

An Explanation about the Optional "Section L" on the Application Form of 2020 Guangzhou Award

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Further to the message "<u>The 5th Guangzhou Award and COVID-19</u>", a new section is added to the application form. "Section L" is an **optional** section to which applicants are welcome to respond. Whether applicants respond or not will not affect the assessment process.

Section L is composed of 3 questions and applicants can choose one of several to answer. If you do not have any replies to this section, kindly type in "Null".

L. About the initiative and COVID-19 response (Optional)

This is an optional section to which you are welcome to respond. Whether you respond or not will not affect the assessment process. Kindly choose one or several of the following issues that are closely related to your initiative and provide a brief explanation (210 words max):

1. Did COVID-19 in any way affect the implementation of your initiative? If so, what trends, issues or challenges arising from the pandemic were most important? (70 words max)

2. Did your initiative in any way help address the challenges of COVID-19? If so, what processes, outcomes or lessons learned from the initiative were most useful? (70 words max)

3. Will COVID-19 in any way affect the implementation of your initiative in future? If so, what changes in priorities, resource allocation, or decision-making will be most relevant? (70 words max)

The Guangzhou Award sincerely invites applicants to review and rethink the initiatives and encourages them to describe the relation between the initiatives and the COVID-19 pandemic. Such description can provide invaluable lessons learned for other local government in building a more healthy, sustainable and resilient habitat for all.



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