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Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Presentation recognizing 2015 NACo Achievement Award program staff

Purpose/Outcomes	Recognizing Clackamas County programs and staff who earned National Association of Counties (NACo) 2015 Achievement Awards.
Fiscal Impact	None
Funding Source	N/A
Safety Impact	N/A
Duration	N/A
Previous Action	None
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BACKGROUND
Public and Government Affairs is pleased to present to the Board of County Commissioners several county departments honored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) with a 2015 Achievement Award. NACo awards recognize effective and innovative programs which contribute to and enhance county government throughout the United States.

The following awards were presented to Clackamas County:

Clackamas River Enforcement and Ecology Workgroup – CREEW
Category: Civic Education and Public Information
Complaints of alcohol use, litter, and aggressive behavior on the Clackamas River prompted the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to pass a 2013 ordinance leading to tighter enforcement of alcohol use in county parks. The Clackamas River Enforcement and Ecology Workgroup, or CREEW – representatives from county departments and partners – was formed to collaboratively work to identify goals and programs for the upcoming summer recreation season that helped further the positive results of the Parks Ordinance.

Community Rain Garden Partnership
Category: County Resiliency: Infrastructure, Energy and Sustainability
In 2013 Water Environment Services (WES) implemented a surface water management project called the Community Rain Garden Partnership to focus on improving water quality within the service district for public health and the environment. The results of the Community Rain Garden Partnership include beautiful, functional and sustainable rain gardens that raise awareness of the importance of watershed health throughout the District and the county.

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Changing Lens of Transportation Safety –
Combining a Health Assessment and Road Audit
Category: Transportation
Clackamas County Public Health, Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning and Clackamas Safe Communities completed a pilot project that paired a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) with a Road Safety Audit (RSA). The goals were to understand how transportation decisions affect health and safety, and to develop a strategy for considering health in the county's transportation engineering, planning and maintenance work.

Skills Groups in the Schools – A New Partnership
Category: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
The Clackamas County Juvenile Department Skills Group Program is dedicated to providing facilitated group learning opportunities with evidence-based curricula which focus on expanding the competencies of youth. Skills Groups address risk factors by providing youth with positive life and social skills experiences in local schools, thus increasing protective factors. *This program was also awarded the honor of Best in Category by NACo.*

RECOMMENDATION
Public and Government Affairs is pleased to help the Board recognize these departments for their excellence and hard work. Congratulations to all the staff involved.

Respectfully submitted,

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