

**CALL  
FOR  
ENTRIES**



Association of Bay Area Governments

## 2014 GROWING SMARTER TOGETHER AWARDS

Recognizing Local Government Achievements

Does your city, town or county have a program or project or an elected official—who has taken actions that demonstrate a significant commitment to advancing smart growth principles— and or achieving the regional planning goal of developing sustainable communities. The Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) *Growing Smarter Together* Awards Program showcases planning and development at the local level that advance smart or “focused sustainable” growth in the Bay Area.

The awards also honor counties, cities, and towns that meet the day-to-day needs of residents and promote conservation efforts that protect vital natural, scenic, and agricultural resource areas. The distinguished leadership category honors the efforts of an elected official from an ABAG area city, town or county. Individual local governments or groups of jurisdictions working in partnership may submit nominations for the regional *Growing Smarter Together* Awards.

### DEADLINE

**Submittals must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 electronically (<http://www.abag.ca.gov/smarter-submittal.html>) or mailed (or delivered) to ABAG's offices.**

### CATEGORIES

- Distinguished Leadership Award – Elected Official
- Start It Up Award
- On the Ground – Getting It Done Award: FOCUSed Growth
- Preserving and Protecting the Environment Award
- Public-Private Partnership Award
- Sharing the Benefits Award
- Building a Better Bay Area - Urban Design Award
- Powering Forward – Innovation and Technology Award. **NEW**

### NOMINATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All entries must include the following information.

1. Project or policy title or Nominee name
2. Summary description of nomination, not to exceed 150 words.
3. Contact information for nominator (Name, address, phone, email). This person will be asked to work with ABAG staff to possibly develop display materials and video for the awards presentation, if the submittal is selected for recognition.
4. Describe the project or policy or individual achievement. Include significance to the community and the region. This section should also address how the nomination advances the implementation of the sustainability community goals as outlined in the Evaluation Criteria. This section should not exceed 1500 words.

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5. **May include** up to three letters of recommendation; each letter must identify the nominee, project, or policy. These letters must be included as part of the submittal and are due **February 12th**.
6. Supplemental materials **may include** photographs, plans, marketing materials, press releases, media coverage or any other information that may assist the jury in selecting award winners.
7. Each page of the nomination must be numbered and identified with the project or nominee name.
8. All submissions can be submitted electronically via the entry website at <http://www.abag.ca.gov/smarter-submittal.html> OR five copies of all materials can be mailed. **ALL materials or submittals must be received or completed by Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, by 5 p.m.**

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

A panel of jurors will review and determine the award winners. Jurors will not be obligated to grant an award in any category and/or may choose to consider a nomination in a category other than the one indicated in the submittal.

Nominations will be evaluated on the sustainable community planning goals described in the entry guidelines. These goals evolved from the regional principles adopted by the regional agencies (ABAG, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Bay Conservation and Development District, and Metropolitan Transportation Commission), as part of the Smart Growth Livability Footprint Project, the FOCUS Initiative, and Plan Bay Area. The judging criteria are as follows:

1. Is this person/project/policy/program clearly described?
2. Does description of the person/project/policy/program include significance to the community and the region?
3. Do the supplemental materials support the personal/project description?
4. Do the letters of recommendation support the nomination?
5. Does the person/project/policy/program move the regional sustainable community planning goals (described in the Entry Guidelines) toward implementation? And are the categories delineated in the application?
6. Does the person/project serves as a good example/best practice for the Bay Area, and includes **applicable** factors such as design quality, transit oriented development, integration with the surrounding community, environmental benefits, and project impact. Is the person's actions or project significant to the Bay Area?

### **AWARD PRESENTATION**

The Awards will be presented as part of the 2014 Spring General Assembly held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Award winners will be notified prior to the General Assembly and will be asked not to publicize the recognition until after the Awards event.

### **CONTACT**

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Full information about the awards program is included in the *Entry Guidelines* document, available online at <http://www.abag.ca.gov/smarter.html>.

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**PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS**

Information and videos, when available, about the previous award winners is available at <http://www.abag.ca.gov/smarter.html>

**2013**

- **City of El Cerrito, Recycling & Environmental Resource Center**, Community recycling facility, Urban Design Award
- **County of Santa Clara & Stanford University**, County Green Building Permitting Process, Public Private Partnership Award
- **County of Santa Clara Planning Department, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan**, Preserving and Protecting the Environment Award
- **City of Dublin, Emerald Vista**, Sharing the Benefits Award
- **County of Santa Clara, Photovoltaic Project**, Start it Up Award

**2012**

- **Alameda County Public Works Agency** for Streetlight Retrofit Project, Preserving and Protecting the Environment Award
- **Union City** Intermodal Station District Connection, Urban Design Award
- **Grand Boulevard Initiative**, Public Private Partnership Award
- **City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Housing Corporation**, On the Ground, Getting It Done Award
- **Rose Jacobs Gibson**, San Mateo County Supervisor, Distinguished Leadership Award:

**2011**

- **Scott Haggerty**, Alameda County Supervisor, Distinguished Leadership
- **City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County**, Sub-RHNA Process in San Mateo County, Sharing the Benefits
- **City of Oakland** /Oakland Housing Authority, Tassafaronga Village, Urban Design Award
- **County of Alameda/Flood Control and Water District**, Castro Valley Creek Daylighting and Restoration Project. Preserving and Protecting the Environment

**2010**

- **City of Livermore**, Livermore Downtown Specific Plan, Urban Design Award
- **County of Contra Costa, Contra Costa Centre Transit Village**, On the Ground – Getting It Done Award
- **City of Albany, Codornices Creek Restoration and Trail Project**, Preserving and Protecting the Environment Award
- **City and County of San Francisco, Embedding Equity into Smart Growth: San Francisco's Eastern Neighborhoods**, Sharing the Benefits Award
- **City of Richmond, Civic Center Revitalization**, Urban Design Award
- **Beverly Lane**, Vice President, East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, Distinguished Leadership Award

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**2009**

- **County of San Mateo** Housing Endowment and Regional Trust, HEART of San Mateo County
- **City of Union City, *Intermodal Station District***, *On the Ground Getting It Done Award*
- **County of Alameda, Peralta Creek Restoration Project**, *Preserving and Protecting the Environment Award*
- **City of San Ramon**, *Housing Rehabilitation Program*, *Sharing the Benefits Award*
- **City of Berkeley, Oxford Plaza and David Brown Center**, *Building a Better Bay Area Urban Design Award*

**2008**

- **City of Dublin, Alameda County** Surplus Property Authority, Bay Area Rapid Transit
- **Gwen Regalia**, Mayor, City of Walnut Creek, *Sustainable Community Improvement, Leadership Aware*
- **City of Hercules**, walkability, Public Spaces and Regional transit mobility, *On the Ground-Getting it Done Award*
- **City of San Leandro**, Downtown Transit Oriented Development Strategy, *Start It Up Award*

**2007**

- **City of San Mateo**, Rail Corridor Transit Oriented Development Plan, *Start it Up Award*
- **City of Pleasant Hill**, Villa Montanaro Apartments and Transit oriented Development Project, *On The Ground-Getting it Done Award*
- **County of Napa**, Napa County Baseline Data Report, *Preserving and Protecting the Environment Award*
- **Town of Windsor**, Town Green Village Project, *Public- Private Partnership Award*