



# COMMON GROUND AWARDS NOMINATION PROCESS & FORM

Metropolitan Pima Alliance is seeking applicants for our annual Common Ground Awards ceremony. MPA's Common Ground Awards recognizes community leaders, projects and events with successful collaboration for the overall benefit of the community. Whether it is land development, economic development or community development, it is pertinent for all parties to find common ground and the Board-selected winners are bestowed their Common Ground Award at this annual banquet ceremony attended by hundreds.

Emphasis is placed on collaboration that is **atypical** and falls outside of the normal day-to-day processes of our respective workplaces. We are seeking nominations that overcame great obstacles through collaborating and finding common ground amongst groups and individuals that typically do not work well together.

**Process:**

- 1) Nominations will be received between **May 1<sup>st</sup>- May 31<sup>st</sup>** at [commonground@mpaaz.org](mailto:commonground@mpaaz.org) or via mail. PO Box 2790, Tucson, AZ 85702
- 2) The Common Ground Committee will review the nominees and score each application. Semi-finalists will be selected and asked to submit a comprehensive package prior to a personal interview. (see below)
- 3) Semi-finalists will be interviewed during a 15-minute block
- 5) The finalists and winners will be celebrated at the ceremony on **December 1<sup>st</sup> at**

**TO APPLY:**

- 1. Fill out the nomination form to the best of your ability.
- 2. Include a 500-600 word narrative that summarizes your project and answers this question:

*What collaboration occurred during your project and why is it relevant today?*

**Types of projects recognized for an award include:**

- Residential Development
- Architecture or Design
- Policy or Process
- Planning
- Commercial Development
- Community Building
- Public Works Projects
- Recreation
- Mixed-Use Development
- Economic Development Public Events & Programs
- Construction

SCORING CRITERIA	
Category	Weight
Quality of Collaboration	10
Complexity of Collaboration	8
Uniqueness of Collaboration	7
Uniqueness of Project	6
Size of Community Impact	3

Please fill out as much information as possible. You may attach additional pages as necessary.

Project:	Nominated Previously?
Type of Project:	If so, when?
Nominated by NAME:  COMPANY:  EMAIL:  PHONE:  ADDRESS:	
<u>Nominee main point of contact for additional information:</u> NAME:  EMAIL:  PHONE:  COMPANY:  ADDRESS:	
Each nomination should list all collaborative, contributing partners including: government and public participants, business members, non-profit organizations, and citizens or citizen groups. The format should be in Excel, with the following columns: First Name, Last Name, organization, email, phone number.	

You may choose to submit additional materials as related to the scoring criteria and your nomination.

Please submit this application via one of the following methods:

Via email: [commonground@mpaaz.org](mailto:commonground@mpaaz.org) (preferred method)

Via mail:  
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