



Guidelines for Awards

Award for Excellence

The LOC's Award for Excellence recognizes cities that have undertaken progressive and innovative approaches to city operations and providing services to their residents.

Who is Eligible?

Cities of all sizes are encouraged to participate. Entries must include programs or activities that have been successfully operating for at least the past year or have culminated in the past year. A city may submit only one entry each year but may resubmit a past entry that was not chosen for an award. All cities entering this competition will be encouraged to "show off" their project with a tabletop display during the LOC Annual Conference.

Review/Selection Process

Each year a selection committee is appointed to judge the entries. The committee is comprised of five judges, including past LOC presidents (who must still hold elected office), LOC past board members (who must have served three years and still hold elected or appointed office), and a mix of elected or appointed LOC members. Judges may choose up to three winners for this award, one winner per subcategory which is based on city population. Those subcategories are:

- Small city – population under 7,500
- Medium city – population between 7,501 - 20,000
- Large city – population over 20,000

In evaluating the entries, the judges will consider whether the program:

1. Improves the community's quality of life;
2. Enhances municipal services;
3. Includes collaboration with other governments, private interests, etc.;
4. Is replicable by other cities; and
5. Creates efficiencies.

Helen & Alan Berg Good Governance Award

The Helen and Alan Berg Good Governance Award highlights city programs that encourage “reconnecting” residents to their community. Similar to the Award for Excellence, this award recognizes programs, projects or events which have a specific purpose of reaching out to and/or educating residents. This award was renamed in 2010 by the LOC Board of Directors to honor the memory of former LOC Presidents and Corvallis Mayors Helen Berg and Alan Berg.

Who is Eligible?

Cities of all sizes are encouraged to participate. The quality of residents involvement, not the size or publicity of the event or program, will determine recognition. Entries must include programs or activities that have been successfully operating for at least the past year or have culminated in the past year. A city may submit only one entry but may resubmit a past entry that was not chosen for an award. All cities entering this competition will be encouraged to “show off” their project with a tabletop display during the annual conference in September.

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- 1) Successfully engages residents in local government processes;
- 2) Enhances residents’ awareness of local government decision making;
- 3) Fosters local leadership through education, planning efforts, volunteerism, etc.;
- 4) Is innovative in encouraging resident involvement, openness, transparency and inclusiveness;
and
- 5) Is replicable by other communities.