

2017 HHS Green Champions Awards

HHS and NIH have issued a call for nominations for the 2017 HHS Green Champions Awards! Green Champions are those individuals who take on the challenge of reducing energy use, saving natural resources and minimizing the carbon footprint of the Federal government. Specifically, the HHS Green Champions Awards honor federal employees and Native American tribal members and Groups/Organizations that demonstrate measureable results towards integrating sustainability principles into the HHS mission and its daily operations. All NIH staff are welcome to nominate themselves, or a fellow colleague, or a group/organization for this prestigious award.

NIH staff are regularly recognized as Green Champions and we look forward to continuing that tradition this year! For a look at past Green Champions winners from NIH, [click here](#). To find past winners throughout all of HHS, follow [this link](#) and scroll down to the topic "Sustainability Awards." The categories for this year's awards are listed below, which include two new categories this year: Green Labs and Wellness (descriptions are provided in the [application](#)).

1. Good Neighbor
2. Change Agents
3. Operational Efficiency
4. Electronic Stewardship and Data Centers
5. Environmental Stewardship
6. Energy/Fleet Management
7. Green Hero Video Outreach
8. Sustainable Acquisitions
9. Sustainable Design and Facilities, and Regional Planning
10. Water Use Efficiency and Management
11. Green Labs
12. Wellness

Even though nominations may result in benefits to more than one of the 12 categories, each nomination should only be submitted in one category. Key selection factors for both individual and group awards include innovation, collaboration, return on investment, and short- and long-term impact. The period of performance is for achievements accomplished during Fiscal Year 2017 (October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017). Contract employees may be recognized in the group category, provided the majority of team members are federal government employees.

Nominations are due through GoGreen@hhs.gov by February 16, 2018.

[Click here to download an application!](#)

General questions about the HHS Green Champions Awards can be addressed to GoGreen@hhs.gov. Please include "Green Champions Awards" in the subject line. For NIH-specific questions, please contact [Ms. Lucy Aistis](#).