**Top Rural Development Initiative**

**2021 Nomination Form**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW. WHEN COMPLETED YOU CAN E-MAIL IT WITH THIS AS AN ATTACHMENT TO** sandydecker74@gmail.com

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| **Nominated Project/Activity Name/Title:**  |       |
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| **Describe the initiative (check all Project Areas that apply):** |
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| [ ]  Agriculture [ ]  Arts & Creative Economy[ ]  Community Development & Placemaking[ ]  Economic Development [ ]  Education | [ ]  Family / Intergenerational[ ]  Health[ ]  Technology[ ]  Natural Resources [ ]  Tourism[ ]  Community Resiliency |
| **Contact Information for the Initiative:** |  |
| Name: |       | Phone: |       |
| Address |       | Email: |       |
| City/Zip Code: |       | Website: |       |
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| **Nominator Information (If Different):** |  |
| Name: |       | Phone: |       |
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| In 700 words or fewer, please address the following:* Give a brief history and description of the initiative and any innovative ideas and approaches\*
* Explain how this initiative demonstrates the spirit of partnership and collaborative decision-making identifying the number and diversity of partners, including citizen involvement.
* What are the project outcomes and accomplishments and community impact? (Identify any measures of success).
* Describe the long term impact of this initiative in the project areas marked above (agriculture, arts, creative economy . . .)
* Describe how other communities can use this initiative as a model

*\*Please note preference may be given to initiatives that have moved out of the planning and into the implementation phase.*  |
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**2021 Nomination Scoring Form**

**Name of Nominated Initiative**:

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|  | **Excellent****(5)** | **Good****(4)** | **Average****(3)** | **Fair****(2)** | **Poor****(1)** |
| 1. Innovative ideas or approaches.
 | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| *Higher score for initiatives that describe a unique approach.* |
| 1. Implemented through strong partnership and collaborative decision-making?
 | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| *Higher score for numbers and diversity of partners, including citizen involvement, that are instrumental to the success of the initiative.* |
| 1. Provides outcomes and accomplishments?
 | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| *Higher score for initiatives that clearly show measures of success and widespread community impacts* |
| 1. Has shown or has potential for long term impact?
 | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| *Higher score for initiatives with impact in several of the project areas marked on the first page (agriculture, arts . . .).* |
| 1. Model for other communities?
 | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| *Higher score for initiatives with unique circumstances and ideas, but that highlight an institutional solution to a problem that can be cultivated in another area.*  |
| **Total Score:** |
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| **Reviewer Comments:** |
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