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County wins 45 awards from National Association of Counties





San Bernardino County programs that celebrate art, promote mental health and improve the lives of children and families, are among 45 programs that won 2020 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), including a Best in Category Award for the County Museum.





"I congratulate all of our award winners who worked hard this year to serve our residents and make this county a great place to live," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman. "Each year our County departments have distinguished themselves on the national stage and they continue to make us proud."

The County Museum won a Best In Category Award in the Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation category for Old West Days: Broadening Myths and Legends to Reflect Authentic Histories. In this program, Museum visitors get to see what life was like in the county in the 1800s and learn about its diverse and extensive history.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, including its Environmental Health Services Division, won 9 awards, the most of any County department.

"I am incredibly proud of our Public Health staff who not only work tirelessly but creatively every day to improve health, wellness, safety and quality of life to move our county forward," said Corwin Porter, interim director of Public Health. "All nine of these innovative programs that our Public Health staff have developed truly deserve to be recognized."

Since 2010, San Bernardino County has won 381 Achievement Awards from NACo, an organization that honors innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents.

Nationally, NACo Achievement Awards are given in 15 different categories that reflect the variety of services counties provide. San Bernardino County won awards in nine categories judged by NACo. This year, NACo reviewed 522 entries from counties in 30 states.

The Board of Supervisors will recognize and honor the people and departments responsible for the winning programs and services below at an upcoming event:

Category: Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation

Biodiversity in our Backyard: Engaging Environmental Education through Storytelling – County Museum Call for Art – Department of Behavioral Health

Innovative Applications of Technology with Public Anthropology Collections - County Museum Old West Days: Broadening Myths and Legends to Reflect Authentic Histories - County Museum Pulp Culture: Recognizing the Shared Cultural Legacy of an Inland Empire Industry – County Museum

Category: Children and Youth

Children United Through Empowerment (C.U.T.E.) – Public Defender

Continuous Quality Improvement Process in Child Welfare – Children and Family Services

Department Diversity Program – Children and Family Services

Improving Developmental Screening Rates in San Bernardino County – Department of Public Health Integration of Presumptive Transfer through Interagency Collaboration – Children and Family Services

Open Case Investigations (OCI) Unit – Children and Family Services

Category: Community and Economic Development

Food Rescue Anti-Hunger Coalition – Department of Public Health State of the County 2020 Vision 2020 – Economic Development

Category: County Administration and Management

Contract Risk Assessment Scorecard – Purchasing Department

Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Program – San Bernardino County Flood Control District

Request For Proposal (RFP) Directory – Purchasing Department

Warehouse Marketplace, Fiscal Management - Department of Public Health

Category: Health

Day Reporting Center Nursing Program – Probation

InnROADs - Department of Behavioral Health

Listen-Empathize-Agree-Partner Implementation – Department of Behavioral Health

Placement After Stabilization (PAS) Program – Department of Behavioral Health

Category: Human Services

Getting Ahead – Transitional Assistance Department

Housing Disability and Advocacy Program (HDAP) – Transitional Assistance Department and Community Development and Housing

In-Home Supportive Services/Transitional Assistance: Collaboration for Customer Service and Staff

Development – In-Home Supportive Services and Transitional Assistance Department

Proactive Texting Outreach – Transitional Assistance Department

Safe Zone Program – Department of Aging and Adult Services

Sanction Reengagement Program – Transitional Assistance Department

Successful Implementation Techniques for FLSA in the IHSS Program – In-Home Supportive Services

Supervised Field Experience (SFE) – Transitional Assistance Department and Performance, Education & Resource Centers (PERC)

The Home Visiting Program – Transitional Assistance and Preschool Services

Category: Information Technology

Business-to-Business Enhancement - Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector

Customer Service Expansion – Environmental Health Services

DPH Customer Satisfaction Mechanism: Collecting, Analyzing, and Responding to Customer Feedback – Department of Public Health

GIS - PSPS - Environmental Health Services

Remote Inspections Program – Environmental Health Services

San Bernardino County Fire Damage Assessment – County Fire

Where Do My Property Tax Dollars Go? - Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector

Category: Libraries

Library Training Module – County Library
New Book Festival Redistribution – County Library

Category: Personnel Management, Employment and Training

DPH Lunch and Learn Event – Department of Public Health
DPH Stay Interview Program – Department of Public Health
Field to Supervision Curriculum – Fleet Management
From Trainee to Appraiser - Appraiser Series Program – Assessor-Recorder-Clerk
Hiring for Maximum Impact – Department of Child Support Services
Leadership Development Program – Department of Behavioral Health