



Alameda County Wins Big in National Awards Program

- County wins 19 Achievement Awards from National Association of Counties (NACo)
- School immunization program judged "Best in Category" nationwide
- Other winners include health and gun violence campaigns, road closures app

Alameda County made a stellar showing in this year's **National Association of Counties (NACo)** awards program, drawing national distinction with **19 Achievement Awards** for innovations and accomplishments covering a wide range of services.

One of the winning Alameda County programs, an effort led by the Department of Public Health to improve immunization rates in local schools, was named **Best in Category (Civic Education and Public Information)**. Public Health's "**Community Immunity Honor Society**," helped spark a one-year immunization rate improvement in local schools of nearly 8 percent, highest in California. "Alameda County surpassed the State average and became one of the best immunized counties in California," NACo said in announcing the award.

The County's haul of NACo Achievement Awards was impressive not only for its large number, but for the diverse array of services commended by judges from around the country. Award-winning programs included campaigns to reduce gun violence and improve residents' health; a new app that gives users instant information on the latest road closures; and numerous innovations to improve business practices and reduce waste.

"This past year has been marked by amazing work across the County organization," said Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator. "Our impressive showing in this year's NACo awards should be a source of pride for every member of our workforce."

In addition to Public Health's countywide school immunization program, Alameda County's 18 other Achievement Award winners were:

- **Authorized Approvers System for Online Forms** – A new automated system for managing employee expense forms saves time, expense and paper.
- **Boards and Commissions App** - This upgraded system increases accuracy and efficiency in managing the membership of nearly 50 volunteer Boards and Commissions administered by the County.
- **IMPROVE.NET, business/personal property valuation system** - California's first web-based property value system, a project made more challenging by the State's complex property tax code.
- **Reimagining the Ashland-Cherryland Healthy Community Collaborative** - An effort to overcome poverty, safety challenges, and poor health and education outcomes in these unincorporated communities.

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- **"Save a Life Gun Safety Campaign and Toolkit** - A campaign to keep guns out of the hands of children and teens to reduce gun violence
- **Contract Renewal Management System for Community-based Organizations** - An electronic system managing over 200 contracts to provide social welfare and health services.
- **Special Assessments Portal for Taxing Agencies** - An automated system for managing and distributing about \$600 million in property tax revenue collected yearly on behalf of 57 taxing entities.
- **Care Partners** - A county partnership with community organizations that addresses racial and cultural disparities in access to end-of-life planning and care for low-income, older adults.
- **Shoo the Flu, Influenza Vaccination in Schools** - A school-based program that provides free influenza vaccines to students in all public, private, charter and religious schools in the City of Oakland.
- **ULEP Mental Health Services Impact Assessment Tools** - New assessment tools to measure the impact and effectiveness of mental health services to underserved ethnic populations.
- **CalWORKS Public Service Trainee Program** - A paid transitional jobs program providing skill-building classes and on-the-job training to public assistance clients to prepare them for employment.
- **Advanced Visibility in the Cloud** - A project to provide greater visibility of the wide array of network tools - including Cloud-based technologies - to optimize delivery of technical services across the County.
- **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Online Appointment Scheduling** - This automated system increases efficiency of award-winning tax-preparation program for low- to moderate-income residents
- **League of Women Voters Affidavit Tracker** - A new system that allows the Registrar of Voters Office (ROV) to facilitate and track the progress of voter registration drives led by the League of Women Voters.
- **Technology Refresh of Desktop Environment** - Upgrade of 2,600 workstations utilizing automation and modern business practices to complete in 10 months a conversion once projected to last four years.
- **Wellness at Work** - A collaboration with Kaiser Permanente that offers biometric screenings, online health assessments and wellness classes to promote a healthy workforce.
- **Emergency Tracking System** - An application developed in less than 24 hours to allow the County to closely track resources deployed in response to Napa/Sonoma wine country wildfires in October 2017.
- **Road Closures Tool** - This mobile-friendly tool updates motorists on road closures, and links with social media to get out the message.

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