Minnesota faces the reality of an aging population, rising health care costs, and an increasing demand for government services with reduced revenue. Yet many counties, cities, and schools have refused to let the traditional approaches of either increasing taxes or cutting spending exclusively dictate their responses to these challenges. Instead, they are pursuing a third way: innovation and service redesign.
Innovation and service redesign strategies being used include:

- Creating greater accountability
- Using incentives, charges, and targeting to meet those in need
- Competitive contracting
- Funding consumers
- Collaboration or consolidation
- Prevention strategies that eliminate the need for a service
- Divesting current services to the community

The awards recognize the creative ways counties, cities, and schools are making Minnesota better and doing things differently. In keeping with previous years, up to 18 local government entities will be recognized as award winners for their innovative work. In addition, the winner in each of the three categories will also receive a professional video highlighting their innovation work and a $10,000 grant from the Bush Foundation to continue local government innovation and redesign work!

If you have questions or feedback about the awards, contact John Anderson at John.LGIA@gmail.com or (612) 436-1464.

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**How You Can Get Involved**

**ENTER the Awards**
Submit your local government innovation for the opportunity to be recognized for your creative work.

**LEARN and SHARE**
Gather with others to explore cross-sector and cross-organization innovation happening across the state.

**NOMINATE**
Nominate local government entities for their innovations.