



***Neighborhoods, USA  
2009 Best Neighborhood Program Award***

***General Information***

**Eligibility:**

Your government entity or business is eligible to submit an application for the 2009 Best Neighborhood Program Award if you have developed or implemented a project that has benefited a neighborhood in 2008.

**Application & Selection Process:**

In order to be considered for a 2009 Best Neighborhood Program Award, you must complete an application, and return the completed application with a \$100.00 entry fee to *Robert Gibbons, Award Program Chair, Neighborhoods USA, 2009 Best Neighborhood Program Award, 1950 E. Washington Ave #1, Madison, WI 53704. Nominations must be postmarked by March 1, 2009 and accompanied with the \$100.00 entry fee made payable to NUSA.*

After applications are received, a panel of judges will review them and will select the best nominations in two categories as finalists for further consideration at the 2009 Neighborhoods, USA Conference in Spokane, Washington, May 21-23, 2009.

The two categories are:

**1] Physical Revitalization/Beautification – Single Neighborhood**

This category includes projects that are initiated by a municipality or business and is targeted 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 a municipality or business and is targeted 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.

Municipalities or businesses that are finalists will be notified by April 1, 2009 and will be invited to make a presentation at the 2009 NUSA Conference. Costs associated with attending the conference are the responsibility of the finalist municipality or business. Award winners in each category will be announced at the Best Neighborhood Program Award Luncheon on Saturday of the conference

## **Selection Criteria:**

Selection of Best Neighborhood Program Award 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. Award will be based on the following considerations, with points given as indicated:

Innovativeness of project	20 points
Sustainability [minimal on-going administrative costs]	10 points
Partnership Building	
- with public and/or private entities	15 points
- with other neighborhood and community based group's	15 points
Extent of grassroots involvement	20 points
Extent of volunteer contributions to project	5 points
Potential for the project to replicated in other neighborhoods	5 points
Extent that project provides for the Development of new leaders	10 points
Judges' tie breaker – overall impact On neighborhood[s]	20 points
<b>Total points possible, excluding Judges' tie breaker</b>	<b>100 points</b>

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