



## MACo President's Healthy Counties Best Practices Award

*Deadline for Nominations: October 7, 2014*

The MACo President's Healthy Counties Best Practices Award was established to recognize county programs which are contributing to and improving the overall health of a county (not specifically medical or public health, but the health of the county in terms of economic health, multitude of services, resident quality of life, etc.). The award was originally issued at the Summer Conference, but will now be celebrated every year at the Inaugural Banquet and Awards Ceremony at MACo's Winter Conference. That event will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Hotel in Cambridge, MD.

### Details for Nomination:

*Nominations submitted after the deadline will not be considered.*

- Submit nomination letter to Virginia White ([vwhite@mdcounties.org](mailto:vwhite@mdcounties.org)), no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. Criteria for nomination letter are included on the next page.
- Nominated program must be operated by a Maryland county government entity, either exclusively or jointly with other government or non-governmental entities.
- Nominator may be any current Maryland county elected official or county staff member.
- Nomination must include a description of the program, the problem it solved/need it addressed, the population being served, and the results of the program.
- Nomination must describe how the program benefited the health of the county – “health of the county” does not refer to medical or public health, but to the increased well-being of the county in terms of economic status, service-delivery, and/or residents' quality of life. This award recognizes superb and innovative best practices in local governance.
- Special consideration will be given to those programs that did not create a burden for the county budget, but were covered by grants, partnership funds, or donations.
- Nominations submitted previously may be re-submitted for consideration.
- Previous award winners are NOT eligible for nomination.
- There will be one Urban and one Rural county winner for this award.
- Applications must be submitted electronically to [vwhite@mdcounties.org](mailto:vwhite@mdcounties.org).

Questions?

Contact Virginia White at 410.269.0043 or by email at [vwhite@mdcounties.org](mailto:vwhite@mdcounties.org)

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### Criteria for Nomination Letter:

Any current Maryland county elected official or county staff member may nominate a current Maryland county program to receive this award. Please write a nomination letter on your letterhead with your signature and title. The letter should be no more than two pages in length, answering the following questions:

1. What is the name and county of the nominated program?
2. How long has the program been active?
3. Please describe the program in one paragraph or less (this paragraph will be used in MACo's published materials about all nominated programs)
4. Please describe how the nominated program has met one or more of the following criteria for this award:
  - Addressed a need or solved a problem for the county
  - Added value to county service-delivery, improved quality-of-life for the county's residents, contributed to the economic well-being of the county, exhibited excellence as a best practice in local governance
  - Did not create a burden for the county budget – was a self-sufficient program, or used grants or partnerships to fund expenses
5. Please also provide any additional information that demonstrates why this program deserves the MACo President's Healthy Counties Best Practices Award.

#### TO SUBMIT NOMINATION:

- **Before October 7, 2014, send nomination letter to:**  
Virginia White: [ywhite@mdcounties.org](mailto:ywhite@mdcounties.org)