**2015 Local Government Excellence Award Recipients**

**PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

**Award for Career Excellence in Memory of Mark E. Keane**

***Russell Blake, City Manager, City of Pocomoke City, Maryland***

Other Nominees:

* Andy Kopplin, Chief Administrative Officer, City of New Orleans, LA
* James Stegmaier, County Administrator, County of Chesterfield, VA

**Award for Career Development in Memory of L. P. Cookingham**

***No award conferred***

**Assistant Excellence in Leadership Award in Memory of Buford M. Watson, Jr.**

***Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator, County of Lake County, Illinois***

Other Nominees:

* Richard Naimark, Deputy City Manager, City of Phoenix, AZ
* Stephen Smithers, Deputy City Manager, City of Westminster, CO
* Anthony Snipes, Assistant City Manager , City of Austin, TX

**Academic Award in Memory of Stephen B. Sweeney**

***Sam Gaston, Professor and Practioner-in-Residence, Robertson School of Government, Regent University, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia***

Other Nominees:

* Michael Letcher, City of Tucson, AZ

**Early Career Leadership Award in Memory of William H. Hansell, JR**

***Kirsten Wyatt, Assistant City Manager, City of West Linn, Oregon***

Other Nominees:

* Michael Anthony, Manager of Safety, City of Chattanooga, TN
* Alexandra Norton, Director of Innovation/Assistant to the City Manager, City of New Orleans, LA
* C. Seth Sumner, Assistant City Manager, City of Savannah, TN

**PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**Community Health & Safety Program Excellence Award (populations 50,000 and greater)**

***Catawba County Public Health Farmers Market, County of Catawba, North Carolina; City Manager Tom Lundy***

Other Nominees:

* Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program, Onslow County, NC; Jeffrey L. Hudson, County Manager
* Fitness in the Park, City of San Antonio, TX, Sheryl Sculley, City Manager
* Limestone Drive Project, Arlington, TX; Trey Yelverton, City Manager
* Little Rock Marathon, Little Rock, AR; Bruce Moore, City Manager
* RiversEdge Concert Series, Hamilton, OH; Joshua A. Smith, City Manager
* Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership formerly known as the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force, Santa Rosa, CA; Sean McGlynn, City Manager
* Village of Schaumburg Medical Reserve Corps, Village of Schaumburg, IL; Brian Townsend, Village Manager

**Community Health & Safety Program Excellence Award (populations 10,000 to 49,999)**

**Manly Council Crime Prevention Plan Manly Local Government Area New South Wales, Australia; Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer**

Other Nominees:

* Fitness Improvement Training (FIT) Zone: A public health and antiviolence initiative, East Palo Alto, CA; Carlos Martinez, City Manager
* Outreach Services for At-Risk Citizens, Scituate, MA; Patricia Vinchesi, Town Administrator

**Community Health & Safety Program Excellence Award (populations less than 10,000)**

***No award conferred***

Nominee:

Kingfisher Flood Plain Relief Phase I, City of Kingfisher, OK, Dave Slezickey, City Manager

**Community Partnership Program Excellence Award (populations 50,000 and greater)**

***Building an Inclusive City, City of Renton, Washington, Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer***

Other Nominees:

