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AUSTIN – The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is seeking nominations for the 2019 Innovators in Aging award, which recognizes unique and effective efforts impacting older adults. Nominations are due October 31.

“We are pleased to have the honor of highlighting the amazing efforts that individuals and communities are putting forth every day to improve the lives of older Texans,” said Holly Riley, Aging Services Coordination Manager for HHSC.

To be considered for an Innovators in Aging award, the nominee must improve the quality of life for older adults in Texas. The nomination categories are:

- **Be Healthy.** This category recognizes innovations that have created opportunities for improved physical and mental health for older adults.

- **Be Connected.** This category highlights innovations that have created opportunities for older adults to stay engaged and connected to their family members, friends, and communities.

- **Be Informed.** This category features innovations that have created opportunities for older adults to learn about the supports and services available to them, as well as help prepare them for the aging process.

“The Innovators in Aging award is our opportunity to recognize and praise the individuals and organizations whose work in aging has led to exceptional innovations and best practices,” said Dr. Michele Saunders, chair of the Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee. “This award fosters more excellence in the aging field and can only result in stronger programs and a healthier aging population.”

Individuals, programs, organizations, communities and technologies are encouraged to apply at the Innovators in Aging website. Award recipients will be recognized by HHSC in May 2020.

More information is available at hhs.texas.gov. Texas residents can dial 2-1-1 to learn about programs and services for older adults.

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