

EMERGING LEADERS AWARD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISPANIC NETWORK



Emerging Leader 2026 Award

Award Purpose/Goals

The Local Government Hispanic Network wants to recognize individuals who are emerging leaders in local government by demonstrating professional excellence and leadership skills in their organization and their community. LGHN's goal is to identify and support professionals who have the ability to rise to leadership positions in local government and have demonstrated interest in improving disadvantaged communities.

Nomination Criteria

Who is eligible for nomination? Early or mid-career professionals, including anyone who has transitioned to local government service from another field, and has shown mobility in his or her career. The nominee should also demonstrate active and sustained engagement in LGHN. Current and past board members are not eligible for the award.

The recipient will receive a scholarship for LGHN conference registration and \$1,000 travel stipend to attend the LGHN conference.

Who may nominate? Anyone, including members from affiliate organizations, can nominate an LGHN member for the Emerging Leader Award. Members may also self-nominate. It is not required that the nominator be a member of LGHN. Be advised that the nominator will obtain the nominee's supervisor's signature of approval prior to submittal of the nomination.

Timeline:

Monday, January 12, 2026 Issue call for submittals

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 Deadline for submissions

Mid-February 2026 Selection committee review of submittals; recommendations to the LGHN Board of Directors at the March Board Meeting

March 2026 Notify recipient selected for the award

April 7-9, 2026 Present award at the LGHN Conference

Submit nominations electronically to info@LGHN.org

Emerging Leaders Award Nomination Form



Nominee Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee must be an LGHN member.

Has the nominator confirmed that the nominee is an LGHN member? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Who should be contacted regarding the nomination?

Nominator name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Descriptive narrative: In no more than 2 pages, please describe the following:

- Describe nominee's career path/positions held.
- Describe the nominee's commitment to his/her profession and contributions to the LGHN organization and mission.
- Describe the nominee's commitment and contributions to regional, state and/or national professional associations.
- Describe how the nominee has demonstrated leadership in the nominee's organization and/or community.
- What other personal or professional characteristics would distinguish the nominee as an "emerging leader?"

Nominator's Signature

Nominee's Supervisor's Signature

