

The 2022 Cornerstone Award will be awarded to the County of San Mateo. The Cornerstone Award was created in 2016 to honor individuals and/or organizations for their ability in making a meaningful and lasting impact in their communities, devoting time, talent and resources to community development and philanthropic initiatives.

The County of San Mateo, from the Board of Supervisors to the County Executive's office, to the Public Health Department and every department and employee responded to the unimaginable COVID-19 crisis with little time to prepare and made difficult decisions with the goal of saving lives and mitigating the collateral damage every aspect of our lives. The County declared 2022 "Our Year of Ending Homelessness" to address the crucial need for housing and services for our most vulnerable neighbors. Through this initiative, more services were made available to unsheltered residents, interim and long-term housing solutions were provided through Project Homekey, and millions of dollars were contributed to creating more affordable housing. Additionally, the County invested back into their community by allocating federal funding for much needed resources to support workforce training and small business owners.