ORPS Gold Medal Award

This award may be presented annually to not more than one (1) agency demonstrating excellence in long-range planning, resource management, and innovative approaches to delivering superb park and recreation services with fiscally sound business practices.

- ✓ Include the following documentation:
  - Link to brochure
  - Link to website
  - No more than 5 photos

2021 ORPS Gold Medal Awards Application

Profile Questions

1. Contact Information *

Application Point of Contact Name

Point of Contact Email

Point of Contact Phone

Department/Agency Name

Department Street Address 1

Department City

Department State

Department Zip Code

(Agency)

2. Agency Information

Name of Director

Director Email

Website Address

Program Brochure Website Link

Master Plan Website Link

3. Jurisdiction Information:

Note: Much of the following information is helpful in determining which agencies would be most similar for benchmarking purposes. These figures provide agencies with important demographic characteristics of the jurisdictions served by the various agencies. Most of the information can be found on the Census Bureau's website at: https://www.census.gov/quickfacts

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
What is the square mileage that your incorporated jurisdiction serves (estimate if necessary)		
Jurisdiction population (estimate if necessary)		
Jurisdiction Median Household Income (from Census data or estimates)		
Percentage of jurisdiction population that is younger than 18 years of age		
Percentage of jurisdiction population that is older than 65 years of age		

Jurisdiction population growth rate from 2011-2020 (from Census data or estimates)

Jurisdiction Ethnic Distribution (will not necessarily total to 100%)

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
White/Caucasian Persons		
Black/African American Persons		
American Indian/Alaska Native Persons		
Asian Persons		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Persons		
Hispanic or Latino (any race) Origin Persons		
Enter another option		

Budget and Funding Summary

4. Budget and Funding Summary

What were your department's TOTAL operating expenditures for FY2017 and FY2021?

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
Operating Expenditures		

5. What percentage of your total operating expenditures in FY2017 came from the following sources (total must add to 100%)

	Jurisdiction general fund
	Agency fees and charges
	Tax levy
	School district taxes
	Foundation grants
	Sponsorship (please describe below)
	Endowment (please describe below)
	Special use taxes (please describe below)
	State grants
	Federal grants
	Other (please describe below)
	Other (please describe below)
	Other (please describe below)

0 out of 100% Total

Comments

What percentage of your total operating expenditures in FY2021 came from the following sources (total mustadd to 100%)

	Jurisdiction general fund
	Agency fees and charges
	Tax levy
	School districttaxes
	Foundation grants
	Sponsorship (please describe below)
	Endowment (please describe below)
	Special use taxes (please describe below)
	State grants
	Federal grants
	Other (please describe below)
	Other (please describe below)
	Other (please describe below)

0 out of 100% Total

Comments

Budget and Funding Summary

6. What were your department's TOTAL non-tax revenues (Earned Revenue) for FY2017 and FY2021?

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
Non-Tax Revenue:		

7. What was your department's total capital budget in FY2017 and FY2021?

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
Total capital budget:		

8. Statistical Indicator Summary

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
Total number of acres:		
Of the total acreage your department/agency maintains and/or has management responsibility over, what percentage is developed for parks and recreation purposes?		
Of the undeveloped land for which your department has management responsibility over or maintains, how many acres of land are: Designated Open Space Acres		
Of the undeveloped land for which your department has management responsibility over or maintains, how many acres of land are: Conservation Lands - Manage Habitat		
Of the undeveloped land for which your department has management responsibility over or maintains, how many acres of land are: Preservation Land Acres (no management)		
How many full-time (full-benefit/year-round) positions are in your parks and recreation budget?		
How many non-full-time employee positions are in your parks and recreation department budget? (Seasonal employees, part-time employees, contract employees, etc.)		
Total number of annual hours worked by volunteers:		

Facilities

9. Please indicate the number of areas and facilities currently owned, leased or in cooperative agreements by your agency.

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
Recreation Centers/Community Center		
Tennis Centers		
Outdoor Tennis Courts		
Outdoor Aquatic Centers		
Indoor Aquatic Centers		
Performing Art Centers		
Senior Center		
Splash Pad		

10. Please indicate the number of areas and facilities currently owned, leased or in cooperative agreements by your agency.

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
Rectangular fields: Football only:		
Rectangular fields: Soccer (Regulation size)		
Rectangular fields: Soccer Small-sided)		
Diamond fields: T-Ball		
Diamond fields: Baseball		
Diamond fields: Softball - with no mound - youth		
Diamond fields: Softball - with no mound - adult		

Facilities

11. Please indicate the number of areas and facilities currently owned, leased or in cooperative agreements by your agency.

	FY2017 Actual	FY2021 Actual
Golf course - Total number of non-Championship holes		
Driving range		
Dog park		
Conference Center		
Trials - miles of trails		
Nature/Interpretive Center		
Water Trails - miles of trails		
Performing and/or Visual Arts/Community Center		
Community Gardens		

Essays

12. What makes your agency "Outstanding"? Please cite 3 specific examples that capture the outstanding nature of your agency as you serve your unique community. Each example provided will be worth up to 3 points, for a total of 9 possible points. (Total Maximum Word Count: 180)

13. Tell us your story about how your agency positively impacts the community you serve. Share with us 5 actions or activities your agency has been involved with or undertaken in the past three years. Each example provided will be worth up to 2 points, for a total of 10 possible points. (Total Maximum Word Count: 200)

14. There are few resources more critical than public support, citizen involvement, and staff engagement. Please identify one outstanding or innovative example for each of these three characteristics. Each example provided will be worth up to 3 points, for a total of 9 possible points. (Total Maximum Word Count: 210)

15. Public entities have been increasingly called upon to demonstrate the results of their services and practices to decision-makers and the general public. Please share with us 3 results, impacts, or outcomes you have measured and brief background about the benefit and how the results were secured. Each example provided will be worth up to 3 points, for a total of 9 possible points. (Total Maximum Word Count: 210)

Essay Questions

16. Park and recreation agencies have long been known for creativity and innovation. One of the desirable outcomes of the Gold Medal program is to identify these valuable efforts and approaches. Please identify and briefly explain 3 innovations implemented by your agency within the last 3 years. Each example provided will be worth up to 3 points, for a total of 9 possible points. (Total Maximum Word Count: 240)

17. What challenges has your community and/or agency experienced over the past 3 years and what steps or actions have you taken to resolve these challenges? Include agency role with the challenge, types of actions/steps taken, and effectiveness of approach. (3 points) (Total Maximum Word Count 210)

Essay Questions

18. Provide us with a link to your website. Please make sure this link is fully functional!

Is your website controlled by the agency or your jurisdiction?

Agency controlled	Control of jurisdiction
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Provide us with a link to your program brochure. Please make sure the link is fully functional.