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City of Montebello wins prestigious Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in Health and Wellness Programs

Sacramento — The League of California Cities announced today that the city of Montebello received the esteemed 2022 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in Health and Wellness Programs for the creation of the Montebello Community Assistance Program, to reduce homelessness in the community.

The Montebello Community Assistance Program provides supportive services through a first response model, by investing resources into a multidisciplinary team of professionals that can assist individuals experiencing mental and physical health issues, substance use, and homelessness-related crises. The mobile field response team comprises of a firefighter/paramedic, social work coordinator, field-based case manager, and housing navigator. The team is integrated into the 911 system as a support service to engage, assess, serve, and house chronically homeless adults and families in Montebello.

Established in 1982 by the League of California Cities, the [Helen Putnam Award for Excellence](#) is given annually and recognizes outstanding achievements by California's 482 cities. The purpose of the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence program is to promote innovative solutions by city governments. The 2022 winners, recognized for their outstanding programs, were chosen from 155 submissions.

There are 12 award categories, including Intergovernmental Collaboration; Community Services and Economic Development; Economic Development Through the Arts; Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement; Health and Wellness Programs; Housing Programs and Innovations; Internal Administration; League Partners Award for Excellence in City-Business Relations; Planning and Environmental Quality; Public Safety; Public Works, Infrastructure, and Transportation; and the Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government.

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.

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