



Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center 2021 Collaborative Spirit Award Nomination Information and Criteria

INRC's Collaborative Spirit Award recognizes exceptional accomplishments by neighborhood associations and neighborhood-based organizations. Judging will be based on the extent of innovation, grassroots leadership and collaboration demonstrated by the nominated organization.

Eligibility Criteria

- For this award, collaboration is defined as: coordinated efforts by more than one neighborhood association and private, philanthropic, governmental or independent sector organizations or agencies with the intent of accomplishing a goal related to the betterment of the quality of life in Indianapolis neighborhoods. This may include, but not be limited to, collaborating on projects, community events and/or neighborhood planning. *Strong resident leadership is essential.*
- Any neighborhood association or neighborhood-based organization across the city is eligible to submit a nomination.
- Applicants may self-nominate. Note that INRC cannot complete an application on an organization's behalf.
- Only complete nomination forms with all supporting documentation will be considered.
- The outcome of the nominated initiative must have been achieved, or a significant milestone towards completion reached, between January 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.
- Selection of award finalists and winners is on the degree to which nominees are innovative, mobilized community resources and created partnerships.
- Please submit no more than one nomination per project.
- **Online applications are due by Sunday, October 10, 2021.**
- Finalists will be notified by Wednesday, October 13. Finalists will be asked to submit a 5-minute video presentation by Wednesday, Oct. 27.
- The 2021 Collaborative Spirit Award will be presented at **INRC's 27th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2.**

Nomination Questions

1. Please describe the nominated project or initiative accomplished between January 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.
2. What prompted your organization to develop this project/activity? Please describe the circumstances and/or situations that identified this as a community priority.
3. Describe the level of leadership of neighborhood residents.
4. How has the project demonstrated collaboration? Please list all collaborators and stakeholders and detail their involvement.
5. Why do you think this project was successful? Describe why it was beneficial, how it changed the neighborhood, and any unexpected results from the project/activity.
6. What ongoing benefits to the community do you anticipate as a result of this project?
7. Please describe how the project or program is sustainable, and identify opportunities for replication in other neighborhoods.

For questions regarding the Collaborative Spirit Award nomination application, please contact INRC at 317-920-0330 or info@inrc.org.

**INRC 2021 Collaborative Spirit Award
Application Scoring Sheet**

Project: _____

The responses to each of the statement sections are scaled from 1 to 5;

- 1 means that the proposal does not at all reflect the statement,
- 2 means meets some of the statement, but not much information is presented
- 3 means that the proposal meets basic parameters of the statement
- 4 means that the proposal exceeds basic parameters, and
- 5 means that the proposal entirely reflects the statement

Eligibility:

Project occurred between January 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021: ___ Yes ___ No

Project was led by and/or engage strong resident leadership. ___ Yes ___ No

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_____ Applicant describes a project/initiative that contributes to enhancing the quality of life in Indianapolis neighborhoods, **mobilized community resources**, and **created partnerships**.

_____ Project was developed as a result of planning and conversation **with** neighbors who identified the priority to be addressed, and that planning process is presented.

_____ Project demonstrates **strong resident leadership**; residents' roles are described.

_____ The project demonstrated **collaboration**. Roles of partners are described.

_____ Applicant explains the project's **impact**.

_____ Applicant identifies **ongoing benefits and impact** to the community as a result of this project.

_____ Applicant identifies **opportunities to sustain and replicate** the project.

_____ TOTAL (35 Points Maximum)