**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.
* 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: |       |
| Address 1: |       |
| Address 2: |       |
| City: |       | State: |       | Zip Code: |       |
| Email: |       | Telephone #: |       |
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| **Nominator Information (If Different):** |
| First Name: |       | Last Name: |       |
| Address 1: |       |
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| City: |       | State: |       | Zip Code: |       |
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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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