

# AMP AWARDS PROGRAM

## Earn Recognition for Your Community

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Al Fiser, Pioneer village administrator and 2021 AMP Seven Hats Award winner, receives his award from Jeff Brediger, Orrville Director of Utilities and AMP Board of Trustees Chair



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Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, the organization provides a variety of services for its members, including power supply planning, engineering, financial, environmental, generation, legal, and other support services. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes wholesale power purchases through AMP and on the open market, and energy produced from a variety of generation assets utilizing hydro, wind, solar, landfill gas, natural gas and other fossil fuels.

## Why seek an AMP Award?

The AMP Awards Program provides a great opportunity to draw attention to outstanding projects and people in your community. This is one way to let your peers and community know about your hard work, dedication and commitment to your local electric system.

Members can nominate themselves or others for the Electric System Sustainability Award, Hard Hat Safety Award, Innovation Award, Public Power Promotion Award, Safety Award, Seven Hats Award and System Improvement Award. Simply complete one or more of the nomination forms and submit them by Aug. 2. Nominations should be submitted using the digital forms available [here](#).

Award recipients will be recognized at the 2022 AMP Annual Conference, Sept. 26–28. After the conference, a news release will be sent to the local media of those communities that received an award.

**Deadline for all AMP Awards Nomination  
Submissions: ~~July 22, 2022~~  
Deadline extended to Tuesday, August 2**

If you have questions or need assistance submitting a nomination, please contact Amanda Smithey, member events and program manager:

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# AMP Service Distinction Award

The AMP Service Distinction Program Award was initiated to recognize employees of member public power utilities, partners and consultants who have made significant local contributions to public power.

## Eligibility:

- Individuals, employees of member public power utilities, partners or consultants who have made significant contributions to public power and supported the mission, vision and values of AMP.
- Special consideration will be given to individuals dedicated to the betterment of public power communities who have retired from service or have announced that they will be retiring soon.



*Greg Kuhlman, Napoleon electric distribution superintendent, received an AMP Service Distinction Award during the 2021 AMP Annual Conference.*

## Criteria:

The AMP Service Distinction Award shall be limited to individuals who have met all or a majority of the criteria below as determined by the Nominating Committee:

- A distinguished public power career; or a career with significant contribution to public power;
- Members, partners or consultants who have made significant contributions to public power and supported the mission, vision and values of AMP; and
- Special consideration will be given to individuals dedicated to the betterment of public power communities who have retired from service or have announced that they will be retiring soon.

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# Electric System Sustainability Award

The Electric System Sustainability Award was created to recognize utilities that have made significant efforts in sustainability. Sustainability can be defined as understanding the interconnections among economy, society and environment.

## Eligibility:

- Project must have been completed prior to June 1, 2022.
- Only one project per member may be submitted each year.
- Project can only be submitted for an award one time.

## Criteria:

- Project should demonstrate a balance between economic, environmental and social considerations while also reflecting a practical business approach. The latter focus may be demonstrated by highlighting how the project maximizes the electric system's business opportunities and/or minimizes the electrical system's business risks.

## Recognition:

- More than one award can be given each year.
- Awards will be presented to member(s) with the best long-term project(s) designed to enhance the sustainability of their electrical systems.



*Chris Monacelli (left), Westerville electric utility manager, and Kathy Cocuzzi (right), former Westerville mayor, accept an Electric System Sustainability Award during the 2021 AMP Annual Conference.*

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## Hard Hat Safety Award

AMP established the Hard Hat Safety Program to recognize an employee in each member community who demonstrates safety at all times.

### Eligibility:

- Members can nominate one employee from their electric distribution department.
- Members with generation can also nominate one employee from their electric generating division.

### Criteria:

An electric utility employee who:

- Adheres to on-the-job safety procedures;
- Promotes electric safety within their department; and
- Is 100% safety conscious.

### Recognition:

- Recipients are nominated by the municipal electric system's director or superintendent and approved by the AMP safety staff.
- More than one award can be given each year.
- A plaque will be presented to the individual recipient at a safety meeting in their community.



*Todd Head, Westerville Electric Division line supervisor, is presented with his 2021 Hard Hat Safety Award by Scott McKenzie, AMP director of member training and safety.*

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# Innovation Award

This award recognizes municipal electric systems that have completed an innovative and/or unique project. Innovation as described in the dictionary is a new idea, device or method; the introduction of something new.

## Eligibility:

- Project must have been completed prior to June 1, 2022.
- Only one project per member may be submitted each year.
- Project can be submitted only one time for an award.



