

2013 CSAC CHALLENGE AWARD RECIPIENTS

California Counties Innovation Award

Nevada County Innovative Approaches to Children's Mental Health Services
Stanislaus County Clean and Sober Living: A Unique Partnership

Challenge Awards

Under 50,000
Mono County Taking on Health Care Reform: Pioneers in a Frontier County
50,000 to 200,000
Tehama CountyAB 109 Auto Shop – Changing Lives
200,001 to 700,000
Sonoma County Juvenile Hall Boys and Girls Club
Tulare County Teen Digital Media Lab
700,001 and Above
Riverside County Prevention & Early Intervention Mental Health Mobile Services
Riverside County Reducing SSI, Increasing Patient Safety
Sacramento County SACVOTE Mobile Application
San Bernardino County Making Attendance a Priority (MAP)
San Bernardino County West Nile Virus Aerial Surveillance Collaboration
Ventura County iCop Mobile Crime Fighting App

Merit Awards

50,000 to 200,000
Nevada County Social Security Benefits Advocate Program
200,001 to 700,000
Butte County Behavioral Health Strengthening Families Program
San Luis Obispo County WIC Dental Days
Santa Cruz County Santa Cruz County Custody Alternative Program
Tulare County Your Library in More Places
700,001 and Above
Alameda County Open Data Sharing Initiative
Alameda County District's Attorney's Justice Academy
Fresno County Lobby Modernization & Improved Client Experience
Los Angeles Del Aire Fruit Park
Los Angeles County Veteran System Navigators Services
Orange County ProgPay Computer Application System
Riverside County Environmental Site Assessment and Risk Evaluation Tools
Riverside County Helping Individuals Realize Employment (HIRE) Program
Riverside County Individual Prevention Services Program
Riverside County Green Pathways = Green Paydays
San Bernardino County Customer Service Center
San Bernardino County Preschool Referral Project
San Bernardino County Superior Court On-Call Warrants
San Diego County Blueprint: Comprehensive Services for Homeless Mentally Ill
San Diego County Live Well San Diego
San Diego County Technology & Aging Coalition
Ventura County Human Services Agency Electronic Case Management System

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?

- a. List all sources of funding for the project.
- b. Did the project come within/under budget?
- c. What costs were involved, what savings were realized?
- d. 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 \$75.00 must accompany EACH entry. If entering multiple entries, a single check with a total amount (\$75.00 for each program entered) may be submitted. However, a photocopy of the check must be submitted with each entry.

SEND IN YOUR ENTRY BY MAIL. You must send two (2) complete copies of each entry form and Executive Summary, along with either a check or photocopy of group payment and your letter of endorsement (see entry form for address). Your entry should be mailed to 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.

COUNTIES BY POPULATION CATEGORY

Under 50,000	Alpine Amador Calaveras Colusa Del Norte Glenn Inyo Lassen Mariposa Modoc Mono Plumas Sierra Siskiyou Trinity
	El Dorado Humboldt Imperial Kings Lake Madera Mendocino Napa Nevada San Benito Shasta Sutter Tehama Tuolumne Yuba
	Butte Marin Merced Monterey Placer San Joaquin San Luis Obispo San Mateo Santa Barbara Santa Cruz Solano Sonoma Stanislaus Tulare Yolo
	Alameda Contra Costa Fresno Kern Los Angeles Orange Riverside Sacramento San Bernardino San Diego San Francisco Santa Clara Ventura

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Spotlighting BEST PRACTICES in County Government



The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) invites you to enter our 2014 Challenge Awards competition.

These unique awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments as they find innovative, effective and cost-saving ways to provide programs and services to their citizens. This is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight your county's best practices.

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

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.

All entries must be postmarked by
Friday, June 27, 2014. Entries may not be faxed.
Entries received by CSAC will not be returned.

ELIGIBILITY

Only programs that are developed, managed or funded by a county department or agency are eligible. Multi-county programs are eligible. Court-related programs must be coordinated or funded by the county.

Programs that have previously received a Challenge Award cannot be entered again; Merit Award recipients are eligible.

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

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.

DEADLINE

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, June 27, 2014, to be considered. Faxed or emailed entries will not be accepted. Entries cannot be returned.

ENTRY FEES

\$75.00 per entry. A check payable to CSAC Challenge Awards must accompany EACH entry. If entering multiple entries, a single check with a total amount (\$75.00 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.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Two levels of awards will be presented by CSAC in each category: Challenge and Merit Awards. The judges have the flexibility to offer an optional top-level award: The California Counties Innovation Award.
- 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 the event that a multi-county application is honored, each county will receive an award.
- Award-winning recipients will be notified by mail upon completion of judging in the fall.
- If you have any questions, contact David Liebler, CSAC Deputy Director of Public Affairs & Member Services, at 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 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

☐ 50,000 to 200,000

☐ 200,001 to 750,000

☐ 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)

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.
- Enclose payment of \$75.00 for each entry. One check may be used for multiple entries.
- Send two (2) complete copies for each entry

Checks should be made payable to:
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Mail or deliver all of the above to:
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