



COUNTY RECEIVES THREE NATIONAL AWARDS

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Montgomery County, Virginia – Montgomery County is the recipient of two National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards and one National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Excellence Award.

The NACo Achievement Award entries were submitted by the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library for its Sharing America series and the Financial & Management Services Department for the New River Valley Joint Budget Process.

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library's Sharing America series was based on American art posters from the Picturing America series sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Art posters depicting regional histories and customs were chosen and programs and displays were planned around them. The series included oral history interviews with citizens that were made into short films and were viewed by hundreds.

The New River Valley Joint Budget Process brought together Montgomery County, Pulaski County, Giles County, Floyd County and the City of Radford for a daylong session to hear budget requests by nearly 30 agencies. Consolidating this action into one day with all 30 agencies and government officials allowed agency officials to receive dedicated time from staff with fewer distractions. Local government and elected officials benefited by avoiding the logistical challenge of scheduling officials from 30 agencies to make presentations at board or council meetings, thus taking time away from citizens and other government business at public meetings. The joint venture resulted in a more efficient budget process, saving of time, energy and resources.

Public Information received the NACIO Excellence Award for its Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Report. The report provided an overview of the County's accomplishments during the fiscal year from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

The County's annual report is designed, filled and edited by Public Information Specialist Leigh Anne Correll. It was written in an easy-to-read style, with bullet points and short updates on County programs and projects. The report also highlighted grants and partnerships that enabled the County to leverage resources, reduce costs and improve services, including public safety, parks and recreation and social services.

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