



2024 AML Awards of Excellence

The purpose of the Alaska Municipal League Awards of Excellence is to acknowledge individuals who have demonstrated ongoing dedication to their cities or boroughs and have gone above-and-beyond to make their communities great places to live, work and/or play during 2024. Now more than ever, we want to recognize these municipal leaders who positively impact our communities.

Award Categories

- **Municipal Official of the Year** – this award is designed to recognize an elected or appointed municipal official who has demonstrated an exceptional level of professionalism, leadership, and innovation in their position.
- **Municipal Employee of the Year** – this award is designed to recognize a municipal employee who has demonstrated an exceptional level of professionalism, leadership, and innovation in their position. Nominees must be a current (or recently retired) municipal employee.
- **Emerging Municipal Leader** – this award recognizes an emerging municipal leader, their early career contributions to local government and their potential for future success in local government.
- **Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership** – established in 2000 by the AML Board of Directors, this award is in honor of Vic Fischer, secretary to the Committee on Local Government of the Constitutional Convention. Local government officials nominated for this award must show a significant statewide contribution and lifetime of service to improving local government and communities in Alaska.

Past recipients of the Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership Award:

2000 Senator Vic Fischer	2008 Mayor Dave Talerico	2016 Tim Navarre
2001 Nancy Galstad	2009 Mayor George Sullivan	2017 Mayor Bert Cottle
2002 Tim Navarre	2010 Pete Sprague	2018 Ray Gillespie
2003 Mayor Kathie Wasserman	2011 Mayor Bruce Botelho	2019 Charlie Davidson
2004 Tom Boedeker	2012 Patrick Cole	2021 Bryce Ward
2005 Mayor Tim Anderson	2013 Jerome Selby	2022 Clay Walker
2006 Larry Semmens	2014 Mayor Pat Branson	2023 Gary Hennigh
2007 Michael Lamb	2015 Mayor Shirley Marquardt	

Award Process:

- Any elected official or municipal employee of an AML member municipality is eligible to be nominated, according to the terms of the award.
- Nominations will be accepted from any AML municipal, affiliate, or associate member
- Submit the attached nomination form, including required nomination letter by November 1, 2024
- AML staff will screen entries for completeness; the AML Board of Directors will judge all entries
- The awards will be presented at the Municipal Awards Luncheon at the Annual Conference on Thursday, December 12th.

Nomination Form

Nomination Category:

- Municipal Official of the Year
- Municipal Employee of the Year
- Emerging Municipal Leader
- Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership Award

Nominee's Name and Title _____

Nominee's Municipality _____

Nominator and Title _____

Nominator email address and phone number _____

Each nomination must be signed by at least two officials of the municipality/organization making the nomination

1. Name and Title _____

Signature _____

2. Name and Title _____

Signature _____

Please attach a one-page nomination letter detailing the reason for nomination using the following as a guide:

- Municipal Official or Municipal Employee of the Year: detail why the official or employee deserves to be recognized with this award. Qualifications should include the nominee's specific contributions to your community and why they are important.
- Emerging Municipal Leader: explain the early-career contributions to municipal government leadership.
- Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership Award: explain the nominee's significant contribution to improving local government and communities in Alaska.

Deadline: all entries (including the one-page nomination letter) must be received at the AML office by November 1, 2024.

Nominations can be sent via mail, fax or online:

Mail: Alaska Municipal League, One Sealaska Plaza, Suite 302, Juneau, AK 99801

Fax: 907-463-5480

Online: amlannual.org (Under the "Events" tab)

2024 AML Community Awards of Excellence

Introducing the renewal of the AML Community Awards of Excellence! Has your community excelled in some way this past year? AML would like to honor your community, rather big or small, city or borough, for its exemplary efforts or innovations in local government. Please submit the following information: Program Description, no more than one page, explaining goals & the development of the program; Cost, including amount and source of funds; Results, how the program directly benefitted your community. (Also include any pictures, graphs, brochures, etc.) The AML Board will judge all entries, and the winners will be honored at the at the AML Municipal Awards Ceremony at the Annual Conference, Thursday, December 12th.

AML will award innovation for one community in each of the four Categories:

- ★ **Physical Environment** – land use, transportation, housing, pollution, recreation
- ★ **Social Environment** – urban/rural: safety, equity, diversity, media, civic engagement
- ★ **Economic and Work Environment** – employment, income, retail business
- ★ **Service Environment** – education, health care, social services, childcare

Awards of Excellence Application:

Municipality _____

Address _____

Title of Project _____

Contact Person/Title _____

Phone/Email _____

Signature of Chief Local Government Official

Title (Mayor, Manager, etc.)

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If you have any questions about the AML Awards of Excellence or Community Awards of Excellence, contact Sarah King at 907-586-1325.