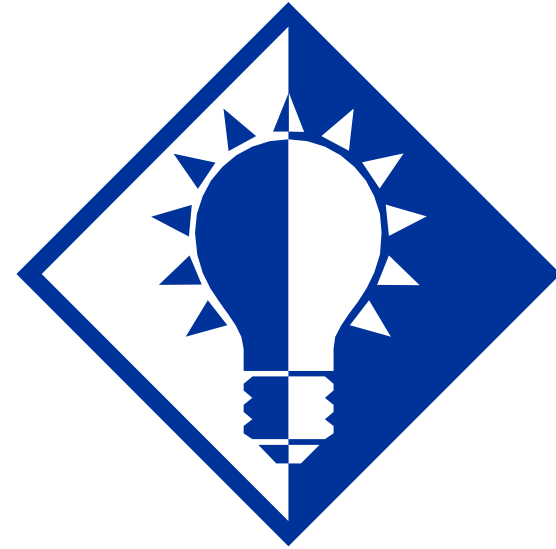


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ISAC Innovation Awards Application

Additional Questions?

For further information on ISAC's Innovation Award Program contact Sandy Longfellow at 515-244-7181 or by email at slongfellow@iowacounties.org.

What is the ISAC Innovation Award Program?

The Iowa State Association of Counties provides the opportunity for officials and staff of counties in Iowa to receive appropriate recognition by their peers and the public for superior and innovative efforts in their profession. In addition, the program provides a means of sharing the best public service ideas in Iowa, demonstrating that county government public servants are progressive, competent and caring. The program also provides other county officials a chance to learn what works.

What are innovations?

When you try to determine if something you are doing is innovative, keep the following in mind. . .

- Was there public input that resulted in changes that made your county more service oriented?
- Did you implement something new that resulted in monetary savings for your county?
- Did you implement something that improved the delivery of a service?
- Did you cooperate with another entity on a joint project re: service provision, do joint purchasing, etc.?
- Did you solve a problem you were having in your courthouse?

How are the Innovation Awards judged?

Entries will be reviewed by a committee comprised of up to eight individuals knowledgeable in local government. The criteria used in judging the applicants includes:

- Improvement is highly innovative in nature;
- improvement took substantial leadership and perseverance on the part of the county/affiliate;
- improvement can be utilized by other counties/affiliates; and
- project improves service to the citizens of the county(ies).

The categories for the awards include:

Category #1 - Projects done within your own county

Category #2 - Cooperative programs with other public or private entities.

When are applications due?

Applications are due **September 1** and should be sent to the ISAC office. There is no limit to the number of applications from each county/affiliate.

Send Innovation Award applications to:

Iowa State Association of Counties

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An award ceremony, in which plaques are presented to the winners, is held during the General Session of the ISAC Fall School in November.