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Minnesota townships 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 townships have refused to use traditional responses to find solutions to these tough issues. Instead, they are pursuing innovation and service redesign.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Local Government Innovation Awards will once again recognize the creative ways townships are making communities better and doing things differently. Up to 5 townships 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 Townships Get Involved**

#### **ENTER the Awards**

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

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**December 7th**

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