AIC CITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2020
This presentation includes all projects nominated for a City Achievement Award this year.

Projects that are recognized with awards are denoted “Winner” in the Slide Title.

Projects that were nominated but didn’t receive an award are denoted “Nominee” in the Slide Title.
APPLICATIONS

- Adopt a Tree Program — Cascade WINNER
- New Year’s Eve Beet Drop — Rupert WINNER
- Community Outreach & Engagement — Sandpoint WINNER
- Crime Reduction Program — Coeur d’Alene NOMINEE
- Poky Paddle 2019 — Pocatello NOMINEE
WINNER
ADOPT - A - TREE
CASCADE

As part of the city’s downtown revitalization, Cascade successfully invited individuals, families, businesses and groups to adopt from among the 75 tree boxes and 16 barrels along Main Street.
WINNER NEW YEAR’S EVE BEET DROP — RUPERT

The City’s now iconic 25-foot tall, 12-foot wide sugar beet weighing 1,500 pounds was dropped in a family friendly New Year’s Eve celebration downtown that generated media buzz across the country.
The Engage Sandpoint App was developed to provide citizens an easy way to stay informed and share feedback on city programs and projects, report non-emergencies, manage utility bills, apply for permits and registration, and stay connected with the city.
Since 2015, the Coeur d’Alene Police Department has reduced Part 1 crime by nearly 60% using intelligence-led policing strategies combined with a focus on community engagement, with 4 main focus areas:

- Accurate and timely analysis of crime and crime trends.
- Focused patrol tactics.
- Community policing efforts.
- Work on smaller areas of community concern.
As a result of the Poky Paddle 2019, in one year the Portneuf River that runs through Pocatello went from being underutilized to being a summer-time hotspot for floating enthusiasts.
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS

- Experience Idaho Falls Liiingo App — Idaho Falls WINNER
- Sprague Walkway & McGhee Cement Treated Base Projects — Kootenai WINNER
- Northgate Interchange Public Private Partnership — Pocatello WINNER
- Project Trio — Burley WINNER
- Envision Kuna Comprehensive Plan — Kuna NOMINEE
- Environmental Stewardship Award — Moscow NOMINEE
- Christmas Tree Lighting & Christmas Market — Rupert NOMINEE
The app is an innovative and multilingual tool to give visitors information about places to visit, activities, restaurants, and lodging options in English, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish.
These grant funded projects involve child safety pedestrian improvements around Kootenai Elementary School and repair of a major collector between Highway 200 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.
WINNER NORTHGATE INTERCHANGE
PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP —
POCATELLO

Leveraging funding from the cities of Pocatello and Chubbuck, Bannock County, ITD, Pocatello Development Authority and Millennial Development, the Public-Private Partnership project for the interchange accessing over 2,000 acres of north Pocatello was finished 15 years ahead of the projected timeline.
WINNER PROJECT TRIO — BURLEY

Three closely interrelated projects that were brought to Burley resulting in capital investment of $300 million and 290 jobs:

- McCain Foods’ potato processing plant expansion,
- NEWCOLD’s new 25 million cubic foot sub-zero warehouse, and
- WATCO’s new “Perishable Express” high efficiency shipping.
The Kuna Comprehensive Plan, developed in three phases, was the product of robust public engagement and will guide future growth to meet the community’s vision and livability needs.
The City worked with local utility providers to develop an award to recognize businesses that go above and beyond in taking care of the environment and the evaluation covers business practices, community, water conservation, sewer use, stormwater management, energy use, transportation and waste management.
The City hosted a Christmas tree lighting with an ice rink and vendors to create a quant picturesque shopping experience downtown.
PARKS & RECREATION
Applications

- Gravel Grinder Map — Hailey WINNER
- Transforming North Park — Jerome WINNER
- Splash Pad — Kuna WINNER
- 2020 Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration & Community Health & Wellness Programs — Mountain Home WINNER
- Recreation for Older Adults — McCall NOMINEE
- Heron Park, Phase 2 — Garden City NOMINEE
WINNER GRAVEL GRINDER MAP — HAILEY

A map of the best local routes for cyclists looking for opportunities to ride on gravel roads in Blaine County.
A cooperative project between the city and Jerome Recreation District, with funding from Idaho Central Credit Union and other local contributions, that established a new and dramatically improved North Park with an amphitheater, splash pad, play area, sidewalk and extension to the skate park.
WINNER SPLASH PAD — KUNA

A 3,100 square foot splash pad located on the Kuna greenbelt with a system for recycling water and reusing it for irrigation, this has proven to be a very popular summer community amenity.
The city continued with its Arbor Day celebration despite the pandemic, allowing citizens to request delivery of a tree seedling that was dropped off at their home or property. The city also developed a partnership with St. Luke’s Elmore Medical Center to offer free fitness classes for citizens.
The McCall Parks & Recreation Department developed a creative partnership with the McCall Community / Senior Center and regional businesses to provide monthly lunch outings for seniors.
Heron Park is a collaborative project between Garden City and the Garden City Urban Renewal Agency and Phase 2 of the project consists of approximately half of the 1.5 acre parcel and includes access to the Boise River, 17 parking spaces, an open gathering area, reconstruction of the greenbelt pathway, a new restroom, covered picnic area and landscaping.
APPLICATIONS

