



Love Our Community Recognition Award: Frequently Asked Questions

Are appointed officials eligible?

The Love Our Community Recognition Award is only open to elected officials. Appointed officials are not eligible for this award at this time.

Can I nominate a project that has not yet started?

No. The project highlighted in the nomination must already be underway or completed. Proposed projects that have not yet begun are not eligible for consideration.

Can I nominate myself?

Yes. Self-nominations are welcome, and there is no advantage or disadvantage to self-nominating. Applications are evaluated based on the impact of the litter solution the elected official pursued, regardless of who submits the nomination.

Can an elected official who is also involved with a Keep America Beautiful affiliate nominate themselves?

Yes. An elected official's involvement with a Keep America Beautiful affiliate, whether as a board member, executive director, volunteer, or in another capacity, does not affect eligibility or scoring. Both affiliate and non-affiliate communities are encouraged to apply.

Can a team, organization, or agency apply?

No. Nominations must recognize an individual elected official. However, the nomination may describe collaborative efforts and partnerships that contributed to the project's success.

Can elected officials at any level of government apply?

Yes. Local, county, tribal, state, and federal elected officials are eligible to be nominated, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

If a community has received grant funding from Keep America Beautiful, are they still eligible?



Yes. Previous involvement with Keep America Beautiful programs or grants does not affect eligibility for the Love Our Community Recognition Award.

Does the award funding have to be used for the project described in the nomination?

Yes. Award funds may be used to extend or expand the litter innovation efforts led by the recipient, subject to the award guidelines and reporting requirements.