



OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM: Call for Award Entries

Deadline: Monday, February 11, 2019

About Neighbor Power Indy:

The 8th annual Neighbor Power Indy will be held **Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Marian University**. This year's theme is: *Connecting People and Places*.

Neighbor Power Indy is a fast paced day of interactive resident-led workshops, neighborhood storytelling and a neighborhood awards ceremony. Convened by the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center (INRC), in partnership with the City of Indianapolis, this annual event draws neighbors, community leaders, business owners, nonprofits, corporate partners, and elected government officials.

About Neighbor Power Indy Awards Program:

Neighbor Power Indy features an awards program created to recognize activities and accomplishments already making our neighborhoods stronger. Awards will be presented in three categories — Connecting Community, Building Local Economy, and Inspiring Places — honoring those who have accomplished high-quality neighborhood work that represents diverse geography and covers comprehensive topics. Winning organizations in each category will receive a monetary award.

Eligibility:

Neighbor Power Indy awards are designed to recognize neighbor- and neighborhood-led projects. Eligible applicants must be groups of individuals, associations, or not-for-profit organizations (community development corporations, grassroots organizations) working in partnership with neighborhoods and neighbors. Eligible projects must have been completed in Marion County between **January 2018 and December 2018**.

Awards:

1. Connecting Community Award

Given to an institution, organization, or group of people that exemplify leadership, collaboration, and vision in their work to **improve services, education, or cultural aspects of the quality of life in their neighborhoods**. Examples include, but are not limited to a neighborhood cultural event, formation of a neighborhood group, crime watch programs, community/police partnerships, etc.

2. Building Local Economy Award

Given to an institution, organization, or group of people that exemplify leadership, collaboration, and vision in their work to **improve business diversity or economic aspects of the quality of life in their neighborhoods**. This would include but not be limited to a farmer's market, hiring locally, eat/shop local, small business development, job training, etc.

3. Inspiring Places Award

Given to an institution, organization, or group of people that exemplify leadership, collaboration, and vision in their work to **improve safety, housing, or beautification aspects of the quality of life in their neighborhoods**. This would include but not be limited to a local mural project, park/greenspace development, housing, neighborhood clean-up effort, streetscape improvement, gateway, etc.



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Definitions:

Three awards will be presented (see above). For each award, applicants will be asked to respond to how the project and those involved exemplify leadership, collaboration, and vision. For the purposes of these award criteria, they are defined as:

- **Leadership:** The capacity and action of guiding a project through to successful completion. *Healthy neighborhoods value and cultivate skilled leadership and an active citizenry. Healthy neighborhoods possess a complement of local organizations, civic associations, religious communities, and/or community development corporations composed of the diverse, local array of racial, ethnic, and economic constituencies.*
- **Vision:** A thoughtful plan for how things could be in your community. *Healthy neighborhoods foster the creation of “future community visions” and develop a holistic set of neighborhood strategies to achieve their vision. The ability to collaborate across barriers and sectors to successfully implement these strategies is recognized and valued.*
- **Collaboration:** To work jointly with individuals and organizations outside of your organization/association in order to reach a common goal. *Healthy neighborhoods exist within a metropolitan setting where governments and the private, philanthropic, and independent sectors value and provide coordinated support for neighborhood association formation and growth, local leadership development, and holistic community development initiatives.*

Application Process:

Submit online form at www.inrc.org/npi-awards on or before Monday, February 11, 2019. Groups can enter more than one project, and projects can be submitted in more than one category. The Neighbor Power Indy Awards Committee may choose to move any submitted project to a different award category that the committee deems more appropriate for that submission. Separate forms must be completed for each entry. Questions? Contact Anne-Marie Taylor at ataylor@inrc.org or 317-920-0330, ext. 311.

Each application will be evaluated by a committee of community leaders using the following criteria:

- **Project is well documented and identifies the community’s role (0-10 points)**
- Project shows strong and diverse neighbor leadership and capacity (0-10 points)
- Applicant identifies the process that promoted the acidity (0-10 points)
- Applicant identifies and documents collaboration (0-10 points)
- Applicant identifies how the project has made a different in the community (0-10 points)



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Award Category (*check only one*): Note: The Neighbor Power Indy Awards Committee review team reserves the right to consider application for any of the award categories it deems appropriate.

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Building Local Economy Award

Given to an institution, organization, or group of people that exemplify leadership, collaboration, and vision in their work to improve business diversity or economic aspects of the quality of life of its neighborhood. This would include but not be limited to farmer's market, hiring locally, eat/shop local, small business development, etc.

Inspiring Places Award

Given to an institution, organization, or group of people that exemplify leadership, collaboration, and vision in their work to improve safety, housing, or beautification aspects of the quality of life of its neighborhood. This would include but not be limited to crime watch programs, housing, neighborhood clean-up efforts, community/police partnerships, streetscape improvements, gateways, etc.