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“GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARDS”

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Background

On April 22, 2008, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established an annual Green Leadership Awards Program. Throughout Los Angeles County, residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations, community groups and cities develop and employ innovative strategies and initiatives to enhance the region’s sustainability, making our communities healthier, more livable, more equitable, economically stronger, and more resilient. The Green Leadership Awards Program is designed to recognize such efforts and to create opportunities to engage and inspire all of us about the strategies that make every day “Earth Day.”

Applications for the 2019 Green Leadership Awards should be emailed to Greenleadership@lacobos.org by 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2019. The application can be found at www.lacounty.gov (click on Green Leadership Awards).

The Green Leadership Awards will be presented on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 (subject to change).

Eligibility Requirements

Competition is open to all County of Los Angeles residents, public agencies (including Los Angeles County departments), businesses, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, professional and trade associations.

Applications must use the attached application form and follow all instructions for format and length. No attachments or other supplemental material will be considered. The evaluation committee may follow up with selected applicants for more information as may be needed.

Project Criteria

Eligibility:

- Nominated policies, projects and activities must be located in the County of Los Angeles.
- The policy, project or activity must be adopted, implemented, built and/or currently running. Do not submit projects that are still in the planning, development, or construction stages.
- The policy, project or activity must have been initiated within the past three years. (Long-term projects may be considered if a new benefit was achieved in the past three years.)
• Applicants must agree to allow the County to publish a summary of their accomplishments.

**Eligible Applicants**

An award may be granted in each of the following categories, though in some cases no award may be made in a particular category due to the lack of qualified applicants.

**Resident**: An individual whose efforts, on their own or through an organization, empowers their community and society toward a healthier, more livable, more equitable, economically stronger, more resilient, and more sustainable future. Their leadership, foresight, and innovation inspire others, leading to significant achievements through individual effort and moving others to action.

**Public Agency**: A city, government agency, joint powers authority, or other public-sector organization that demonstrates leadership within their own organization, peer group or represented constituents, through policies, activities, initiatives or programs that encourage and foster a more sustainable neighborhood, community, or region.

**County of Los Angeles Department**: A County of Los Angeles Department that demonstrates leadership within their own organization, or among their represented constituents, through activities, initiatives or programs that encourage and foster a more sustainable county.

**Business**: A company or social enterprise that is going above and beyond regulatory requirements to move to be more sustainable either through changes to its own business practices or within the communities it serves. This can be demonstrated by the company’s commitment to social responsibility, worker rights, and sustainability and can be extended to encouraging changes within its industry. Businesses engaged in selling sustainable products or services may submit application for efforts that are above and beyond their core business.

**Nonprofit Organizations**: A community-based or other not-for-profit issue-focused organization that demonstrates leadership by developing and fostering healthier, more livable, more equitable, economically stronger, more resilient, and more sustainable communities. The organization works either on its own or through collaborations and partnerships to resolve sustainability challenges and conflicts with innovative solutions and initiatives.

**Subject Areas for Consideration**

Eligible subject areas include but are not limited to the following:

**Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Energy Storage**
Innovation and advancement in renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy storage, and other clean energy technologies.
Water Conservation, Reuse/Recycling, and Water Quality
Innovation and advancement in water conservation, water reuse/recycling, stormwater management, sustainable water infrastructure, and water quality.

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation/Resilience
Innovative policies, programs, and technologies to reduce or sequester greenhouse gas emissions or to address the impacts of a changing climate on people and physical infrastructure, including reducing or mitigating exposure to heat events, wildfire, vector-borne disease, flooding, drought, and sea-level rise, or making our communities more resilient to those impacts.

Transportation/Mobility
Innovative policies, programs, and technologies to reduce vehicle miles traveled, convert fleets to zero or near zero emission vehicles, promote walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transportation, address first/last mile transportation gaps, and implement transportation demand strategies.

Solid Waste Reduction and Management
Innovations and advancements in policies, programs, and technologies to reduce the generation of solid waste (including reductions at the source), improve waste diversion, and manage solid wastes.

Equity and Environmental Justice
Policies and programs to reduce disproportionate environmental impacts on communities of color and low-income communities, to organize communities to address local pollution impacts and sources, to engage and empower communities in local decision-making on issues of environmental exposure to toxics, pollution, and other environmental harms, and to promote or implement governance models that are inclusive, accessible, and transparent.

Healthy and Sustainable Food System
Innovations and advancements in policies, programs, and technologies to contribute to a sustainable food system that ensures that food is healthy, affordable, local, and accessible, including promotion of urban agriculture and community gardens, addressing food deserts, and promoting locally-sourced foods.

Open Spaces and Built Environment
Innovations and advancements in policies, programs, and technologies to promote sustainable land use and development, including sustainable building practices, transit-oriented development, open space creation, expansion of the urban forest, protection for and increases in biodiversity, soil conservation and restoration.

Green Economy
Innovations and advancements in policies, programs, and technologies in support of clean technology and industries that minimize waste and pollution, that promote
workforce and economic development, and that provide living wage, safe and healthy working conditions.

**Outreach, Engagement, and Education**
Innovations and advances in policies and programs to educate and engage others, and to encourage and implement sustainability programs, especially with a consideration of hard-to-reach or disadvantaged sectors (environmental justice), youth, and non-English speakers.

**Evaluation Process**
Award winners will be determined by a panel of judges representing relevant disciplines in the respective categories. Site visits or other presentations of the policy program or technology will be requested prior to final decisions being made. The deliberative process of the judges is confidential and all decisions are final.

In the event that a judge has a close affiliation with an entry, they will withdraw from judging that entry. Judges’ decisions are solely based on the nomination forms and supporting documentation.

The following factors may be considered:

**Project Description:** The policy, project, or technology is presented in clear and comprehensible terms with results that are well-defined and measurable.

**Results:** The results of the policy, project, or technology measures project outcomes in clear, concise terms and are quantified in measurable terms.

**Transferability:** The policy, project, or technology is readily transferable to other jurisdictions, companies, or sectors.

**Impact:** The policy, project or technology provides deep and lasting impact within its intended subject area(s) and/or has a range of benefits across many subjects.

**Innovation:** The policy, project or technology demonstrates a creative, original approach to the issue or problem that goes beyond standard techniques or regulatory compliance standards.

**Collaboration/Outreach:** The policy, project or technology involves collaboration with community, private, and/or government partners in its planning, development, and implementation, and engages the public.

**Financial Viability:** The policy, project or technology is financially viable and demonstrates sound fiscal management.
**Other Conditions**

All materials submitted become the property of the County of Los Angeles and will not be returned. Any information submitted or generated is subject to public disclosure requirements. The County reserves the right to reproduce, promote and publish information on award winning projects.

**Awards Presentation – April 23, 2019 (subject to change)**

A special awards ceremony will be held by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to honor the award winners at the regular Board meeting on April 23, 2019. At that time, a press notification announcing the recipients will be released. Award recipients will be notified according to the schedule below and provided with details regarding the ceremony.

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<td>Applications are Due</td>
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<td>March 6, 2019</td>
<td>Notify Finalists and Arrange Site Visits</td>
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<td>March 11-26, 2019</td>
<td>Site Visits to Finalists</td>
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<td>March 27, 2019</td>
<td>Notify Award Winners</td>
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