



2025 TRPA Four Star Innovative Program Award **Application**

Applications must be submitted by Midnight CDT, Sunday, July 27, 2025
via <https://form.jotform.com/242185539671161>

The TRPA Innovative Program Award recognizes the importance of creative, trend-setting ideas as the cornerstone of expanding community participation in leisure programs. The award honors agencies that have demonstrated leadership in successfully developing and executing programs or events that reflect groundbreaking ideas. Entries must be based on activities that have been initiated within the past year, and may be either a one-time program or a multi-session class. An Agency may submit one application in this category.

SUBMISSION FORMAT: Application packet must include the following for consideration:

NARRATIVE 1: <i>INNOVATION – Total of 50 points available</i>	NARRATIVE 2: <i>COMMUNITY – Total of 30 points available</i>	ATTACHMENTS: <i>Total of 10 points available</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cost to participants▪ Funding Sources (list all)▪ Number of Participants▪ How were community volunteers engaged in the program?▪ How was the program evaluated?▪ Will the program be offered again? If not, why not?▪ Describe how the program meets the criteria of “truly innovative”.▪ What elements of originality/novelty were present?▪ Detail each of the unique features of the class or event. May include, but not limited to theme, approach, audience, use of community resources, or other defined characteristics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Describe how the program met a community need.▪ Describe how the program engaged a new or expanded an existing audience.▪ How did the program increase the public’s awareness of parks and recreation?▪ How did the program convey the message of the role of parks and recreation in health, economic impact, community building, or environmental sustainability?▪ How did the program impact the community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Promotional Materials▪ Class Materials▪ Newspaper or other media stories▪ Program/Event testimonials from participants▪ No more than 3 digital photos of program

Narratives must be a maximum of four (4) pages using the following formatting requirements:

- Double spaced
- Margins on narrow setting (.50 on all sides)
- Font size is Times New Roman, size 12
- Ink color is black

- All narratives must include a header and footer with the following:
 - Header – use three column format with the agency name on the left, project title in the center and 2025 on the right.
 - Footer – use center format with the page number.

Description: Provide a 50 word description of your project/program