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Minnesota counties continue to face the challenge of having to do more with less to tackle the issues facing their communities – declining and aging populations, aging infrastructure, demographic and economic shifts - yet counties have refused to use traditional responses to find solutions to these tough issues. Instead, they are pursuing innovation and service redesign.

The 11th annual Local Government Innovation Awards will once again recognize the creative ways counties are making communities better and doing things differently. Up to 5 counties will be recognized as award winners for their innovative work with the top entry receiving a **\$5,000 grant from the Bush Foundation and a professional video highlighting their work!**

This year the awards will also feature the **Local Government and Native Nation Collaboration Award**. This category will ask local governments and native nations to co-submit an application detailing a project they have collaborated on to create positive change in their communities. The Native nation and local government entity will each receive a \$5,000 grant from the Bush Foundation and a professional video highlighting their project.

Innovation and service redesign strategies being used could include:

- Creating greater accountability
- Using incentives, targeting and funding to meet those in need
- Orchestrating competitive contracting
- Managing collaboration or consolidation
- Deploying prevention strategies that eliminate the need for a service
- Divesting current services to the community

How Counties Get Involved

ENTER the Awards

Submit your local government innovation for the opportunity to be recognized for your creative work.

SHARE the Awards

Forward information about the awards to an organization that should apply and follow the awards on twitter: @PNLCHHH

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September 18 – October 6

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December 7th

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