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OCD's Annual Community Development Awards 2002

Partners In Progress

Outreach and Grab Them Award Nominees

For bringing in new businesses or organizations into the community's planning and execution this Fiscal Year

- **Desert Communities EZ, CA**
- **Clare County EC, MI**
- **Empowerment Alliance of Southwest FL EC**
- **Empower Lewiston EC, ME**
- **FUTURO EZ, TX**
- **Kentucky Highlands EZ, KY**

Outreach and Grab Them Award Winner

**For bringing in new businesses or organizations into the
community's planning and execution this Fiscal Year**

**Kentucky Highlands
EZ, KY**

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Boostraps Award Nominees

For picking themselves up, dusting themselves off, and moving right on despite extreme difficulties

- Tioga County REAP Zone, NY**
- Williamsburg/Lake City EC, SC**
- Huron-Tule EC, CA**
- Northwoods NiiJii EC, WI**

Bootstraps Award Winner

For picking themselves up, dusting themselves off, and moving right on despite extreme difficulties

**Williamsburg /
Lake City EC, SC**

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Road Warrior Award Nominees

USDA State Community Development Program Director or State Rural Development Coordinator most likely to be out of his or her office meeting with clients

- **Alden Turner, ME**
- **Mark Wax, ND**
- **Bobby Bell, AR**
- **Jill Smythe, AK**
- **Jim Anderson, WV**
- **Sergio Garcia, AZ**

Road Warrior Award Winner

**USDA State Community Development Program Director or
State Rural Development Coordinator most likely to be
out of his or her office meeting with clients**

Sergio Garcia

Mark Wax

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Einstein Award Nominees

Brilliant USDA Field staffer who submits the most weekly report items

- **Chris Sundstrom, CA**
- **Alden Turner, ME**
- **Sergio Garcia, AZ**
- **Mark Wax, ND**
- **Chris Brewer, KY**
- **Bobby Bell, AR**

Einstein Award Winner

Brilliant USDA Field staffer who submits the most weekly report items

Chris Sundstrom

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Reader's In-Digest-ion Award Nominees

For the best executive summary from the 2001 Community Annual Report

- Empower Lewiston EC, ME**
- Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone Alliance, MS**
- Watsonville EC, CA**
- Beadle & Spink Counties EC (BASEC), SD**
- Rio Grande Valley EZ, TX**
- Southernmost Illinois Delta EZ, IL**

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Reader's In-Digest-ion Award Winner

**For the best executive summary from the 2001
Community Annual Report**

**Southernmost
Illinois Delta EZ**

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Dot.Com.Dot.Award Nominees

For developing the best descriptive, informative, web site highlighting or linked to empowerment objectives

- **FUTURO EZ, TX**
- **Northeast Kingdom of Vermont REAP, VT**
- **Josephine County EC, OR**
- **Griggs-Steele EZ, ND**
- **Northeast Louisiana Delta EC, LA**
- **Kentucky Highlands EZ, KY**

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**FUTURO
Communities, Inc.
EZ**

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Dr. J. Norman Reid Award Nominees

For outstanding community achievement in constructing a superlative annual report

- Empower Lewiston EC, ME**
- Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone Alliance, MS**
- Watsonville EC, CA**
- Beadle & Spink Counties EC (BASEC), SD**
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Dr. J. Norman Reid Award Winner

**For outstanding community achievement in constructing a
superlative annual report**

**Empower Lewiston
EC**

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Tooting Your Own Horn Award Nominees

Community who submits the most weekly report items during the past 12 months

- **City of Deming EC, NM**
- **Empower Lewiston EC, ME**
- **FUTURO Communities EZ, TX**
- **Kentucky Highlands EZ, KY**
- **Scott/McCreary EC, TN/KY**
- **Southernmost Illinois Delta EZ, IL**

Tooting Your Own Horn Award Winner

**For submitting the most "success stories" during
the past 12 months**

**Southernmost
Illinois Delta EZ, IL**

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The Irving R. Infallible Award Nominees

USDA State Director whose state submits the most items for the OCD weekly report

- **Michael W. Aube, ME**
- **Bill Culbertson (Acting), NM**
- **Kenneth Slone, KY**
- **Mary (Ruth) Tackett, TN**
- **Paul Venosdel, CA**
- **Douglas Wilson, IL**

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**USDA State Director whose state submits the most items
for the OCD weekly report**

Kenneth Slone, KY

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Dental Crowbar Prize Nominees

For the communities with the highest leveraging ratios in the BMS -- "It's like pulling teeth to get any money around here."

