



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David Twa, County Administrator
Date: September 8, 2020

Subject: 2020 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 five applications to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2020 Challenge Awards competition.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% County General Fund. The entry fee is \$75 for each application. The total entry fee for the five applications is \$375. The entry fee is paid out of the County Administrator Office's budget.

BACKGROUND:

In July, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) invited counties to enter its 2020 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 entry process is completed online this year, deadline for entry is September 11, 2020.

CSAC recognizes counties in three population categories -- rural, urban (representing

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/08/2020** ☒ 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: September 8, 2020

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

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

1. **Administration of Justice & Public Safety** – Includes programs associated with local law enforcement and public safety, adult and juvenile detention, and probation.
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, elections, and food safety.
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, First 5 programs, county hospitals/medical facilities, the indigent, and veterans.
5. **Housing, Land Use & Infrastructure** – Includes programs associated with housing, land use, growth, planning, transportation, infrastructure, and tribal gaming issues.
6. **Disaster/Emergency Response & Management** - Includes any programs or services developed in response to recent disasters that have struck California Counties, such as wildfires, public power safety shutoffs or the COVID-19 pandemic.

Awards may be presented in the three population categories for each of the six 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 at a Board of Supervisor's meeting 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 wonderful opportunity 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 2020 CSAC Challenge Awards:

| Department(s) | Title | Description |
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| Employment & Human Services | Using CLOUDS Technology to Enhance Communications with Families During COVID-19 | During COVID-19, provide essential services in a timely responsive manner to families by leveraging technology, utilizing CLOUDS technology to enhance communications with families. |
| Employment & Human Services | Volunteer & Emergency Services Team in Action (VESTIA), Season of Sharing COVID Emergency Relief Fund | Through public/nonprofit/private collaboration, established a housing and emergency relief program offering assistance to individuals and households adversely impacted by COVID-19. |

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| Employment & Human Services | Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers During COVID-19 | Provided vital childcare services to hundreds of essential workers between March 17 and June 5, 2020. |
| County Administrator's Office, Joint Project by the Health Services Department and County Library | COVID-19 3D Printing Face Mask Program | Produced 160 3D printed face masks and 3,220 clips to be used in response to COVID-19. The printed clips allowed for reuse of close to 200,000 masks with faulty elastic bands received through the strategic stockpile to be distributed to the community. |
| Clerk-Recorder | Records within Reach Program | Mobilize access and provide customers the ability to get vital records at local DMVs and community events across Contra Costa County. |
| <u>CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:</u> Without an online entry, departments will not be able to compete for a 2020 CSAC Challenge Award. | | |