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800 County website receives Sunny Award

Clay County's website has been awarded a Sunny Award, honoring the most transparent government

websites in America. The award, presented by the Sunshine Review, recognizes the county's website for making public records easily accessible online.

Of the more than 6,000 jurisdictions evaluated, Clay County was one of only 117 Sunny recipients. Clay County is also the only Missouri county to receive an A- rating or above, according to a press release.

"Transparency of operations is essential to our goal of building citizen engagement," said Western

Commissioner Larry Larson. "Our elected officials, department heads and staff all work together to present this information in a way that is easily accessible

to the public, media and others who work with Clay County"

The award comes as the county puts finishing touches on an ambitious redesign of the site. Set to launch in April, the new site will continue the county's emphasis on transparency by retaining the services it currently offers and adding improved ways to make record requests, social media integration, future access to public meeting audio and video as well as other enhancements.

To learn more about the Sunshine Review, visit sunshinereview.org. For more information on Clay County, visit www.clayco-gov.com.