to take a look at the Executive Summaries for some of the programs that were honored in the 2011 CSAC Challenge Awards, visit our Website at www.csac.counties.org. The information can be found under Challenge Awards in the CSAC Services section. Just Take a Look at "Sample Executive Summaries."

Entry Categories // Entries will be divided into four categories based on population:

- Under 50,000
- 50,000 to 200,000
- 200,001 to 750,000
- 750,001 and above

(For a list of counties in each category, please see box on the reverse side.) On your entry form, please check which population category you are entering.

Judges will be looking for programs that are innovative, unique and easily replicable. County programs or projects submitted must have been in existence for at least one year.

Only programs that are county programs will be considered. Those that have previously received a Challenge Award cannot enter again; Merit Award recipients are eligible. Court-related programs must be coordinated or funded by the County.

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.

Entry Fees // \$50.00 per entry. A check payable to CSAC Challenge Awards must accompany EACH entry. If entering multiple entries, a single check with a total amount (\$50.00 for each program entered) may be submitted. Credit card payments cannot be accepted.

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 winners:

- Statement of the problem and solution.
- Innovation, resourcefulness, vision, uniqueness and risk-taking.
- Replicability of the program/project.
- Cost-effectiveness of the program/project.
- Conformance to application instructions as set forth in the "Entry Instructions" in this brochure.

Deadline // All entries must be postmarked by June 29, 2012, to be considered. Faxed entries will not be accepted. Entries cannot be returned.

General Information

- Two levels of awards will be presented by CSAC in each category: Challenge and Merit Awards
- Judges will also consider all entries for special awards that are open to all population categories.
- Challenge Awards will be presented in person in the recipient's county. Merit Awards will be mailed in December.
- In the event that a multi-county application is honored, each county will receive an award.
- All recipients will be notified by mail upon completion of judging in the fall.
- If you have any questions, contact: David Liebler
CSAC Director of Public Affairs & Member Services
916/327-7500, ext. 530
email: dliebler@counties.org

Entry Instructions

1. **FILL OUT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM ON INSIDE BACK PAGE OF THIS BROCHURE.** The entry form is also available online at www.csac.counties.org.
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 ½ BY 11 DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES. Please include contact information on the summary. Since this will be published for statewide distribution, please present the information as you would like to see it in print. CSAC reserves the right to edit this material.
4. **EMAIL YOUR BRIEF 25-WORD SUMMARY AND CONTACT INFORMATION.** Please email a copy of your brief 25-word summary contained in your Executive Summary, along with County, Entry Title and Contact Information to Chris Feusahrens at cfeusahrens@counties.org. Your entry in its entirety should be mailed to CSAC Challenge Awards, CSAC, 1100 K St., Ste. 101, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Entry Form

You may type this information on a separate sheet and submit as Page 1 of your entry:

Population Category:
 Under 50,000 200,001 to 750,000
 50,000 to 200,000 750,001 and above

County(ies) Name(s) _____

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.
- 2-Page executive summary.
- Copy of endorsement letter authorizing entry. One letter may be used for multiple entries, but please include a copy for each entry.
- Payment of \$50.00 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:
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