

2025

Showcase Community Award

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The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) is accepting nominations for the 2025 Showcase Community Award. The award will be presented during National Community Development Month in April 2025.

Purpose

The Showcase Community Award recognizes communities that have demonstrated an outstanding ability to leverage local, state, and federal resources to achieve projects that enhance their residents' quality of life. Communities are recognized for achievements completed within the past five years. The award prioritizes communities that have effectively invested awards from the Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and other programs administered by DED.

Eligibility

With limited exceptions, most Nebraska communities are eligible for nomination. Not eligible are:

- 1) Municipalities identified by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development as entitlement communities due to the size of their population (Lincoln, Omaha, Bellevue, and Grand Island).
- 2) Award winners from the previous five years (Seward, Wood River, Plainview, North Platte, and Beatrice).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Monday, March 3, 2025

ANTICIPATED ANNOUNCEMENT: April 1, 2025

ONLINE NOMINATION FORM

https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/showcase_nomination

QUESTIONS?

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2024 Showcase Award Ceremony, Seward

Nominations

To nominate a Nebraska community, click the button below:



The nomination form requests narrative on:

- 1) The collaborative process used to come up with community development goals.
- 2) The specific development goals identified by the community.
- 3) The project(s) achieved to meet those goals.
- 4) Local, state, and federal resources mobilized by the community to reach its goals.

Additionally, submit up to eight supporting documents—such as newspaper articles or photos—to show the success of the completed project(s).