

Inaugural NNIP Network Awards

Thursday morning 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

At the NNIP Partnership Meeting in Cleveland last year, we introduced two new awards: the Network Steward of the Year and the G. Thomas Kingsley Impact Award. Both were developed to recognize and honor NNIP Partners who have made extraordinary contributions to both NNIP and their local communities.

The winners will be featured on the NNIP website and promoted through other communications channels throughout the year. We congratulate the winners and thank all of those who took the time to apply themselves or nominate a fellow partner.

The **Network Steward of the Year Award** recognizes an individual's outstanding contributions to NNIP's peer-learning network that achieved one or more of the following goals:

- Strengthening the connectivity among partners,
- Increasing knowledge sharing within the network
- Helping to raise the profile of the network by sharing lessons externally

Many thanks to the Network Steward Award's 2017 review committee: Mark Abraham (DataHaven), Rob Pitingolo (Urban Institute), and April Urban (Case Western Reserve University).

The **G. Thomas Kingsley Impact Award** recognizes and highlights an NNIP Partner organization for the important contributions made in using neighborhood data to improve local policy and practice to benefit low-income communities. The award honors the legacy of Tom Kingsley, the founding director of NNIP, who has been a champion for the importance of neighborhoods and of the power of local data in community building and policymaking.

We would like to express appreciation to the Impact Award's 2017 review panel: Cindy Guy (Annie E. Casey Foundation), Craig Howard (John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation), Seema Iyer (Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance), Lisa Nelson (Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and NNIP Alumna) and three Urban Institute staff (Tom Kingsley, Leah Hendey, and Kathy Pettit).