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## **County of Orange Honored with 25 Awards for Innovation and Achievement**

**Santa Ana, Calif.** (July 3, 2025) – National Association of Counties (NACo) awarded eight County of Orange departments with a collective total of 25 achievement awards on June 18, 2025 in recognition of various innovative county government programs.

NACo's annual Achievement Awards spotlights counties that demonstrate forward-thinking approaches to complex challenges. This year, the County of Orange received recognition across 13 of NACo's 18 program categories.

**County of Orange department programs that received NACo Achievement Awards are as follows:**

### **Children and Youth**

- OC Waste & Recycling  
*"How OCWR's EcoChallenge Enhances Sustainability and Benefits Youth"*

### **Civic Education and Public Information**

- OC Child Support Services  
*"Community Commitment: Summer Care Fair"*
- OC Registrar of Voters  
*"Pre-bunking Misinformation Through a Multifaceted Communications Approach"*

### **Community and Economic Development**

- OC Community Resources – OC Workforce and Economic Development Division  
*"Pathways to Opportunity-Hiring Made Personal: Customized Employment Events"*
- County Executive Office – Procurement  
*"SoCal Procurement Alliance: Uniting Resources, Driving Results"*

### **County Administration and Management**

- OC Community Resources – OC Community Services  
*"Automated Invoicing System"*

### **County Resiliency: Infrastructure, Energy, and Sustainability**

- OC Waste & Recycling  
*"Driving Continual Safety Improvement Through Employee-Driven Safety Committees: Landfill Spotter Safety Training"*



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*"How OCWR's HHWCC Enhances Sustainability and Benefits Residents"*

*"Transforming Waste into Resources: OCWR's Mattresses and Metal Recycling Program"*

## Health

- OC Health Care Agency  
*"County of Orange (California) Behavioral Health Services Crisis Assessment Team"*

## Human Services

- OC Community Resources – OC Office on Aging  
*"Intergenerational Activities Program – Connecting Older and Younger Generations"*
- OC Community Resources – OC Veterans Service Office  
*"Veteran Mental Health Outreach"*

## Information Technology

- OC Clerk-Recorder  
*"CRBot: Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Solution for 24/7 Instant Customer Support"*
- County Executive Office – Information Technology  
*"A Modernized Disposal Reporting System at Orange County Landfills"*  
*"Disaster Recovery Colocation"*  
*"Human Resource Services - Executive Dashboard"*
- OC Health Care Agency – Orange County Emergency Medical Services  
*"County of Orange (California) Emergency Medical Services Bi-Directional Data Exchange Project"*
- OC Registrar of Voters  
*"Tracking Vote Center Accessibility with GIS Tools"*

## Libraries

- OC Community Resources – OC Public Libraries  
*"Nourishing Connections: How Food Literacy Fosters Stronger Communities"*  
*"Orange County Public Libraries Collection Redistribution Program"*

## Parks and Recreation

- OC Community Resources – OC Parks  
*"Adventure Awaits at Saddleback, Gypsum Canyon and Red Rock Wilderness Areas"*

## Personnel Management, Employment and Training



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- County Executive Office – Human Resource Services  
*“OC Career Academy”*

## **Risk and Emergency Management**

- OC Registrar of Voters and OC Sheriff-Coroner  
*“Law Enforcement Collaboration in Orange County’s Election Command Center”*

## **Volunteers**

- OC Community Resources – OC Parks  
*“Volunteer Education and Engagement”*
- OC Registrar of Voters  
*“High School Student Volunteer Program - Engaging New & Emerging Voters in Elections”*

Further descriptions of these award-winning programs are available on the NACo website:  
[naco.org/page/achievement-awards](http://naco.org/page/achievement-awards).

## **About the County of Orange**

The County of Orange is a regional service provider and planning agency whose core businesses include public safety, public health, environmental protection, regional planning, public assistance, social services and aviation. This includes 22 departments and over 17,000 employees serving with a commitment to make Orange County a safe, healthy, and fulfilling place to live, work, and play, today and for generations to come, by providing outstanding, cost-effective regional public services.

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