

Beacon Program

Lighting the Way to a Sustainable & Resilient California



About the Beacon Program

ILG's Beacon Program provides a framework for local governments to share best practices that create healthier, more efficient and vibrant communities. The program is free and open to cities, counties and special districts in all stages of climate action planning and implementation.

ILG provides year-round resources and technical support to assist Beacon participants in their journey by helping participants obtain and record achievements. Participating Beacon communities receive:

- Technical assistance with collecting, reporting and tracking best practices, energy savings and greenhouse gas emission reductions
- Opportunities for award recognition
- Access to peer-to-peer networking and educational events, including webinars, conference sessions and informal information exchanges
- Invitations to showcase climate leadership and agency achievements to a statewide audience

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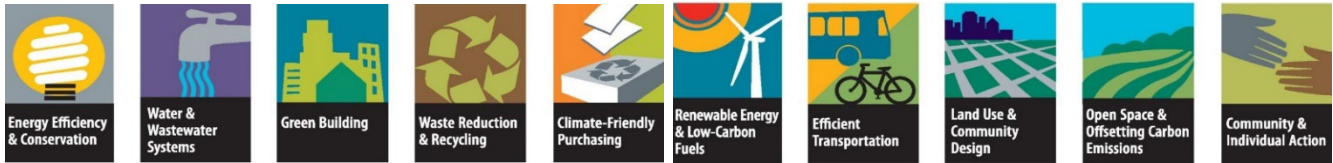
The Beacon Awards Program honors voluntary efforts by local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability. Award categories focus on progress toward **saving energy, reducing GHG emissions, implementing sustainability best practices** and **adopting a Climate Action Plan**. The **original Beacon Award** categories include:

AWARD	Silver Level	Gold Level	Platinum Level	Lithium Level
Beacon Spotlight Award				
Agency GHG Reductions	5% reduction	10% reduction	20% reduction	Surpass state goals in GHG emission reductions
Community GHG Reductions				
Agency Electricity Savings				
Agency Natural Gas Savings				
Sustainability Best Practice Activities	1 in each of 10 categories	3 in each of 10 categories	6 in each of 10 categories	
Beacon Vanguard Award				
<i>Beacon Vanguard award winners must receive a Beacon Spotlight award in every category.</i>	Silver Level Beacon Vanguard	Gold Level Beacon Vanguard	Platinum Level Beacon Vanguard	

In 2021, ILG added new project-based awards that will recognize exceptional work and innovation in other areas. Cities, counties, special districts and Beacon Champions can now earn recognition for cutting-edge projects, programs or policies that advance sustainability and resilience in their communities.

New additional award categories include:

Beacon Leadership, Resilience & Innovation Awards – NEW!				
Leadership in Resilience	Cross-Agency Collaboration	Equity & Engagement	Clean Transportation	Clean Energy



Beacon Communities are Making an Impact

In 2020, the 36 Beacon Award winners reduced the equivalent of over 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of removing almost 1.1 million cars from the road, powering 866,000 homes for one year or sequestering carbon from 85 million trees. This also equates to about \$450 million in public health benefits.



Support the Beacon Program

Now, more than ever, local government leaders need additional expertise to assist in meeting the immediate needs of their communities, while still being able to make meaningful progress on long-term goals related to equity, climate and resilience. We welcome the opportunity to partner with like-minded organizations on achieving this mission. Funding from Beacon partners will enable ILG to recruit additional local agencies and provide ongoing program support.

More than **160**
local agencies – of all sizes – currently participate in the Beacon
 Program **with more joining every year!**