

Economic Prosperity Awards Information

About Awards

The Economic Prosperity Awards recognize organizations that contribute to the overall economic health of their communities, progressing Sonoma County economic development priorities. In total there are six awards: two classes with three categories in each class.

Categories

Drawing inspiration from [EDB 3.0 Action Plan](#), there are three award categories that showcase the three development domains in the plan. The categories are programmatic in nature and are intended for organizations. In situations where more than one organization collaborated on a program, both organizations may submit one nomination for the program.

Education and Workforce Development

Programs and initiatives that foster a healthy workforce and provide opportunities for economic advancement.

Jobs and Business Development

Initiatives that encourage the creation or support the advancement of jobs and businesses development in Sonoma County.

Housing and Community Development

Innovative programs that create and cultivate inclusive communities or safe and accessible quality of life.

Classes

Recognizing that projects and programs run different life cycles, the award classes are divided up as such. All classes must be able to show measurable success or progress in the nomination form.

Ongoing and Long Term

Projects and programs in this class must have been active for at least three years by December of the previous year.

Short Term

Projects and programs in this class must have concluded by December of the previous year. Maximum project and program length is two years.

Requirements & Deadlines

Nominations are only open to nonprofit and public sector organizations. Organizations can nominate themselves and/or others. After the nomination period, the public will get an opportunity to vote on project and initiatives they believe are deserving of the Economic Prosperity Awards.

Awardees will be recognized at the 2023 Fall Economic Perspectives event and will through media outlets.

Timeline

- **July 24:** Nomination Deadline
- **July 31 - August 28:** Public Voting
- **September 5:** Award Announcement
- **October 19:** Award Presentation at 2023 Fall Economic Perspective

Questions

The nomination form is available via HubSpot online form. Print nomination form available by request. Email aleena.decker@sonoma-county.org.

Questions included on nomination form:

1. Organization(s) being nominated and contact information
2. Title of program or project
3. Name of lead organization(s)
4. Award category
5. Award class
6. Program start date and end date (if applicable)
7. Program or project description and purpose
8. How the program aligns with community economic development needs and priorities?
9. How is this program or project inclusive of the community it serves?
10. What makes the program a success (metrics used by the organization to determine success)?
11. Supporting documents for program or project success (three documents maximum)
12. Why is this program or project deserving of an award?