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## **BURNSVILLE, PARTNER CITIES RECOGNIZED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION AWARDS**

*Award Presented for A Multi-city Collaboration:  
Automating the Election Judge Hiring and Training Process*

The Humphrey School of Public Affairs is recognizing 17 local government projects in their 2019 Local Government Innovation Awards (LGIA), and the City of Burnsville is among the winners.

The City of Burnsville, along with its partner cities of Apple Valley, Farmington, Northfield and Shakopee were recognized in the City category for “A Multi-city Collaboration: Automating the Election Judge Hiring and Training Process.”

### **About the Project**

For cities, hiring and managing hundreds of election judges has been a challenge for decades. The complex process involves large amounts of paper, postage, time, data and spreadsheets. The City of Burnsville realized municipalities could benefit by automating this biennial headache.

In 2018, Burnsville City Clerk staff coordinated with neighboring agencies and pooled resources to create an automated system to save time and money for all. Together, five cities developed a core solution – an “Election Judge Dashboard” using Laserfiche - that can be tailored to each city’s needs and used repeatedly. Burnsville alone estimates a savings of 120 hours of staff time every election, while also streamlining the process for judge applicants.

### **About LGIA Awards**

The awards program is organized in partnership with the Bush Foundation and its Native Nation Building Initiative; and co-sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities, the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of Townships and the Minnesota School Boards Association.

The awards recognize projects in up to five different categories: cities, counties, schools, townships, and Native nations. One entry in each category is named Leading Innovator.

A panel of judges consider submissions for their creativity, sustainability, and collaboration. The five Leading Innovators for 2019 received a grant from the Bush Foundation to continue their work, and a professionally produced video to use for marketing and awareness.

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### 2019 Local Government Innovation Awardees

All LGIA awardees will be formally recognized at an awards ceremony and reception on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Humphrey School. The event is open to the public, and guests can register at <http://lgia.umn.edu>.

#### City Category Winners

- City of St. Paul, St. Paul Public Library—*Your Library: Now Fine Free (Leading Innovator)*
- ***Cities of Burnsville, Apple Valley, Farmington, Northfield, and Shakopee—A Multi-city Collaboration: Automating the Election Judge Hiring and Training Process***
- City of Grand Rapids, Mobility Mania-Accessibility for All, Grand Rapids Rotary Club—*Wheelchair-accessible Swing at Crystal Lake Park*
- City of Shakopee/ Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community—*Shakopee Cultural Corridor\**

#### County Category

- Sibley County, Minnesota State University, US Small Business Administration, USDA—*BizLink North (Leading Innovator)*
- Anoka County—*Anoka County Human Services Leadership Mentorship Program*
- Beltrami Service Area Collaboration (BASC) ++—*Students First*
- Richard Bamattre, principal architect; Hennepin County Housing Stability Area; Hennepin County Information Technology and Records Management; Hennepin County Integrated Planning and Analysis—*Eviction Dashboard*

#### School Category

- Wayzata High School, Wayzata Public Schools—*"The Hub" Web-Based Teacher Portal (Leading Innovator)*
- Northfield Public Schools, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, City of Northfield, other local nonprofits—*Youth on Boards*
- Bemidji School District #31, Bemidji High School, Lumberjack High School, Bemidji Alternative Learning Center, Red Lake Nation, Leech Lake Nation, White Earth Nation, Greater Bemidji Business & Industry partners and the City of Bemidji—*Bemidji Career Academies\**
- Roseville Public Schools, Hamline University—*English Learner in the Mainstream (ELM) Coaching*
- Wadena-Deer Creek School District, Wadena Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Wadena Development Authority—*Community House 2020*

#### Township Category

- Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board—*City of Bemidji-Northern Township Cooperation (Leading Innovator)*
- Linwood Recycling Center—*Local Recycling, Broad Impact*

#### Native Nations Category

- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the City of Prior Lake—*South Area Water Treatment Plant (Leading Innovator)*
- Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Division of Parks and Trails—*Grand Portage Community Wellness Fair*
- \*Shakopee Cultural Corridor (a City Category award recipient)
- \*Bemidji Career Academies (a School Category award recipient)

To view the full awards news release visit <http://lgia.umn.edu/media>.