



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David Twa, County Administrator
Date: June 26, 2018

Subject: 2018 CSAC Challenge Awards

RECOMMENDATION(S):

AUTHORIZE the County Administrator to submit, on behalf of Contra Costa County, a letter of authorization for the submission of eleven applications to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2018 Challenge Awards.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The entry fee is \$75 for each application. The total entry fee for the eleven applications is \$825. The entry fee is paid out of the County Administrator Office's budget.

BACKGROUND:

In April, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) invited counties to enter their 2018 Challenge Awards competition. The program is intended to recognize the innovative and creative spirit of county governments, who seek to find unique, replicable, effective and cost saving ways of providing programs and services to their citizens. The deadline for entry is a postmark of June 22, 2018.

CSAC recognizes counties in three population categories -- rural, urban (representing counties like Contra Costa), and suburban -- and five issue areas:

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/26/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 26, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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1. **Administration of Justice & Public Safety** – Includes programs associated with local law enforcement and public safety, adult and juvenile detention, and probation.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

2. **Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources** – Includes programs associated with agriculture, the environment, air quality, water, flood control, energy, parks and recreation, public lands, forestry, mining, endangered species, solid waste, and hazardous waste.
3. **Government Finance, Administration & Technology** – Includes programs associated with internal operations, employee training and wellness, workers' compensation, public records, technology, economic development, elections, libraries, food safety, and disaster planning/response.
4. **Health & Human Services** – Includes programs associated with health care, mental health, homelessness, foster care, child welfare services, adult protective services, IHSS, general assistance, aging, CalWORKs, county hospitals, the indigent, and veterans.
5. **Housing, Land Use & Infrastructure** – Includes programs associated with housing, land use, growth, planning, transportation, infrastructure, and tribal gaming issues.

Awards may be presented in three population categories for each of the five issue areas. Two levels of awards will be presented in each category of population: Challenge Awards 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 Award-winning programs receive state and national exposure, are highlighted in county best practices videos, and recognized at Boards of Supervisors meetings. Challenge Awards will be presented in person in the recipient's county. Merit Awards will be mailed. Award recipients will also be featured on CSAC's Web site at www.csac.counties.org. This is a great way to let colleagues across the state and nation know about the innovative work we are doing in Contra Costa County.

Contra Costa County departments propose to submit the following applications for the 2018 CSAC Challenge Awards:

1. **"Operation Documentation" Veterans Assistance Event:** The Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters has brought together several County departments to provide information to veterans, including the importance of recording their DD-214 military discharge forms for safe-keeping.
2. **"APPLE" Voting Accessibility Training:** The Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder and Registrar of Voters has created a comprehensive training program for volunteer poll workers to understand how to make polling places and voting equipment accessible to all voters.
3. **Detention Health Improvement Collaboration:** The Contra Costa County Health Services Detention Health Improvement collaboration is a partnership between Contra

Costa Health Services and law enforcement agencies in Contra Costa County that improves health care by establishing a methodology for continued improvement and collaboration and leveraging the use of available electronic data to help predict health care needs.

4. YouTube Video Storytimes: The Contra Costa Library offers Video Storytime through the Library's YouTube channel at 26 branch libraries where children and parents learn and practice skills that are fundamental to early literacy.

5. Bay Point Book-To-Action Mural Project: The Contra Costa County Library Bay Point Branch hosted a Book-To-Action project centered around the children's book "Maybe Something Beautiful". Staff commissioned a mural that the surrounding community helped complete which encourages the community to read as well as improve and beautify its neighborhood.

6. Contra Costa County Library Staffing Model: The Contra Costa County Library uses linear regression to quantify staffing across 26 libraries with disparate populations, hours, and facilities creating reliability in planning library services.

7. Multi-Purpose Environmental Mitigation for a Levee Project: The Public Works Flood Control District project is a collaborative effort to meet mitigation requirements, foster local watershed stewardship, provide job experience to local youth, and improve the community's environment.

8. Community Partnerships - Connecting Students to County Stewardship: The Public Works Flood Control and Water Conservation District has partnered with local conservation groups, and the Community College to bring real-world environmental challenges to the classroom and awareness to public-sector careers.

9. CalWorks Video Conferencing: The Employment and Human Services Department, CalWORKS Field Division in 2016 implemented the use of video conferencing technology as an innovative method to delivery quality service when faced with meeting service delivery requirements with loss of staff and increased workload.

10. Keys Auto Loan Program: The Employment and Human Services Department, Workforce Services implemented a "Keeping Employment Equals Your Success" (Keys) Auto Loan Program that provides low interest car loans to CalWORKS participants in Contra Costa County whose only means of maintaining their employment is to have ready, reliable transportation.

11. Contra Costa County Pet Retention Program: The Contra Costa County Animal Services Department implemented a pet retention program as an innovative public-nonprofit partnership that addresses the challenges of overcrowded County Shelters and departmental capacity issues in a unique way.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without a letter of authorization to submit an entry, departments will not be able to compete for a CSAC Challenge Award.