

communities of excellence²⁰²⁶ Assessment & Recognition



JOIN US AS A REVIEWER ON OUR COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION PANEL!

- ✓ Do you have experience with cross-sector collaboration either within your community or your organization?
- ✓ Are you familiar with, or want to learn more about the Baldrige-based Communities of Excellence Framework?
- ✓ Are you passionate about supporting excellence in communities?

Overview

The Community Assessment and Recognition Panel plays a vital role in helping communities reflect, learn, and grow. As a panelist, you'll provide thoughtful feedback to communities that are working to improve quality of life through cross-sector collaboration and systems thinking.

What You'll Gain

- An opportunity to make a real impact by guiding community improvement efforts.
- Increased understanding of the inter-connected systems that make up a community.
- Unique insights that will contribute to your career growth in any organizational setting.
- Stronger assessment and feedback skills.
- In-depth experience applying the Communities of Excellence Framework to collaborative community work.
- Learning alongside community leaders and industry experts.
- Recognition on the Communities of Excellence website and at our yearly conference.

Who Can Be A Reviewer?

We welcome professionals from all sectors with a passion for improving community outcomes who:

- Are familiar with the Baldrige Framework or community collaboration or development efforts.
- Have experience in evaluation, coaching, or cross-sector leadership.
- Are willing to engage in respectful, constructive review and discussion.

New reviewers are paired with experienced leads and provided training materials.

Reviewer Requirements/Expectations

1. Submit the Community Assessment and Recognition Panel Reviewer Application.
2. Commit to serving for one year. A new application should be submitted each year.
3. Reviewers must commit to high work standards, meet team deadlines, maintain confidentiality, and conduct themselves with the highest ethical standards and integrity.

Time Commitment

Level 1 – Commitment to Community Excellence (Reviewers can be assigned at any time throughout the year)	10-20 hours
Level 2 – Journey to Community Excellence	20-30 hours
Level 3 – Community of Excellence (Experienced Reviewers may be asked to participate in training and coaching sessions, and serve as judges)	40-60

Reviewer Process and Timeline

Call for Reviewers	Reviewer Application Period Closes	Reviewer Selections	Reviewers Receive Community Application Assignments	Reviewer Training	Assessment Team Orientation	Community Application Assessment Begins
April 15 – May 15	May 15	May 15 – May 31	May 31	June 9	Early July	July 14