**Top Rural Development Initiative**

**Nomination Form**

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| **Instructions for submission of a Top Rural Development Initiative Nomination**   * Click to download the Nomination Form. * Complete the form addressing all of the 5 elements of the initiative listed below. * Save the completed form to your computer. * Submit the nomination form by email to [sandydecker74@gmail.com](mailto:sandydecker74@gmail.com). * Attach the completed nomination form when submitting the email. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Nominated Project/Activity Name/Title:** | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Describe the Initiative *(check all project areas that apply)*** | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Agriculture | | | |  | Family / Intergenerational | | | | | |
|  | Arts & Creative Economy | | | |  | Health | | | | | |
|  | Community Development & Placemaking | | | |  | Technology | | | | | |
|  | Community Resiliency | | | |  | Natural Resources | | | | | |
|  | Economic Development | | | |  | Tourism | | | | | |
|  | Education | | | |  |  | | | | | |
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| **Contact Information for the Initiative:** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| First Name: | |  | Last Name: | | | |  | | | | |
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| Address 2: | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| City: | |  | | State: | | | |  | | Zip Code: |  |
| Email: | |  | | Telephone #: | | | | |  | | |
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| **Nominator Information (If Different):** | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Email: | |  | | Telephone #: | | | | |  | | |
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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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