- Biosolids Dryer — Burley WINNER
- School Emergency Notification App — Malad WINNER
- Idaho Standard Command Responses for Schools — Meridian WINNER
- Police Department Building (Scott Benton) — Salmon WINNER
- New City Engine & Ladder 2 — Burley NOMINEE
- Enhanced Employee Assistance Program for Police Department — Pocatello NOMINEE
The city purchased a used biosolids dryer from a community in Florida that was hauled to Idaho on four semi loads for its Industrial Treatment Facility to produce safe biosolid that will be used as fertilizer for alfalfa and feed corn.
A cooperative project with the Oneida School District, the App for phones and tablets developed by Jesse Wakley provides connectivity to parents, school administrators, resource officers, city dispatch, and first responders in the event of an emergency.
WINNER IDAHO STANDARD COMMAND RESPONSES FOR SCHOOLS — MERIDIAN

The document standardizes communication and procedures for school personnel and students during emergency response situations and is being used by over 60% of the student population in Idaho.
Salmon retiree Scott Benton volunteered to make major technological upgrades to allow the city to use a recently vacated facility for its Police Department, rewiring the facility for phones, data and networking capability.
The city received a 2007 ladder truck through the Department of Defense Fire Fighter Program worth $300,000 for $6,000 cost of shipping and the program is open to any fire department and is coordinated by the Idaho Department of Lands.
NOMINEE ENHANCED EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT — POCATELLO

The City established an enhanced Employee Assistance Program to provide additional support for sworn Police Officers, Dispatchers and Evidence Technicians that provides for up to 20 visits to a counselor following a traumatic incident.
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION
- Water Metering Project — Ammon WINNER
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Green Technology: Linear Mixer & Digester — Caldwell WINNER
- Re-Use Project (Nate Runyan) — Nampa WINNER
- Fleet Services Division — Nampa NOMINEE
- Safer Routes to School — Twin Falls NOMINEE
- Traffic Operations Center — Pocatello NOMINEE
- Benton Street Bridge Rehabilitation — Pocatello NOMINEE
- 19th & Hiland Sidewalk Connection — Burley NOMINEE
- Pocatello Creek Restoration — Pocatello NOMINEE
- Downtown Revitalization Phase II — Kuna NOMINEE
The mayor and council made the policy decision to install water meters to ensure efficient and sustainable use of this scarce resource, resulting in a savings of 370 million gallons during the summer of 2019.
The Caldwell wastewater treatment plant has been updated and upgraded with the goal of making it able to operate using biotechnology instead of chemicals, making the plant more efficient and self-sustaining.
The city is receiving a first of its kind in the State of Idaho reuse permit to allow highly treated Class A water to be used in the community for fire protection, commercial and residential landscaping, and irrigation needs. Nate Runyan, the Deputy Public Works Director, led a public outreach and education effort that built public support for the upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant.
The City’s Fleet Services Division is responsible for maintaining or repairing 591 vehicles and pieces of equipment valued at over $13.5 million, including fire apparatus, heavy equipment, police cruisers, police motorcycles, parks machinery, general vehicles and small engines, saving the city over $70,000 annually.
In conjunction with the Twin Falls School District, the city undertook grant-funded projects for a safe route on Caswell Avenue to I.B. Perrine Elementary and Robert Stuart Middle School, including a pedestrian hybrid beacon.
NOMINEE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS CENTER — POCATELLO

The Center allows the City to receive data from its traffic signals 365 days of the year that is accurately logged down to the 10th of a second, and can adjust signals to help with traffic congestion as well as provide control for incident management such as vehicle crashes or special event traffic control.
NOMINEE BENTON STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION — POCATELLO

The bridge is one of only three railroad crossings connecting the eastern half of Pocatello to the Historic Old Town and the project used innovative new techniques including carbon fiber wrap, cathodic protection and anti-corrosion paint.
The city received a grant to fund sidewalk connections to White Pine Elementary School, including about 1000 feet of sidewalk along 19th Street and 1400 feet along Hiland Avenue to increase safety for students and pedestrians.
The City, with the help of a grant from the Idaho Water Resource Board, restored the creek’s damaged streambanks, used alternatives to riprap that improve stream health while limiting erosion, and used vegetation alternatives to replace overgrown invasive elms and black willow.
The project continues the Downtown Revitalization efforts to transform Main Street with new sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, pavement, irrigation, planters, artwork, ADA ramps and bulb outs, and the city secured over $2.5 million in federal, state and local funding for this phase of the project.