**2020 Prosperity Indiana Summit**

**Award Descriptions – Judging Criteria – Nomination Form Questions**

1. **Michael Carroll Leadership Award**

This award recognizes a person in the state who has exhibited exceptional advocacy to further support the community economic development industry. Advocacy activities must be above the normal employment expectations and can include 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 Questions:**

1. Please describe this person's contributions to the housing & community economic development field and how their above normal employment expectations positively impact the general public service.
2. Please describe this person's exceptional advocacy/leadership efforts and impact on behalf of the affordable housing & CED industry.
   * Raising awareness or educating others about affordable housing and CED
   * Advocacy may be on the federal, state, or local levels
3. **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 may include Executive Directors, housing staff, administrative staff, or any other staff member who embodies the dedication and principles of community economic development as well as innovation and leadership within their own organization. A cash prize of $1,000 is provided in honor of the winner.

**Judging Criteria:**

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

**Nomination Form Questions:**

1. Please describe this person's contributions to their organization, the community economic development field, and general public service.
2. Please describe how this person exhibits leadership & personal initiative.
3. Please provide evidence for this person's continuity of participation in the field of community economic development.
4. **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 program model for other organizations within Indiana. A cash prize of $1,000 is provided in honor of the winner.

**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 Questions:**

1. Please provide a description of the program:
   * Brief overview of mission and services.
   * How is it a leader in the area of service provision and/or volunteerism?
   * How does it provide a unique program model?
   * What is its impact on community and/or constituents?
   * Are there other stakeholders involved in collaborative efforts for program success?

1. **John Niederman Rural Development Leadership Award**

This award is designed to recognize outstanding leaders in the field of rural community economic development. This honor will be 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 cash prize of $1,000 is provided in honor of the winner.

**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.

**Nomination Form Questions:**

1. Please describe how this person embodies social entrepreneurship as demonstrated by a mission to create and sustain social value.
2. Please describe how this person operates in a collaboration first approach and puts the assets and talents of people at the center of their work.
3. Please describe this person's commitment to innovation and the measurement of outcomes.