



Missouri Municipal League 2023 INNOVATION AWARDS

Growing Our Communities Together

About: The Innovation Awards program showcases municipal programs or projects that have been successfully implemented and demonstrate new approaches for solving municipal challenges. It may also serve as a model for other communities.

Eligibility: To enter, a municipality must be a member of the Missouri Municipal League. Only one program per city will be considered. Joint or multi-city projects are welcome (population category will be based on the largest city in the project). Nominated programs or projects must be completed or well established.

Categories: The awards will be given in five categories:

- Metro (population more than 30,000)
- Large (population 15,000 to 30,000)
- Medium (population 5,000 to 15,000)
- Small (population under 5,000)
- Member's Choice (all nominees are eligible and all members are welcome to vote)

Nomination Process: The application is made up of three parts:

1. Application,
2. Project summary, and
3. Project description.

- All information is due by **March 1, 2023**.
- Applications must be submitted by a municipal official.
- A panel of judges will evaluate each nomination; points are assigned based on the Evaluation Criteria.
- Winners will be announced at the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference at the Awards Luncheon on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**, at the Sheraton in Kansas City, Missouri.

Nomination Directions: The application packet must include the following:

- Completed Nomination Application
- Project Summary of 200 words, or less, on a separate page (single-spaced, 12- point font)
- Project Description of no more than three pages (single-spaced, 12- point font)
- Additional materials such as videos, pictures, news clippings, etc., can also be included.
- Applications postmarked or received electronically after **March 1, 2023**, will not be considered. Changes to nomination materials submitted after **March 1, 2023**, will not be accepted.
- The application, if submitted electronically, should be in either Word or PDF format.
- Email the application to rhuckstep@mocities.com or mail a hardcopy, CD or other medium to MML Headquarters on or before **March 1, 2023**.

Showcase Opportunity: In addition to submitting a nomination, all award nominees are invited to showcase their project or program at the Innovation Award Showcase at the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference at the Awards Luncheon on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**. This will provide attendees an opportunity to learn about the project or program, and benefit from the lessons learned.