

GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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Deadline: Submit by September 1, 2010

Name of Community or Multi-Community: _____ Population: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please Check the Submission Style: Binder _____ Website _____

If website submission, what is the web address? _____

Part I – Overall Planning and Leadership Development Process (40 points)

With a maximum of five pages (page maximum applies to binder option ONLY), please address the following questions with written responses and supporting documentation, such as news articles and photos.

1) Describe the community or multi-communities planning process.

- a) How do citizens participate in the process?
- b) What methods are used to set goals and priorities to build consensus toward a common vision? (Ex: surveys, town hall meetings, etc.)
- c) What methods are used to evaluate community progress?
- d) Describe the type of plans and strategies that have been developed by the community.
- e) What style/type of community assessment and planning program does your community utilize?

2) Describe the community's efforts to develop local leadership and volunteerism.

Include efforts to involve and recruit a broad base of volunteers in the planning and implementation of community wide projects. Also, include efforts to develop volunteers through training opportunities and volunteer recognition.

3) How does your community identify community organizations and their roles?

- a) Describe how this information is shared and used in the community.
- b) Describe how various organizations work together to plan and implement projects and maximize resources.

4) Has your community conducted a needs assessment survey in the last three years?

Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, please include the tabulated results in the Appendix)

If yes, describe how the survey has been used as part of the community planning process.

If no, describe other efforts made to compile community input for needs identification.

5) Has your community conducted an inventory of resources or started to enter data into the Location One Information System (LOIS) or the Nebraska Economic Development Info (NEDI online)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please include a print out of these pages in the appendix.

6) Does your community have a website? Yes _____ No _____

Website: _____

7) Did your community submit a website nomination for the Governor's Community Spirit Award?

Yes _____ No _____ (10 points for web submission)

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Part II– Project Accomplishments (50 Points)

In no more than five pages per project (page maximum applies to binder option ONLY), please address the following questions with written responses and/or supporting documentation, such as news articles and photos. A community may showcase a maximum of 5 projects in order to demonstrate its Project Accomplishments. Projects used to support the Governor's Community Spirit Award nomination may include those projects nominated for awards under the Special Project Awards category, although non-nominated projects may also be used.

Name of Community or Multi-Community: _____ Population: _____

Name of Project: _____

Project Contact Person: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Category _____ Subcategory: _____

Please identify which projects are also nominated for Special Project Awards: _____

Date Project Started (mo./yr) _____ / _____ Date Completed (mo./yr.) _____ / _____

Is the project Annual/Ongoing? Yes _____ No _____

Volunteer Hours _____ Number of Volunteers _____

1) Please provide a brief description of the project.

2) Identify the planning and implementation of the project.

- a) Describe methods used to plan and implement the project.
- b) Describe how the project relates to the communities overall goals (including the goals identified by the community on its Intent to Enter form).
- c) Describe how the project was identified as a priority for the community.

3) Describe volunteer involvement in planning and implementing the project.

- a) Describe how responsibilities were delegated among volunteers.
- b) Describe how volunteers were recruited for the project.

4) Identify Project Outcomes.

- a) What did the community intend to change as a result of the project?
- b) Describe community wide support behind the project.
- c) Describe how the final project impacted the community, including measurable data. (Measurable data includes both qualitative and quantitative information).

5) Describe how resources were identified and used to successfully implement the project.

- a) Money (grants, fund-raising, bonds, etc.).
- b) Materials and supplies (purchased and donated).
- c) Labor (volunteer, in-kind, and paid services).

6) Future Plans

- a) How will the community build upon or follow-up with this project in the future?
- b) What has the community learned from this project that can be applied to future development efforts?

7) Please describe what aspects (if any) of the project were especially unique or creative?

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Part III- Additional and Ongoing Projects (10 points)

Please list additional and ongoing projects in your community. Include a brief description of the projects and the group(s) responsible for planning and implementing the projects using a maximum of five pages (page maximum applies to binder option ONLY), including supporting documentation.