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Minnesota's 11 federally recognized tribal nations are important community and economic leaders who often partner with local governments on innovative projects that build better communities. 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. That's why collaborative partnerships are more important than ever. Partnerships like those between tribal nations and local governments provide a critical foundation to innovation, which enables us to find solutions to tough issues.

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This year, the Local Government Innovation Awards, are excited to announce a new award category –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

The Local Government Innovation awards recognize the creative ways counties, cities, townships, schools, and tribal nations are making communities better and doing things differently. In 2017, up to 21 local government entities and one tribal nation will be recognized for their innovative work!

How You Can Get Involved

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

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

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