



## **2017 Excellence Award Nomination Innovation: Finding New Ways**

The Excellence Award in Innovation recognizes a nonprofit organization that has utilized new models, solutions or strategies to adapt to a changing environment and/or to find new ways of solving problems faced by the organization or the populations it serves.

**Please be as specific as possible when completing the nomination and be sure to highlight why the nominee is uniquely qualified for this award. Nominations will effectively convey the following criteria about how the organization:**

1. Identified a compelling need or challenge that existed internally or in the local community
2. Created and implemented an innovative model, solution, or strategy to address the identified need
3. Used new and creative tools and approaches to successfully achieve goal(s) in ways different more conventional approaches
4. Achieved meaningful and measurable outcomes with a plan for continued sustainability of new model, solution or strategy

**Deadline:** The deadline for all nominations is **Friday, March 10, 2017.**

### **Submission Instructions:**

Nominations must be submitted through our online form by March 10, 2017. Please visit [this page](#) to submit your nomination.

Online submission progress can be saved and resumed later, but we suggest you create a word document with your answers just in case. For your convenience, the nomination questions are also listed on the next page.

### **Additional Information:**

Refer to the Excellence Award FAQ page on the MNN website for more information about Nonprofit Awareness Day and the Excellence Award judging process.

### **Questions:**

Please contact Marta Hodgkins-Sumner at [mhodgkins-sumner@massnonprofitnet.org](mailto:mhodgkins-sumner@massnonprofitnet.org) or 617-330-1188x281.

## Innovation Excellence Award Nomination Form

**\*\*Please prepare the questions below and complete the online nomination form at [www.massnonprofitnet.org/nominate](http://www.massnonprofitnet.org/nominate)\*\***

**1. Nominee Information:**

Organization:

- 2. Provide a brief overview of the organization, including mission, approximate size and date established, programs and services offered, and populations served. (150 word limit)**
- 3. Briefly describe the need or challenge addressed and why traditional methods were not an effective solution. (200 word limit)**
- 4. Explain how the nominee created and implemented an innovative model, solution or strategy to address the identified need. Please specify why this approach should be considered innovative. (200 word limit)**
- 5. Describe the innovative tools and approaches used to implement the model, solution or strategy. Use specific examples. (200 word limit)**
- 6. Provide a clear description of the outcomes achieved because of the innovative solution and the plan for continued sustainability of the new model, solution or strategy. Specify why this approach was more effective than a more traditional approach. (200 word limit)**

**7. Nominee Contact Information:**

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

**8. Nominator Contact Information: (Please leave blank if self-nominating.)**

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number: