

# 2019 Local Health Department of the Year Award

## LHD of the Year Award presented by NACCHO

NACCHO's vision is health, equity, and security for all people in their communities. Local health departments work daily to realize this vision through their broad mandate for disease prevention, health promotion, and health protection. The Local Health Department (LHD) of the Year Award is intended to recognize outstanding work conducted by LHDs around the nation. It is an opportunity to share the success of our colleagues and celebrate their achievements in the national spotlight of NACCHO's annual conference.

The theme for the 2019 LHD of the Year Award is, "Improving Public and Private Partnerships." Cross-sectoral partnerships are the cornerstone of effectively improving health outcomes in communities throughout the nation. When LHDs engage partners and stakeholders across multiple sectors, they can better leverage resources to prevent death, disease, and disability; address emerging threats to health security; and eliminate the social and structural injustices that result in health disparities. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 22, 2019 at 11:59 PST.

## Criteria

A winning application will outline how to build a broad base of public and private support; and develop constituencies that can contribute knowledge, connections, resources, and financial support to further enhance community and population health. Strong applications will feature a combination of strategies and accomplishments. Examples of health department approaches and activities that may be included in submissions for this award are presented below.

- Highlight strategies that identify formal and informal partners and stakeholders, develop new partnerships, build consensus, and align resources to achieve shared goals to improve population health and public health overall; demonstrate the integration of evidence-based practices in the approaches taken that derive from scientific research as well as public health practice informed evidence;
- Enhance public health system transformation with community, business sector, and stakeholders through coordinated efforts to identify and address issues affecting community health;
- Illustrate successful examples of collaborations for conducting health impact assessments, community health improvement plans, community health assessments, and campaigns that reduce or eliminate poor social and economic conditions for marginalized groups in a community;
- Explain how the local health department is involved in their state and local initiatives to transform the healthcare system in ways that impact public health outcomes, (e.g., serving on population health councils for State Innovation Model initiatives, and providing community outreach and referral services to link community members to health exchanges);
- Demonstrate collaborative approaches to the delivery of clinical care with emphasis on strengthening the preventive aspects of medicine, disease control measures, and collection and use of data to effectively target and deliver health and public health services;
- Showcase proven techniques that enhance capacity of the local health department and other organizations in the community to conduct research and share knowledge about their communities in effective ways; and
- Discuss examples of building trust between the local health department, stakeholders, and other community partners to effect real, lasting change that brings people together to solve health problems and improve population health.

### Important Information:

The successful LHD will be a current, active (dues-paying) member of NACCHO.

- Awards will be based on the quality of the application and achievement(s) described determined solely at the discretion of NACCHO.
- Separate awards will be granted to LHDs based on population size, i.e., small (<25,000-99,999), medium (100,000-399,999), large (400,000-749,999); and extra-large (750,000 and above).
- Up to three awardees (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) will be selected for each LHD size category. Award recipients will be notified in the spring and will be recognized at the 2019 NACCHO Annual Conference.
- Applicants are required to pay an application fee (one fee per application) to cover administrative and program maintenance costs. Fees must be paid as part of the applicant's submission process and are based on the size of the LHD—small (\$35), medium (\$65), large (\$95), and extra-large (\$125).

2. Outcomes: Summarize the results of implementing these innovative techniques and how the LHD measured or evaluated results. (20 points)
3. Recommendations: What advice would you give other LHDs seeking to embark on a similar journey? (10 points)
4. Lessons learned (10 points)

The deadline to submit an award application is Monday, April 22, 11:59 PM PST.

Award recipients will be recognized at the 2019 NACCHO Annual conference, July 9–11 in Orlando.



*Fulton County Public Health Department, recipient of the 2018 LHD of the Award (Medium Category)*

## How to Submit

To submit an application, visit [application.naccho.org](http://application.naccho.org).

Payment is required prior to submitting an application.

Please email [membership@naccho.org](mailto:membership@naccho.org) with any questions or concerns.

In the application, you will be asked to describe the following:

1. Implementation: Summarize how the LHD implemented the work, including resources used (e.g., staff time, materials, budget); activities undertaken (strategic planning processes, quality improvement projects, performance management implementation); and, if applicable, collaboration with partners or the community. (60 points)

\*NACCHO may use the information submitted to highlight awardees in other communication vehicles.

Learn more about convening partnerships through the following resources:

- [Advancing Strategic Partnerships between States and Local Health Departments for Cancer Control](#)
- [Building and Sustaining Strong Partnerships between Pharmacies and Health Departments at State and Local Levels](#)
- [Partnerships between Local Health Departments and Community Health Centers in Pursuit of the Triple Aim](#)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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**Please limit your response to a maximum of 2,500 words.**

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## Lessons Learned

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