*Josue Salmeron, Yellow Springs village manager, and Johnnie Burns (right), Yellow Springs public works director, accept an Innovation Award during the 2021 AMP Annual Conference..*

## Criteria:

- Project should utilize new technology or existing technology in a unique way.
- Creative uses of technology or new ideas within the electric utility industry will be considered.
- Research or pilot style programs submitted to DEED or EPRI may be eligible.
- One award can be given in each division:
  - Division 1 - 0-999 meters
  - Division 2 - 1,000 to 4,999 meters
  - Division 3 - 5,000 to 8,999 meters
  - Division 4 - 9,000 or more meters

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# Public Power Promotion Award

This award recognizes utilities that have taken significant strides to promote public power through marketing, consumer awareness and branding.

## Eligibility:

- Project must have been completed prior to June 1, 2022.
- Only one project per member may be submitted each year.
- Project can be submitted only one time for an award.

## Criteria:

- Project should demonstrate public power being promoted in a creative or impactful way.

## Recognition:

- More than one award can be given each year.



*Chris Monacelli (left), Westerville electric utility manager; Steve Garnick (center), Westerville operations manager; and Tara Trigg Westerville business manager (right), accept a Public Power Promotion Award during the 2021 AMP Annual Conference.*

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# Safety Award

The AMP Safety Award recognizes municipal electric systems for their safety performance and encourages municipalities to improve their present safety program.

## Eligibility:

- Safety Awards will be given to systems with no time loss due to reportable accidents.
- Safety Commendations will be given to systems with less than one percent time loss.
- Reporting period runs from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.
- To determine time loss, divide the total number of hours away from work and restricted by the total work hours of exposure for the period of June 1, 2021–May 31, 2022.



*Joe Price, Grafton village administrator, accepts a Safety Award on behalf of Grafton Public Power & Light during the 2021 AMP Annual Conference.*

$$\text{Time loss} = \frac{\text{Total number of hours away from work and restricted}}{\text{Total work hours of exposure for the period}}$$

## Criteria:

There are two categories:

- Transmission/Distribution
- Generation

## Recognition:

- More than one award can be given each year.

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## AMP Seven Hats Award

The Seven Hats Award recognizes a deserving utility manager from a smaller community. AMP's award parallels the APPA's Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award. The recipient of AMP's award will be nominated for the APPA's Seven Hats Award.

### Eligibility:

Any superintendent or manager of an AMP member utility that serves 2,500 electric meters or less.



*Al Fiser, Pioneer village administrator, with his 2021 AMP Seven Hats Award.*

### Criteria:

Utility manager who serves a smaller community and whose management responsibilities extend well beyond the scope of a manager in a larger system with a larger staff.

- Nominees must possess desirable qualities and skills in the following areas:
  - Planning and design
  - Administration
  - Public relations
  - Field supervision
  - Accounting
  - Personnel or employee direction, relations, policies, etc.
  - Community leadership
- Nomination form to be completed by local elected official.

### Recognition:

- Only one award can be given each year.

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# System Improvement Award

The System Improvement Award recognizes utilities that have made a significant improvement in electric service and reliability to their customer-owners.

## Eligibility:

- Project must have been completed prior to June 1, 2022, including any multi-year projects.
- Routine system maintenance such as tree trimming, single pole or individual transformer replacements will not be considered.
- Only one project per member may be submitted each year.
- Project can be submitted only one time for an award.



*Wes Jones (left), Philippi electric superintendent, and Jeremy Drennen (right), Philippi city manager, accept a System Improvement Award during the 2021 AMP Annual Conference.*

## Criteria:

Project should demonstrate a significant improvement in service and reliability to customer-owners.

- One award can be given in each division:
  - Division 1 - 0-999 meters
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### **Mission**

To serve Members through public power joint action, innovative solutions, robust advocacy and cost-effective management of power supply and energy services.

### **Vision**

To be public power's trusted leader in providing Members and their customers the highest-quality, forward-looking services and solutions.

### **Values**

**Integrity** - Be honest, fair, reliable, trustworthy and ethical.

**Member Focus** - Provide dedicated and professional support to all members in the AMP footprint.

**Partnership** - Collaborate to achieve common goals.

**Employee Engagement** - Commit to a diverse, inclusive, safe and supportive work environment.

**Stewardship** - Manage resources wisely and sustainably while striving for operational, financial and administrative excellence.

**Innovation** - Energize and inspire new and creative approaches that increase value to Members and Employees.

**Accountability** - Be responsive and communicate transparently and effectively.