



*Madison Neighborhoods, Inc  
2007 Best Neighborhood Program Award*

*General Information*

**Eligibility:**

Your organization is eligible to submit a nomination for the 2007 Best Neighborhood Program Award if you have developed or implemented a project that has benefited your neighborhood and was completed in 2006.

**Nomination and Selection Process:**

In order to be considered for a 2007 Best Neighborhood Program Award (BNPA), you must complete the application form, and return the completed form to *Madison Neighborhoods, Inc, 2007 Best Neighborhood Program Award, P. O. Box 2506, Madison, WI, 53701-2506. Nominations must be postmarked no later than **October 1, 2007.***

After nominations are received, a panel of judges will review the nominations and will select no more than four finalist in each category for further consideration at the 2007 Neighborhoods Roundtable to be held Saturday, . Each finalist will be asked to make a 20 minute presentation as part of the workshops being offered at this year's Neighborhoods Roundtable.

The categories are:

**1) Physical Revitalization/Beautification - Single Neighborhood**

This category includes projects that are initiated by one neighborhood organization and focus on the physical aspects of a neighborhood such as parks, green spaces, housing improvement, lighting, litter control, traffic management, signage, neighborhood business district enhancement, etc.

**2) Social Revitalization/Neighborliness - Single Neighborhood**

This category includes projects that are initiated by one neighborhood and focus on the social or cultural aspects of a neighborhood such as neighborhood safety, neighborhood youth and seniors, activities that help neighbors feel connected and foster a spirit of cooperation such as neighborhood festivals and celebrations, etc.

**3) Multi Neighborhood Project Partnerships**

This category includes projects that are jointly sponsored by at least two neighborhood organizations or a planning council. They can address physical, social or other revitalization project areas.

The panel of NUSA judges reserves the right to place an application in a different category if they feel that the consideration with other applications in the new category would result in a fairer evaluation of the proposed project. Organizations that are selected as finalists will be notified by mail by October 17, 2007 and will be invited to make a presentation at the 2007 Neighborhoods Roundtable. Costs associated with attending the Roundtable are the responsibility of the finalist organization.

**Selection Criteria:**

Selection of BNPA finalists and award winners will be based on a consideration of the degree to which the nominated project, in its unique neighborhood context, is innovative, overcomes obstacles, mobilizes community resources, and creates partnerships between people of different ages, cultures or economic stature that who would not ordinarily work together. Awards will be based on the following considerations, with points given as indicated:

The extent of self-help evidenced (minimal reliance on outside funding)	20 points
Innovativeness of the project	10 points
Sustainability (minimal on-going administrative costs)	10 points
Partnership Building	
- With Public and/or Private Entities	10 points
- With other neighborhood and community based groups	10 points
Extent of grassroots involvement	20 points
Extent of Volunteer Contributions to Project	5 points
Potential for the project to be replicated in other neighborhoods	5 points
Extent that project provides for the development of new leaders	10 points
Total points possible	100 points

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