



LAEDC'S 2019 MOST BUSINESS FRIENDLY CITY IN L.A. COUNTY AWARD

Application Process Overview



What is The Eddy Awards?

The Eddy Awards® is a gala to support fulfillment of the LAEDC mission to recognize excellence in economic development in Los Angeles County.

The Awards were introduced by the LAEDC in 1996 to celebrate individuals, organizations and cities that demonstrate exceptional contributions to economic development in the region.

The **MBFC Award** was created in 2006 to recognize small and large cities that value good jobs and have programs and services in place to facilitate business success and job creation.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

1. Recognition before 600 of the most important civic and business leaders in LA County at the Eddy Awards® gala
2. Presentation of a plaque recognizing each MBFC finalists at a City Council Meeting prior to the announcement of this year's winners
3. Valuable media recognition for your city
4. Year-long recognition on the LAEDC website with over 10,000 visits each month
5. Being a MBFC finalist and winner has been a key part of a city's business attraction strategy by previous winners
6. Application has been streamlined, with fewer questions.

EVENT DETAILS

- November 7, 2019
- JW Marriott LA Live
900 W Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015
- Formal Dress Code





HOW DO I APPLY FOR MOST THE BUSINESS FRIENDLY CITY IN L.A. COUNTY AWARD?

- Simple, easy word document application available on the LAEDC's Eddy Awards website: <https://laedc.org/event/24th-annual-eddy-awards/>
- Nominations are open now through July 26, 2019 at 11:59pm

Disclaimer: Winning cities have a five year "time-out" period before re-applying after winning the Most Business Friendly City Award.



WHEN WILL THE FINALISTS BE ANNOUNCED?

The MBFC Blue Ribbon Panel of Judges should have their final decisions made public by the first week of September.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



MBFC APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Obtaining Copies of MBFC Applications

- Where can I obtain a blank copy of a MBFC application?
 - You can get a copy of a blank application by emailing Evelyn Ramirez at Evelyn.Ramirez@laedc.org
 - Please note: All applications must be submitted by email using the official MBFC 2019 Award Application word document. **No hard copy applications will be considered.**
- How can I obtain a full copy of our city's submission?
 - Please submit your requests via email to: Evelyn.Ramirez@laedc.org



MBFC APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

2. Collateral Material & Letters of Support

- You will need to submit your letters of support and collateral/marketing materials by creating an account at: www.dropbox.com
- You'll be able to upload your documents on this website. We ask that all materials be emailed to: Evelyn.Ramirez@laedc.org



**NEXT STEPS FOR
MOST BUSINESS FRIENDLY CITY
FINALISTS**



NEXT STEPS FOR MBFC FINALISTS

Step 1: City Seal

- Email your city seal in an adobe illustrator (.ai) format by September 6, 2019 to Lizette.Tejada@laedc.org

Step 2: Attend The Eddy Awards®

- Each City Finalist will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to attend.



NEXT STEPS FOR MBFC FINALISTS

Step 3: Eddy Sponsorship

- The value of \$1000 for the two (2) complimentary tickets will be deducted from a Table Purchase or Sponsorship Package

Step 4: Eddy Tribute Journal Ads

- Tribute Journal ads are part of the Eddy Awards® sponsorship packages and are available for purchase separately
- The Tribute Journal ad deadline: October 19, 2018
- For more information, visit our website at:
<https://laedc.org/event/24th-annual-eddy-awards/>



NEXT STEPS FOR MBFC FINALISTS

Step 5: City Video

- Submit a 30-second to 1-minute video about your City, which will be used to introduce your City the evening of the Eddy Awards®
- Video submission deadline: October 11, 2019
- Please submit your video in MDV format

Step 6: Acceptance Speech

- Assign an attending person from your city to prepare a 2-3 minute acceptance speech to have ready should your city be a winner



MARKETING EFFORTS

As MBFC Finalists, you are asked to participate in the marketing efforts for the 2019 Eddy Awards.

Please provide your city's marketing contact information to steven.apter@laedc.org by 8/29/19



LAEDC will reach out to Finalist marketing stakeholders in September



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As MBFC Finalists, we hope you will announce your recognition as a finalist in the Eddy Awards.

1. Send out a customized email blast* to your email lists
2. Tweet and post about 2019 Eddy Awards on social media
3. Add to your city's Facebook page
4. Provide digital content for LAEDC marketing department to post on the LAEDC social channels



THANK YOU