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## Greene County earns NACo 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work award for Great Game of Government program

Greene County was honored to be acknowledged by the National Association of Counties (NACo) in its [100 Brilliant Ideas at Work](#) awards, celebrating the best innovations in county government.

Greene County won in the Civic Education and Public Information award category for its award-winning program, Great Game of Government, a spin-off of Jack Stack's Great Game of Business, which employs open-book management methods to increase financial literacy and transparency.

"These brilliant ideas can serve as examples for counties across the country. Though no two of America's 3,069 counties are exactly alike, many face similar challenges and can learn from one another's ideas and experiences," said NACo Immediate President Bryan Desloge.

County Commissioner Lincoln Hough attended the 2017 NACo Annual Conference in July, where the awards were announced.

"The dedication to transparency and fiscal responsibility demonstrated by County employees is unparalleled, and I was honored to receive this award on their behalf," Hough said.

### More about Great Game of Government

Open-book management allows the County to make financial data more accessible, showing employees and taxpayers every step in how the County spends its budget. The program has resulted in documented savings and improvements in the County's operating cash balance. The Greene County Auditor Cindy Stein was instrumental in bringing the program to county government in 2012.

### Awards

- **2017:** Greene County's Great Game of Government named as a Top 25 program in Harvard University's 2017 Innovations in American Government Awards competition.
- **2016:** Greene County received the Missouri Association of Counties 2016 Achievement Award for its efforts of financial transparency through the Great Game of Government.
- **2015:** Greene County received the Great Game of Business' inaugural All-Star Pioneer Award, which honors an organization that is the first in their field to implement and practice the methodology of open-book management.

**More about 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work**

Under the leadership of NACo Immediate Past President Bryan Desloge, NACo embarked on an initiative to identify and share 100 examples of visionary county leadership that results in improving residents' quality of life. Through this initiative, NACo worked with county leaders and partners to share best practices that bolster our nation's ability to thrive county by county.

***\*See attached photos***

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**Top:** Greene County Commissioner Lincoln Hough, left, accepts the 2017 NACo Brilliant Ideas at Work award.

**Right:** Greene County's 2017 NACo Brilliant Ideas at Work award

