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Local governments 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 many cities, counties, townships and schools have refused to use traditional responses to find solutions to these tough issues. Instead, they are pursuing innovation and service redesign.

### Innovation and service redesign strategies being used 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

The awards recognize the creative ways counties, cities, townships, and schools are making communities better and doing things differently. Up to 20 local government entities will be recognized as award winners for their innovative work with the winner in each of category receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Bush Foundation and a professional video highlighting their innovation 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.

### How You Can 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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