



REGION OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Award Eligibility & Criteria

Nominations for the Centralina Region of Excellence Awards can be projects, programs, or plans completed in a city, town, village or county in the Centralina region. To be considered for nomination, the project, program or plan must be currently underway or completed during calendar year 2017 or 2018. Communities may make multiple submittals. Each submittal must be on a separate award nomination form.

2018 AWARD CATEGORIES

GROWING THE ECONOMY

Growing the economy is vitally important to the health of the region. To achieve a strong, diverse economy, we need to ensure economic growth occurs in areas where people live throughout the region.

The recipient of this award has implemented innovative solutions to community development and/or investment challenges and engages in best practice strategies that: utilize public/private sector partnerships to maximize investment opportunities; prepares existing sites and infrastructure to meet the needs of target industries; and/or implements economic development including job creation/retention initiatives, etc.

CONTROLLING THE COST OF GOVERNMENT

Local governments are being asked to do more with less at a time when the role of government is under increasing scrutiny. Governments must make optimum use of resources as we improve and build the systems required for growth.

The recipient of this award has been creative in implementing a new or innovative program or initiative that is effective and delivers the most value with public funds. Such program exemplifies efficiency through: utilizing economies of scale; partnering with other local governments to maximize the impact of public funds; and/or encouraging best practices to maintain or expand services.

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

The communities in the region must work to ensure that they can be lifelong communities where people have a high quality of life, regardless of age or disability.

The recipient of this award best leverages resources to improve the quality of life for citizens. The award recipient has implemented innovative program offerings such as those that: enhance social equity; encourage community participation through public and private sector leadership; develop solutions that build on the community's strengths and improve upon its weaknesses; or use cooperative volunteerism to maintain or expand services.

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CLEAN CITIES | CENTRALINA CLEAN FUELS COALITION

The mission of the National Clean Cities Program (locally represented by the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition) is to reduce petroleum dependence, improve air quality, and expand alternative fuel use and technology. The program promotes, accelerates, and expands the use of alternative fuels in the transportation sector.

The recipient of this award is a stakeholder organization that best demonstrates leadership and excellence in clean transportation and alternative fuel activities. The awardee has recognized the environmental, economic, and national security benefits of reducing consumption of fossil fuels and has implemented programs and initiatives to lower their use of traditional transportation fuels. These activities include but are not limited to: purchasing alternative fuel and/or fuel-efficient vehicles, using alternative fuels in their fleet, implementing idle reduction policies, improving fleet fuel economy, partnering with fuel providers to expand alternative fuel availability, or generally supporting and participating in current Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition/Clean Cities programs and priorities.

AGING IN ACTION

The Centralina Area Agency on Aging (CAAA) serves as a leader in impacting communities so adults can age with choice, dignity and independence. Through individual and systemic advocacy, innovative program development and educational opportunities, CAAA will support providers, and empower individuals and those who care for them, by providing the ability to age with choice.

Every day, 10,000 people turn 60 years old across the Centralina region. The recipient of this award is committed to presenting a positive image of older adults, is making a significant contribution to the older adult community or has enhanced programming for older adults to address their unmet needs and increase their quality of life. This includes communities, organizations and programs that encourage and support older adults as they age with choice, reflecting a vibrant, responsive community.

Nominations for the Aging in Action Award can be programs, projects, groups, clubs, county or city government, faith-based communities, facilities, agencies, and organizations in the Centralina region. Please consider the following criteria when submitting the award application:

- *Commitment and contribution to older and/or disabled adult issues*
- *Person-centered focus*
- *Engagement, participation, and/or volunteerism of older adults*
- *Advocacy for and on behalf of older and disable adults and their families*

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JAMES D. PROSSER EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Great leaders can be found at all levels of an organization. Their leadership inspires trust, builds confidence, and motivates others to invest time in achieving remarkable results for the region's communities.

The recipient of this award exemplifies and promotes excellence in government, outstanding leadership and high ethical standards. The award recognizes the cumulative achievements of a local government professional who has served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited high professional and personal standards throughout his or her public career.

Nominees for the James D. Prosser Excellence in Government Leadership Award must be local government staff working within the CCOG region.

Please consider the following award criteria in your award nomination(s):

- Innovation and creativity
- Program success and sustainable benefits
- Contributions to regionalism
- Engagement of community members
- Commitment to goals
- Interaction with public and private partners

2018 AWARD SCHEDULE

Application Deadline:
Monday, October 1, 2018

Award Recipients Notified:
Mid-November 2018

Award Ceremony:
Friday, November 30, 2018

Award Ceremony Location:
The Speedway Club

For more information about the Centralina Region of Excellence Awards and to view past Award recipients since 2006, visit:

www.centralina.org/regionofexcellence

Questions?

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