

**The Robert E. Gard Foundation Leadership Award
formerly the Award of Excellence**

The Robert E. Gard Foundation celebrates and perpetuates the life, work and values of Robert E. Gard as a symbol of leadership in making creative communities a reality.

The Robert E. Gard Foundation Leadership Award is given by the Foundation to an individual to celebrate their substantial commitment to fostering healthy communities through arts-based development.

Award Questions:

1. What are the nominee's significant contributions to the community arts development field?
2. How does the nominee help people discover and engage their individual and collective creativity, making creative communities a reality?
3. How does the nominee's service further the Foundation's mission of fostering healthy communities through arts-based development? As a way of stimulating thinking, some of the nominee's work might fall in one of the following categories:
 - Collaborate across disciplines ("The Arts and . . .")
 - Engage new and/or under-served communities
 - Support projects furthering equity and inclusion
 - Address locally-identified community needs
4. Give an example of how the nominee's work impacts the national dialogue around arts based community development nationally?

[Complete your nomination using the Gard Foundation Leadership Award nomination form.](#)