



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Local Government Officials

DATE: March 30, 2026

FROM: Todd Little
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Nominations for the ***NCTCOG Mike Eastland Regional Cooperation Award***

The North Central Texas Council of Governments established the **Regional Cooperation Award** to recognize and honor extraordinary cooperative programs and projects among local governments. By working together, governments can produce impressive results and strengthen the region. This award is intended to recognize local governments that have demonstrated a commitment to the concept of "regionalism" through cooperative projects that cross municipal and/or county boundaries, and provide for more efficient use of resources, while still yielding a high quality of service to the citizens. Previous recipients are:

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| 2025 | Cities of Decatur, Rhome, and Boyd | 2009 | Cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford |
| 2024 | Cities of Hudson Oaks, Fort Worth, and Willow Park | 2008 | Tarrant County and the Cities of Benbrook, Fort Worth, Lake Worth, River Oaks, Westworth Village, White Settlement |
| 2023 | Cities of Cedar Hill, Duncanville, and DeSoto | 2007 | Cities of Southlake & Keller |
| 2022 | Cities of Corinth and Lake Dallas, and Towns of Hickory Creek and Shady Shores | 2006 | Rockwall County and the Cities of Rockwall, Fate, Heath, Mobile City, Rowlett, Royse City, McClendon Chisholm |
| 2021 | Denton County Mass Vaccinations Cooperation Site | 2005 | The North Texas Municipal Water District and the Cities of Allen, Frisco, McKinney, Plano, Richardson |
| 2020 | The Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster | 2004 | Cities of Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, Haltom, Hurst, Keller, North Richland Hills |
| 2019 | The Cities of Kennedale and Arlington | 2003 | Denton County Transportation Authority |
| 2018 | The Cities of McKinney and Allen, and Collin College | 2002 | Cities of Fort Worth, Haltom City, Keller, Richland Hills, Watauga |
| 2017 | The Cities of Anna, Howe, Melissa and Van Alstyne | 2001 | Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority |
| 2016 | The Town of Addison and the Cities of Carrollton, Coppell and Farmers Branch | 2000 | Cities of Corinth and Lake Dallas and the Towns of Hickory Creek and Shady Shores |
| 2015 | The Cities of Azle, Mineral Wells, Springtown and Weatherford | 1999 | The DFW International Airport Board and the Cities of Euless, Dallas, Fort Worth |
| 2014 | The Cities of Arlington, Carrollton, Euless, Grand Prairie and Plano | 1998 | Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster |
| 2013 | The Cities of Keller and Colleyville | 1997 | Cities of Colleyville and Bedford |
| 2012 | Cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Euless and DFW Airport | 1996 | Cities of Bedford, Hurst, Euless |
| 2011 | Cities of Aledo, Hudson Oaks, Willow Park and Towns of Annetta, Annetta North, Annetta South | | |
| 2010 | Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville and Lancaster | | |

We are inviting nominations for the **2026 Mike Eastland Regional Cooperation Award**, which will be presented at NCTCOG's Annual General Assembly Meeting scheduled to be held at the Hurst Conference Center on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. A distinguished panel of local government professionals will select this year's winner. Previously nominated candidates are eligible, and re-nominations are welcome.

Both the nomination **guidelines** and the **nomination form** are available online. You may download an editable form or nominate online at www.nctcog.org/nominations. We would appreciate return of the form no later than **May 15, 2026**. Thank you for your interest in the principles represented by this award and, in advance, for your response to this call for nominations.

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Attachments

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Mike Eastland Regional Cooperation Award

GUIDELINES

In 1996, the North Central Texas Council of Governments established the Regional Cooperation Award to be presented each year at NCTCOG's Annual General Assembly Meeting. The award recognizes local governments that have demonstrated a commitment to the concept of "regionalism" through their cooperative programs and projects.

Who is Eligible?

Any local governments in the 16-county North Central Texas region (Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, Wise counties).

Who Can Nominate?

Local government staff members, local elected officials, chamber of commerce officials, or interested citizens may nominate a local government to receive this award.

How Do I Nominate?

- Submit the nomination form. Identify the nominator(s), the jurisdictions involved, the program/project being recognized, and summarize how the project meets the award criteria listed below.
- To be qualified, nominations must be submitted on the nomination form or a facsimile thereof.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be **judged on ...**

- **Promotion** of coordination and cooperation between or among different cities or counties; or between a city and a county, on programs/projects which address common needs;
- **Recognition** that jurisdictional boundaries are not barriers to such programs and projects; and,
- **Demonstration** that joint programs and projects can provide better use of resources and equally high or higher quality service to their citizens.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MAY 15, 2026

PLEASE NOMINATE ONLINE AT www.nctcog.org/nominations
or email the nomination form to the Executive Director's Office at nominations@nctcog.org

Mike Eastland Regional Cooperation Award NOMINATION FORM

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2026

PRINCIPAL NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

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| Date: |
| Name: |
| Title: |
| Organization: |

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| Email: |
| Mailing City/State/Zip: |
| Office Phone: |
| Home/Cell Phone: |

JURISDICTIONS NOMINATED

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| Jurisdiction 1 Name: | Jurisdiction 2 Name: |
| Contact Person: | Contact Person: |
| Phone: | Phone: |
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| Jurisdiction 3 Name: | Jurisdiction 4 Name: |
| Contact Person: | Contact Person: |
| Phone: | Phone: |
| Mailing City/State/Zip: | Mailing City/State/Zip: |
| (For additional jurisdictions, please attach additional rows) | |

DESCRIBE WHY YOUR NOMINEES SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD

Describe how these jurisdictions worked across jurisdictional boundaries to deliver a service to their citizens at an equal or lower cost (provide approximate dollar savings), and with an equal or better service outcome.