



APA NEW MEXICO AWARDS COMMITTEE

2021 Call for Nominations

APA-NM is seeking nominations for its 2021 Planning Awards.

Purposes of the APA-NM Awards program:

- 1) Recognize excellent planners and planning projects throughout New Mexico.
- 2) Award outstanding achievements in the application of planning principles and techniques to solve problems and improve our quality of life.
- 3) Encourage innovation and planning in the service of public welfare.

Award Categories

Excellence in Planning: For planning practices, innovation, projects, plans, and ordinances in any of the following (or related) areas, with a demonstrable impact:

- Zoning/land use
- Economic development
- Urban design
- Historic preservation
- Education/outreach
- Plan Implementation
- Communication initiatives
- Critical Infrastructure
- State of New Mexico initiatives
- Federally approved planning projects (emergency plans, etc...)

Planner of the Year: To a planner who has made noteworthy contributions to the field of planning over a sustained period.

Sustainability and Resilience: To planning work which prioritizes and advances environmental preservation and/or planning resilience.

Student Planning Awards: To a planning student or team enrolled at a New Mexico university (or other college) who has completed a project of high merit within the past year.

Planning Research: Awarded to mid-level professionals and planning academics, as distinguishable from planning student projects for undergraduate and graduate students.

Equity in Planning: To a planner, planning team, project, plan, or formalized practice which strengthens and incorporates equitable provision of planning services, equal representation, and participation.

Long-Range Planning: To any long-range, comprehensive, master plans, programs, and/or processes of high merit.

Excellence in Public Engagement: To projects, plans, or documented public outreach efforts that exemplify and prioritize diverse community involvement and effective implementation of critical feedback.

Excellence in Technology: For best practices with the use of GIS, Database Management, Software Applications, use of Internet, Remote Sensing, and/or other related work.

Rural Planning: Planning projects addressing the concerns of sparsely populated, non-urban agricultural, and/or isolated communities.

COVID Recovery: Projects initiated and/or implemented since November 2019 which specifically address pandemic related planning measures, mitigation, housing and tenancy, public health, safety, bridging pandemic-related socioeconomic gaps, and wellness.

Transportation/Land Use*: Transportation and transportation-infrastructure related projects, particularly those which address Transportation Oriented Development, renewable energy, mass transit, autonomous vehicles, Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, Vision Zero, intelligent systems, efficiencies, corridor analysis, and land use impacts.

*Categories with less than three submission will be consolidated with Excellence in Planning.

Submission deadline is August 13 at 5 pm.

Submittal Requirements

Submittal deadline is
Friday, August 13,
2021, at 5 pm

1. Programs, projects, and individuals must be located within New Mexico.
2. Submissions related to projects must have been completed no later than 2 years before the date of submittal. Plans subject to adoption by a public entity must be submitted only after it has been adopted. Projects which have not yet been executed simply need to articulate tangible plans for future implementation.
3. Your submittal must include the completed form:
 - Person or project being nominated.
 - Category of award.
 - Nominator name, address, organization, phone, and email address.
 - Credits of all significant contributors.
 - Summary (two-page limit) addressing the Evaluation Criteria below.
4. Send complete application packages via email and include:
 - Above mentioned submittal form.
 - One (1) copy of a work product that represents your nomination well (a plan, report, project outline, map, map, drawings, photos, etc.)
 - For work products over 20 pages, this year the committee is requesting submission of a concise, work excerpt, not to exceed 20 pages, demonstrating how your project fulfills the awards' criteria.
 - A list of all individuals and agencies substantively involved in the project.
 - Photo of planner(s) and/or planning team is optional.
5. Submit complete forms (and any questions) with a contact phone number to:
2021PlanningAwards@gmail.com by or before 5 pm on Friday, August 13, 2021.

Evaluation Criteria

Excellence in planning, Sustainability & Resilience, Student Planning Awards, Planning Research, Equity in Planning, Long Range Planning, Excellence in Public Engagement, Excellence in Technology, Rural Planning, COVID Recovery, Transportation & Land Use

- **Originality:** Explain how your entry presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address needs.
- **Participation:** Explain how various public and private interests were involved and the extent of that involvement, including those who historically have been left out of the planning process. Show how your entry obtained public and private support.
- **Role of planners:** Clarify the role, significance and participation of planners. Demonstrate the connection between the effort's success and increased awareness in the community of planners and planning.
- **Measurable Implementation:** Address what steps have been taken to build momentum and public support for implementing the plan.
- **Transferability:** Illustrate how your entry has potential application for others and how use of your entry's components and methodology furthers the cause of good planning.
- **Quality:** Overall quality and presentation of the submittal.
- **Submission Package:** Application clearly articulates fulfillment of awards' criteria.

Professional Planner Award

- **Planning efficacy:** Demonstrate how the nominee has promoted effective planning practices.
- **Contributions in the field:** Describe significant contributions the nominee makes toward achieving community goals or solving problems by using planning principles.
- **Diplomacy:** How does the nominee encourage greater understanding about planning by the community/clients being served?
- What special qualities does this planner have?