

2021 Prosperity Indiana Summit
Award Descriptions – Judging Criteria – Nomination Form Questions

1. Michael Carroll Leadership Award

This award recognizes a person who has exhibited exceptional advocacy to further support the community economic development industry. She/he is an **advocacy champion, industry veteran, or legacy**. Leadership is above normal expectations and includes activities over the course of several years or a significant activity that resulted in a positive outcome. Nominees may be nonprofit staff, board members, local/state government, funders, or others in the field. This "centerpiece" award carries with it a \$2,500 contribution to the nonprofit organization of the winner's choice.

Judging Criteria:

- Contributions to housing & community economic development field, over and above normal employment expectations
- Contributions to general public service
- Exceptional advocacy/leadership on behalf of the affordable housing & CED industry
 - Raising awareness and/or educating others about affordable housing and CED
 - Advocacy may be on the federal, state, or local levels
- Impact of leadership/advocacy efforts

Nomination Form:

1. Collects nominee contact info and nominator contact info
2. Asks nominator for brief work background summary, list of attributes that qualify candidate for award, and detailed examples of efforts with measurable outcomes (if possible).
3. Nominator may attach up to 3 supporting documents

2. Robert O. Zdenek Staff Member of the Year Award

Recognizes outstanding professional leadership and commitment of a **staff person** working for a housing or community economic development organization. Nominees embody the dedication and principles of community economic development as well as innovation and leadership within their own organization. A contribution of \$1,000 is provided to the nonprofit organization of the winner's choosing.

Judging Criteria:

- Contributions to organization & community economic development field
- Contributions to general public service
- Leadership & personal initiative
- Continuity of participation

Nomination Form:

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3. Key Award for Supportive Services Program of the Year

The Key Award for Supportive Services Program of the Year honors excellence and innovation in a service-oriented (non-construction) community development initiative. To be considered for the Key Award, the **program** should be a leader in the area of service provision and/or volunteerism and provide a unique model for other organizations within Indiana. A prize of \$1,000 is provided to a nonprofit organization of the winner's choosing.

Judging criteria:

- Leader in the area of service provision and/or volunteerism
- Provide a unique program model
- Impact on community and/or constituents
- Creativity and imagination beyond what typically is expected
- Evidence of cooperative efforts among variety of stakeholders

Nomination Form:

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4. John Niederman Rural Development Leadership Award

This award is designed to recognize outstanding leaders in the field of **rural** community economic development. It is bestowed on individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in improving the quality of life, influencing policies, and fostering opportunities for growth and development for the betterment of rural Indiana. A prize of \$1,000 is provided to a nonprofit organization of the winner's choosing.

Judging Criteria:

- Embody social entrepreneurship as demonstrated by a mission to create and sustain social value.
- Operate in a collaboration first approach to rural community economic development building relationships to leverage impact.
- Believe that community economic development is a human enterprise and put assets and talents of people at the center of their work.
- Be committed to innovation, constantly searching for community economic development strategies that are spun from creativity, fast learning, and fast failure to scale successful endeavors.
- Deliver results through outcome measure and delivering success.

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