



## *Innovative Program Award*

**Purpose:** The NAVPLG Innovative Program Award was established to honor the outstanding achievements of a local government program in their creation and implementation of a program/service, which utilizes volunteers to creatively serve both their local government and their community. Winners will received a \$250 award designated to be used toward costs associated with attendance at the NAVPLG Pre-Conference and Annual Meeting held at the 2008 Points of Light /Hands-on-Network Conference, scheduled for June 1-3 in Atlanta, GA. Winners are asked to attend the NAVPLG annual meeting on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:30-2:30. Winners will be notified by April 25th.

**Eligibility:** The program/service must be part of a local city, county, township, borough, or parish's formally established volunteer program. The program/service must focus on a specific issue of local government. The program/service should help educate and/or reinforce the importance of volunteer programs in local government. The nominee need not be a NAVPLG member at time of presentation.

**Award Criteria:** The following criteria will be utilized in reviewing and judging the nomination.

- **COMMUNITY NEEDS** – The program/service must address an unmet need of local government.
- **INNOVATION** – Activities should reflect innovative or unique approaches to solving problems specific to local government.
- **MOBILIZATION** – The nominated program/service should result in or present opportunities for utilizing volunteers in other local government activities.
- **ACHIEVEMENT** – The nomination must reflect actual accomplishments achieved through the program/service.
- **REPLICATION** – The nominated program should be easily replicable.

A narrative statement of not more than 500 words describing the nominated program/service and demonstrating how the program/service is specific to local government must accompany all nomination forms.

Up to five pages (front and back) of supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. These materials may include letters, testimonials, news clippings, pamphlets, etc. Anything over five pages will not be considered. Accompanying materials must be no larger than 8½ x 11. All submitted materials become the property of NAVPLG and will not be returned. Please submit five copies of the nomination packets.

**Deadline:** Nominations must be post marked by midnight April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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