

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

The ICMA Distinguished Service Award is given to a manager who has retired from the profession and made an outstanding contribution to the management profession and local government.

2025

Peggy Merriss
Kenneth C. Hampian
Karen Daly
John F. Shirey
Valerie A. Lemmie

2024

Ron Carlee
Lee Feldman
Anton "Tony" S. Gardner

2023

Pamela Brangaccio
Robert J. O'Neill, Jr.
Kimball Payne III

2022

Teodoro J. Benavides
Gary Sears
Mark Wollenweber

2021

Linda M. Barton
Daniel W. Fitzpatrick
Tom Lundy
Anne Pflug

2020

Gustavo Cordova
Edwin C. Daley
Daryl J. Delabbio

2019

Michael A. Conduff
Kevin C. Duggan
Michael Willis

2018

Peter Marshall
Joel Valdez

2017

Alexander Briseno
Rod Gould
David R. Mora

2016

Ted A. Gaebler
Daniel A. Kleman
Jan C. Perkins

2015

Patrick Callahan
Rickey Childers

2014

Robert L. Herchert
Roger Jordan
Thomas Muehlenbeck
Orville W. Powell

2013

Severo Esquivel
Lloyd V. Harrell

2012

G. Curtis Branscome
Arne L. Croce

2011

Frank I. Benest
Gregory J. Bielawski
Sanford B. Wanner

2010

Stan E. Kennedy
Sylvester Murray
Frank Ollendorff

2009

Dennis Beach
David B. Elder

2008

W. Calvin Horton
Bryce A. Stuart

2007

Thomas C. Kelly

2006

Merrett R. Stierheim
Howard D. Tipton

2005

George R. Schrader

2004

John H. Kiracofe
Peter A. Korn
Robert McEvoy

2003

William H. Hansell Jr.

2002

C. Samuel Kissinger

2001

Donald R. Marquis
Paul A. Reaume

2000

Charles F. Church
Robert Coop

1999

Albert G. Ilg
David R. Taylor

1998

Norman W. Hickey
Richard G. Simmons

1997

J. David Foell
Charles T. Henry

1996

Osmond C. Bonsey
E. Allen Culverhouse
John H. Gray
A. Jeffrey Greenwell
Revan A. F. Tranter

1995

Lowell J. Tooley
E. Robert Turner

1994

J. Neil Nielsen
Graham W. Watt

1993

Terrell Blodgett
Jacques Perreault
William Pitstick

1992

C. T. C. (Cy) Armstrong
John E. Dever
Mark E. Keane

1991

George H. Fellows

1990

Leslie Fell
Robert B. Morris
Walter A. Scheiber

1989

Robert L. Brunton
Deane P. Wiley

1988

Leslie T. Allen
Thomas G. Dunne
B. Gale Wilson

1987

Robert J. Eppley

1986

W. Pete Knowles

1985

Teena Clifton
O. Kenneth Erickson
Thomas Fletcher

1984

Robert A. Kipp
Sir James Swaffield
Robert H. van Deusen

1983

Virgil A. Basgall

1982

David Rowlands

1981

David Burkhalter

1980

H. P. Clifton

1979

Elder Gunter

1978

Raymond P. Botch Sr.
Warren C. Hyde
Kent Mathewson
T. Edward Temple

1977

Frank H. Backstrom
Udo Klaus
Wesley McClure

1976

David Goodman
Thjelvar Hedberg
Walther Hensel
Bert W. Johnson
Stuart Lloyd Jones
Matthew Macken
John M. Patriarche
Andrew N. Walls

1975

No Award

1974

Tom Chenoweth
John D. Phillips

1973

Roger Lord
W. Scott McDonald
C. E. Perkins

1972

Russell E. McClure
Wayne F. Thompson
Samuel E. Vickers

1971

F. R. Buechner
Robert L. Morrison

1970

Woodbury E. Brackett
Horace Edwards
E. E. McAdams

1969

John H. Ames
E. Royden Colter
Steve Matthews
Carleton F. Sharpe

1968

Clarence H. Elliott

1967

No Award

1966

Ray W. Wilson

1965

George E. Bean
L. P. Cookingham
J. R. French
C. A. Harrell

1964

No Award

1963

No Award

1962

C. A. Miller