

Civic Education and Public Information awards went to **OC Parks** for its **Go Green at the OC Zoo** recycling promotion; and to **Child Support Services** for its **Community Education Initiative**, “a customer-centric approach to service delivery by taking an active role in connecting customers with resources through education.”

An **Environmental Protection and Energy** award went to **OC Waste & Recycling** for its **Natural Bird and Vegetation Abatement Program** in which falcons and hawks were used to drive hordes of seagulls from landfills, while goats were employed to clear weeds. Another award in the same category went to the **OC Sheriff’s Department** for its **Theo Lacy Facility Sustainability Program**, in which deputies Jim Hamill and Bill Wagner have been able to eliminate over 60% of the facility’s landfill-bound waste by recycling.

Human Services awards were given to **OC Community Services** for its **Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program** of housing subsidies and case management services for homeless veterans with disabilities including mental and addictive disorders; and to **Child Support Services** for its **Collaboration with Superior Court, Family Law Facilitator & Self-Help Center** entry, aimed at providing legal services and resources to address their customers’ challenges.

A **Community/Economic Development** award went to the **OC Health Care Agency** and **OC Community Services**, who joined forces on a **Mental Health Services Act Housing** program that is providing 428 affordable housing units for mentally ill and other homeless persons.

A **Criminal Justice and Public Safety** award was given to the **OC Crime Lab** for its **Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, Enhanced Detection and Collaboration** research to improve methodologies for measuring the amounts of different drugs in suspects’ blood.

A **NACo Health** award went to **OC Community Services’ Office on Aging**, in partnership with the **Orange County Health Care Agency** and others on their "**Healthier Living**" **Collaborative** to bring community programs to disenfranchised, disabled, and elderly communities in Orange County, to help deal with chronic disease and other problems.

An award for **Information Technology** went to the **Orange County Registrar of Voters** for its entry, **Learning from Logistics Experts to Improve Elections Operations**. By judicious use of technology and studying companies that use logistics every day, the Registrar of Voters has made dramatic improvements in the time taken to process ballots.

A **Planning** award was given to **OC Public Works** and **OC Parks** for their collaboration on the **Haster Retarding Basin, Pump Station and Recreational Field Project**, in which the basin was upgraded to better handle a 100-year flood, while providing an additional two acres of much-needed park area to the county.

Finally, an award in the **Parks and Recreation** category went to **OC Parks** for its **OC Parks Summer Concert Series**. As it is doing again this year, OC Parks hosted a series of free concerts in several different parks last year, and doing it cost-effectively by using an outside promoter to organize all the events.