



## **PRPS Recognition and Awards Program Agency of the Year Award Criteria**

The PRPS Agency of the Year Award inspires and recognizes exemplary accomplishments in positioning parks and recreation as an essential public service with meaningful community impact. The municipal park, recreation and/or therapeutic and leisure service agency to be considered provides a fresh perspective on significant parks and recreation issues, shows innovation and collaboration, and has demonstrated a high level of resourcefulness, especially in recent years. The winning agency is required to have at least one member of PRPS in order to qualify for this award and must have demonstrated the achievements, benefits and outcomes in providing public park and recreation services for a minimum of five years.

### **ENTRY INFORMATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Nominations will be rated individually by a panel of distinguished park and recreation professionals who are independent of the PRPS Recognition and Awards Committee.

1. The nominated agency is required to have at least one member of PRPS in order to qualify for this award.
2. The agency being nominated must have shown the benefits and outcomes in providing public park and recreation services in the past five years.
3. Provide a detailed narrative which describes how the municipal park, recreation and/or therapeutic and leisure service agency has demonstrated a significant achievement(s) or level of distinction in the recent past. Indicate how the agency positions itself as an essential service to its constituency, how they have effected positive change from their initiatives, and their efforts to be exciting, creative and resourceful in their provision of recreation and park opportunities. Has the agency overcome any period of hardship or a particular obstacle in providing recreation and park services, and placed or returned itself to a level of prominence in the public perspective? The focus of the narrative should be to highlight what sets this agency apart from others and why it deserves this recognition. It is important to emphasize in the nomination the size of the agency (number of employees), the population and/or number of people served, and the available resources of the agency and how those resources are utilized in an effective and creative manner.

Further information, such as supporting details or photos may be attached (limit 5 pages). For large files, such as photos or videos, that cannot be emailed, please email directly to [prpsawards@gmail.com](mailto:prpsawards@gmail.com)

**All nominations must be received by January 8, 2024.**

**Online Form:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HVQVW63>

*Please return to Emily Schnellbaugh at [prpsawards@gmail.com](mailto:prpsawards@gmail.com) before January 8, 2024.*