



Community Vision Award Submission Guidelines

Program Overview

The County of San Diego and the San Diego Architectural Foundation (SDAF) have partnered in launching the **Community Vision Award** program which will include both recognition of outstanding urban infill projects as well as a grant program. The **Community Vision Award** is designed to recognize and promote the implementation of collaborative, Smart Growth as well as sustainable and green building practices in progressively urbanizing areas throughout San Diego. The intent of the program is to encourage the construction of projects that will serve as examples for future urbanization in the San Diego region.

"Smart growth policies and practices are economically sound, environmentally responsible, and supportive of community livability—growth that enhances quality of life. Smart growth is not "no growth," but rather a series of strategies for harnessing the economic energy of growth or redevelopment to improve community livability". (from the Urban Land Institute website: www.uli.org)

Program Details

Award selection is to be based on an existing (built) architectural structure in the community. The selected project will exemplify design excellence, support of and interaction with its community, Smart Growth principles, and sustainable and/or green building features. Projects with residential components are highly encouraged and will be given first consideration.

In addition to the recognition and publicity of the award, the program will also award a \$25,000 grant annually. The funds are to be used exclusively for a material beautification project in the community in which the winning structure is located. A 'Statement of Purpose' is required as part of application process; however, the award selection is based solely on the nominated built structure as it typifies the criteria.

Eligibility Requirements

- Cooperative association with Developer/Architect and Neighborhood
- Project must be built, and must be located within San Diego County
- Project must have been completed within the recent past (generally within the last three to five years, however, this is not an absolute requirement).
- The winning project will contain a residential component.
- Single family dwellings are not eligible
- Projects within the Centre City Development Corporation jurisdiction and Downtown San Diego PDO are not eligible for this award (note: This criteria applies simply because of the amount of design and financial support that has gone into the CCDC area and for the reason that the award is intended to encourage quality infill in other communities which have not already benefited from the efforts that have gone into the rebirth of downtown San Diego).

Program Timeline

Applications with photographs must be postmarked or emailed by July 15, 2008 in order to be considered for this year's award. Upon receipt and initial review of the applications an award committee member will contact you or your community's designated representative to arrange an interview and site visit as the next part of the review process.

Questions may be addressed to SDAF Executive Director Leslee Schaffer by calling 619.232.1385, or via email at lschaffer@sdarchitecture.org.

The San Diego Architectural Foundation (SDAF) is dedicated to the development and appreciation of outstanding architecture and urban design throughout the San Diego region.