* A Tale of Two Neighborhoods and a City: Building a Strong Community Partnership for Annexation and the Future, City of Cedar Park, TX, Brenda Eivens, City Manager
* Aurora Public Library Colfax and Chambers Computer Center, City of Aurora, CO, George Noe, City Manager
* Be Heard Harrisonburg, City of Harrisonburg, VA, Kurt Hodgen, City Manager
* Border Coast Regional Airport Authority, City of Crescent City, Eli Narrah, City Manager; City of Brookings, Gary Milliman, City Manager; OR
* Build-A-House, County of Chesterfield, VA, James Stegmaier, County Administrator
* Capital Improvement Program, City of Menifee, CA, Rob Johnson, City Manager
* City Job Training and Employment Opportunities Partnership for Homeless People in Bakersfield, City of Bakersfield, CA, Alan Tandy, City Manager
* City of Medford, Oregon, partnership with the University of Oregon Sustainable Cities Initiative: Sustainable City Year Program, City of Medford, OR, P. Eric Swanson, City Manager
* DeKalb County’s Strategic Leadership and Governance Initiative, County of DeKalb, GA, Marcus Kellum, Code Enforcement Administrator
* Electronic Warrant Payments Shared Services Program, City of Arlington, City of Carrollton, City of Euless, City of Grand Prairie, City of Plano, TX; Mike Eastland, Executive Director North Central Texas Council of Governments
* Golden Corridor Advanced Manufacturing Partnership, Village of Schaumburg, IL; Brian A. Townsend, Village Manager; Village of Hoffman Estates, IL, James H. Norris, Village Manager; Village of Elk Grove, IL, Raymond R. Rummel, Village Manager
* Healthy Lakewood, City of Lakewood, CO, Kathleen Hodgson, City Manager
* Mahomet Aquifer Protection Coalition, City of Champaign, IL, Dorothy David, City Manager
* Metro Arlington Xpress, City of Arlington, TX, Trey Yelverton, City Manager
* Northwest Public Safety Building, City of Avondale, AZ, David Fitzhugh, City Manager
* Neighborhood Partnering Program, City of Austin, TX, Marc Ott, City Manager
* Opportunities Study Area, City of Lake Forest, CA, Robert Dunek, City Manager
* Planning, Advocacy And Partnerships Delivering Transport And Health Infrastructure For The SHOROC Region, NSW, Australia: Manly, Henry Wong General Manager; Mosman, Veronica Lee, General Manager; Pittwater, Mark Ferguson, General Manager and Warringah Councils, Rik Hart, General Manager
* Stafford County's 350th Anniversary Celebration, County of Stafford, VA
* SWAG Family Resource Center, County of Alachua, FL, Betty Baker, County Manager
* Team Brookline- Brookline’s Official Boston Marathon Team, Town of Brookline, MA, Mel Kleckner, Town Administrator
* Team Norfolk: Emergency Operations, City of Norfolk, VA, Marcus Jones, City Manager
* The Consortium for Ongoing Reinvestment Efforts (CORE) Fund, City of Hamilton, OH, Joshua A. Smith, City Manager
* The Human Trafficking Task Force, City of Phoenix, AZ, Ed Zuercher, City Manager
* The People’s Choice Program, Village of Arlington Heights, IL, William Dixon, Village Manager

**Community Partnership Program Excellence Award (populations 10,000 to 49,999)**

***CrossTown Connect, Town of Acton, Steve Ledoux, Town Manager, Town of Boxborough, Selina Shaw, Town Administrator; Town of Littleton, Keith Bergman, Town Administrator; Town of Maynard, Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator; and Town of Westford, Jodi Ross, Town Manager; Massachusetts***

Other Nominees:

* Brewster Creek Headwaters Flood Relief Project, Village of Bartlett, IL, Valerie Salmons, Village Administrator
* Chapel View Screen Wall Project, City of Farmers Branch, TX, Gary D. Greer, City Manager
* History to Schools, Township of Anderson, OH, Vicky Earhart, Township Administrator
* Issaquah Creek Integrated Fish Passage Project, City of Issaquah, WA, Bob Harrison, City Administrator
* Lower Providence Township Water Main Project, Township of Lower Providence, PA, Richard Gestrich, Township Manager
* Riverside Landing at Delaware Place Senior Housing Complex, City of Delaware, OH, R. Thomas Homan, City Manager
* Shared Purchasing Manager, City of DeLand, Michael Pleus, City Manager; City of Orange City, Jamie Croteau, City Manager; FL,
* Strafford County (NH) Family Justice Center, City of Rochester, NH, Daniel Fitzpatrick, City Manager
* Water Bill Outreach, Village of Niles, IL, Steven C. Vinezeano, Village Manager
* University Park Public Library, City of University Park, TX, Robert Corder, City Manager
* Using Offsets to Improve Water Quality, City of Twin Falls, IA, Travis Rothweiler, City Manager
* WēConnect®, City of Westerville, OH, David Collinsworth, City Manager

**Community Partnership Program Excellence Award (populations less than 10,000)**

***No award conferred***

**Community Sustainability Program Excellence Award (populations 50,000 and greater)**

* ***Onslow County Solid Waste Management Department Multi-Sector Collaboration for Alternative Revenue Stream Development and Long Term Waste Disposal Capacity, County of Onslow, North Carolina,* Jeffrey L. Hudson, County Manager**

Other Nominees:

* Arts Partners and Theatre Buddies Program, Village of Schaumburg, IL, Brian A. Townsend, Village Manager
* Business Retention & Expansion, City of Corona, CA, Darrell Talbert, City Manager
* Children and Youth Investment Team (CAY-IT), County of Catawba, NC, Tom Lundy, County Manager
* Dekalb County’s Strategic Leadership and Governance Initiative, County of DeKalb, GA, Marcus Kellum, Code Enforcement Administrator
* Eco-man Project, City of Arlington, TX, Trey Yelverton, City Manager
* Mayor’s Roundtable, City of Menifee, CA, Rob Johnson, City Manager
* Small Buisness Economic Development Advocacy, City of San Antonio , TX, Sheryl Sculley, City Manager
* Sustainable-Infill Redevelopment Zoning District, City of Aurora, CO, George Noe, City Manager
* Zen and the Art of Creating Community Sustainability: The Cedar Park Sculpture Garden, City of Cedar Park, TX, Brenda Eivens, City Manager

**Community Sustainability Program Excellence Award (populations 10,000 to 49,999)**

***Eco Village, City of River Falls, Wisconsin, Scot Simpson, City Administrator***

Other Nominees:

* City of Hutto Comprehensive Plan, City of Hutto, TX, Karen Daly, City Manager
* City of Manhattan Beach Sustainability Initiatives: Working Towards a Sustainable Manhattan Beach, City of Manhattan Beach, Mark Danaj, City Manager
* Climate Adaption Chapter: Developing Strategies to Protect Areas at Risk from Flooding due to Climate Change and Sea Level Rise, Town of Durham, NH, Todd Selig, Town Administrator
* Manly Council’s Litter Prevention Program – LitterGuards, Manly Council NSW Australia, Henry Wong, Chief Operating Officer
* "Newton's Future" Implementation, City of Newton, IA, Robert Knabel, City Administrator

**Community Sustainability Program Excellence Award (populations under 10,000)**

***Basalt Micro-Hydroelectric Plant, City of Basalt, CO, Michael Scanlon, Town Manager***

**Strategic Leadership & Governance Program Excellence Award (populations 50,000 and greater)**

**Tamarac’s Strategic Planning: Alignment and Engagement, City of Tamarac, FL, Michael C. Cernech, City Manager**

Other Nominees:

* American Dream City Branding, City of Arlington, TX, Trey Yelverton, City Manager
* Chapel Hill 2020, Town of Chapel Hill, NC , Roger Stancil, Town Manager
* City of Edmonton Corporate Culture Program, City of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Simon Farbrother, City Manager
* City of Rock Hill- Enhancing Strategic Planning through Stakeholder Outreach, City of Rock Hill, SC, David Vehaun, City Manager
* dataMontgomery Open Data Dataset Strategy, County of Montgomery, MD, Fariba Kasseri, Chief Administrative Officer
* Executive Strategic Evaluation Team/Strategic Workforce Analysis Team, City of Norfolk, VA, Marcus Jones, City Manager
* Fellowship Program, City of Hamilton, OH, Joshua A. Smith, City Manager
* Menifee University, City of Menifee, CA, Rob Johnson, City Manager
* North Bay Life Science Alliance, City of Novato, CA, Michael Frank, City Manager
* Risk Management Program, City of Sugar Land, TX, Allen Bogard, City Manager

**Strategic Leadership & Governance Program Excellence Award (populations 10,000 to 49,999)**

***Citizen Engagement Program, City of Sedona, AZ, Justin Clifton, City Manager***

Other Nominees:

* Beyond Business Friendly, Village of Schaumburg, IL, Brian A. Townsend, Village Manager; Village of Elk Grove Village, IL, Ray Rummel, Village Manager; Village of Hoffman Estates, IL, James H. Norris, Village Manager;
* Citizens Academy, City of Midland, MI, Jon Lynch, City Manager
* City of Hermosa Beach: Community Engagement Process for Proposed E&B Natural Resources Oil Drilling and Production Project, City of Hermosa Beach, Tom Bakaly, City Manager
* DIG Manly (DREAM INSPIRE GROW), Manly Local Government Area, New South Wales, Australia, Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer
* Not In Our City Program, City of Oak Ridge, TN, Mark Watson, City Manager
* Transitioning Principles into Practice, City of Petersburg, VA, William E. Johnson, III, City Manager

**Strategic Leadership & Governance Program Excellence Award (under 10,000)**

***Re-Inventing Municipal Government: An Entrepreneurial Small Business Approach, Village of Hawthorn Wood, IL, Pamela Newton, Chief Operating Officer***