



*Leaders at the Core of Better Communities*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

**Contact:** Felicia Littky, ICMA Awards Program Manager  
[flittky@icma.org](mailto:flittky@icma.org); 202-962-3656

## **International Local Government Management Organization Recognizes Town of Clarkdale for Program Excellence**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**— The Town of Clarkdale was among 10 local governments who have been recognized for their outstanding programmatic contributions to local government by ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. ICMA's 2016 Annual Awards Program recipients will be officially honored at a Celebration of Service to the Profession, as part of the organization's 102nd Annual Conference on September 28, 2016. The Town of Clarkdale's award will be officially presented to the Clarkdale Town Council during their meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Clarkdale received a Program Excellence Award in the Community Sustainability category for the demonstration of water sustainability in their Centennial Plaza project. The award recognizes innovative local government programs or processes that creatively balance a community's social, economic, environmental, and cultural needs.

According to Town Manager Gayle Mabery, "The Town of Clarkdale is very honored to receive this prestigious award from the International City/County Management Association. This an award our whole community should celebrate! Our Town Council set a vision for a sustainable community, our citizen's endorsed that vision through the adoption of the Town's 2012 General Plan, and our staff worked hard at every stage of this project: planning, construction, implementation and maintenance ... to achieve not only an award-worthy result for Clarkdale, but a project that is a true demonstration of sustainability for our community."

The ICMA Local Government Excellence Awards Program highlights creative contributions to professional local government management while demonstrating the difference that this kind of management makes to the quality of life in our communities. ICMA's Program Excellence Awards are presented to local governments, their chief administrators, and others within the 10,000+ member organization in recognition of their innovative and successful programs. This year, an independent, 21-member evaluation panel reviewed the eligible nominations.

"We congratulate the recipients of our 2016 Program Excellence Awards and the administrators and managers who lead them," says ICMA Executive Director Bob O'Neill. "The communities and men and women recognized this year set the standard for innovation, effectiveness, and creativity. We thank them for their commitment to improving the lives of the constituents they serve every day."

For more information about ICMA's Local Government Excellence Awards Program, contact Felicia Littky, ICMA Awards Program Manager, at [flittky@icma.org](mailto:flittky@icma.org) or 202-962-3656.

**About ICMA**

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide. Our mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional management to build livable communities that improve people's lives. ICMA provides member support; publications; data and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to more than 10,000 city, town, and county experts and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of individuals living in thousands of communities, from small villages and towns to large metropolitan areas. Learn more at [icma.org](http://icma.org).

### **Appendix A: Program Excellence Awards**

- **Community Health and Safety Award** recognizes innovative local government programs or processes that improve the community's safety, health, and/or wellness, or enhance the quality of life for the disadvantaged. The award is sponsored in part in memory of Carolyn Keane, first wife of ICMA's fourth executive director, Mark Keane, and Bill and Alice Hansell, parents of ICMA's fifth executive director, William H. Hansell.
- **Community Partnership Award** recognizes innovative programs or processes between and/or among a local government and other governmental entities, private sector businesses, individuals, or nonprofit agencies to improve the quality of life for residents or provide more efficient and effective services.
- **Community Sustainability Award** recognizes innovative local government programs or processes that creatively balance a community's social, economic, environmental, and cultural needs.
- **Strategic Leadership and Governance Award** recognizes the innovative and successful local government programs or processes that have significantly affected a local government organization's culture or strategic direction.