Round 1

Jackson County EC
Scott-McCreary EC
**Williamsburg/Lake City
EC**
McDowell County EC
Lake County EC

Round 2

**Upper Kanawha Valley
EC**
Clinch-Powell EC
Clare County EC
**Oglala Sioux-Pine
Ridge EZ**
Huron-Tule EC

Dental Crowbar Prize Winners

**For the communities with the highest leveraging ratios in the BMS --
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Round I

Scott-McCreary EC (144:1)

Round II

Clare County EC (1637:1)

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Midas Touch Award Nominees

Most funds secured by a community

Round I

- Williamsburg/
Lake City EC
- Kentucky
Highlands EZ
- McDowell County
EC
- Scott-McCreary
EC
- Rio Grande Valley
EZ

Round II

- Huron-Tule EC
- Upper Kanawha
Valley EC
- Desert
Communities EZ
- Southwest
Georgia United
EZ
- Fayette EC

REAPs & Champs

- Great Pee Dee
CC, SC
- Southern Lower
Chattahoochee,
GA
- City of
Opelousas CC, LA
- Glades CC, FL
- Poverty Point
CC, LA

Midas Touch Award Winners

Most funds secured by a community

Round I

Rio Grande Valley EZ

(\$391,683,782)

Round II

Desert Communities EZ

(\$120,805,640)

REAPs & Champs

Great Pee Dee CC

(\$116,109,100)

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The Excelsior! Award Nominees

Outstanding Achievement by a Community or RD State Office in Devising, Implementing, and Documenting a Best Practice

- City of Watsonville EC, CA "Youth Development"**
- Desert Community EZ, CA "Compadre Program"**
- Southwestern ND REAP Zone "Dakota West Adventures"**
- City of Deming EC, NM "Mimbres Valley Learning Center"**
- City of Oskaloosa, IA "Town and Country Banquet"**
- Missouri State Office, "Program Outreach and Technical Assistance"**
- West Virginia State Office "Mini-Grants"**

The Excelsior! Award

**Outstanding Achievement by a Community in Devising,
Implementing, and Documenting a Best Practice**

**City of Watsonville EC
"Mini-Grants for Youth
Development"**

**West Virginia State Office
"Mini-Grants"**

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The Staircase Award

Community that has made the most tangible progress up the empowerment staircase

- Rio Grande Valley EZ, TX**
- Desert Communities EZ, CA**
- Ft. Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribe EC, MT**
- Empowerment Alliance of Southwest FL EC**
- Tioga County REAP Zone, NY**
- Kentucky Highlands EZ, KY**

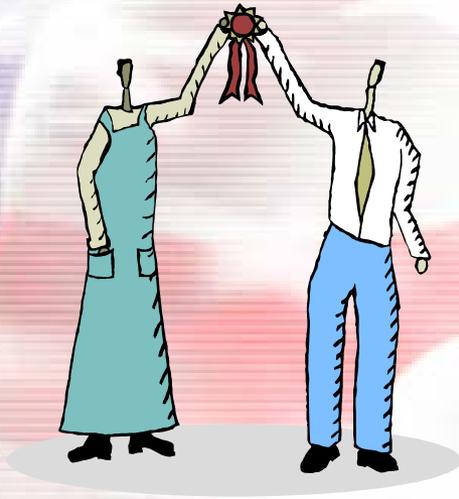
The Staircase Award

**Community that has made the
most tangible progress up the
empowerment staircase**

**Rio Grande
Valley EZ**

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**Congratulations to
all of our award
nominees and
winners!**



See you next year!