



EXCELLENCE IN ACTION AWARD

A competitive awards program that seeks to identify and recognize innovative county government employees, programs, and ISAC affiliates.

The Excellence in Action Award committee will rate each application based on the following seven attributes: creativity, innovation, cost savings, replication, leadership, increased efficiency, cooperation with others, and perseverance. Awards will be presented at the 2020 ISAC Annual Conference General Session on August 26 in Des Moines and recognized on the ISAC website and in a news release.

- ✓ **INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY**
- ✓ **LEADERSHIP**
- ✓ **REPLICATION**
- ✓ **COST SAVINGS**
- ✓ **EFFICIENCY**
- ✓ **COOPERATION**
- ✓ **PERSERVERANCE**

CRITERIA

- Programs nominated must be innovative and do one or more of the following:
 - Offer a new service to county residents, fill gaps in the availability of existing services, or tap new revenue sources.
 - Improve the administration or enhance the cost effectiveness of an existing county government program.
 - Upgrade the working conditions or level of training for county employees.
 - Enhance the level of citizen participation in, or the understanding of, government programs.
 - Provide information that facilitates effective public policy making.
 - Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems.
 - Provide a model from which other counties or affiliates may learn.
- Nominated individuals must demonstrate exemplary service to citizens, staff, or stakeholders.

JUDGING

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GUIDELINES

- Nominated programs must have become operational after January 1, 2019.
- Individual nominations should reflect the individual actions of the last 24 months.
- Nominations should be made using the application form below.
- A narrative of the county program or individual's action must be included (three-page limit).

AWARD PRESENTATION

Awards will be presented during the 2020 ISAC Annual Conference General Session on August 26 in Des Moines. Winners will also be recognized on the ISAC website and in a news release sent to statewide media. When appropriate, an ISAC staff member will also attend the board of supervisors meeting to present the award.

QUESTIONS

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NOMINATION FORM

- Attach a narrative of the county improvement/project/program/individual (three-page limit).
- Return all nominations by June 1, 2020 (postmarked date) to:
Iowa State Association of Counties
Attn: Jacy Ripperger
5500 Westown Parkway, Suite 190
West Des Moines, IA 50266
- OR email your application form (containing all the information on the form below) to
jripperger@iowacounties.org.

Please fill out each field completely:

Please indicate nomination type: Individual ____ Program ____

Name of individual/program: _____ County or affiliate: _____

Name of nominator: _____ Title: _____

Nominator's phone: _____ Nominator's email: _____