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 that describes how the municipal park, recreation and/or therapeutic and leisure service agency has demonstrated significant achievement(s) or a level of distinction in the recent past. Indicate how the agency positions itself as an essential service to its constituency, how it has effected positive change from its initiatives, and its efforts to be exciting, creative, and resourceful in its 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 narrative should 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.

All nominations must be received by January 5, 2027.

Online Form: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YXRTL3Z