

The Fifteenth Annual
GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE
on Housing and Community Development

Excellence in Housing Award

June 15, 2009

Dear Housing Partners and Community Leaders:

It my pleasure to announce that the New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Governor's Excellence in Housing Awards. The Awards will be presented at the Governor's Conference on Housing and Community Development to be held on September 22nd and 23rd in Atlantic City. The Award presentation is on September 23rd.

The goal of the Governor's Excellence in Housing Awards is to recognize projects and professionals that are on the cutting edge of innovation in the field of affordable housing. This year's categories were selected to reflect current housing needs and challenges. This year's award categories are:

- Outstanding Green Sustainable Development;
- Providing Opportunities through Supportive Housing
- Outstanding Affordable Housing Development;
- Outstanding Urban In-fill Project; and
- Outstanding Personal Achievement.

It is important to showcase the success of our affordable housing projects and leadership in the field of housing and so I strongly encourage you to nominate a special project, or housing leader that you consider worthy of recognition.

Nominations must be submitted by close of business on July 24, 2009 and should be delivered to:

Tracye Gilliam, Executive Secretary
NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
PO Box 18550
Trenton, NJ 08650-2085

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tracye Gilliam, at 609-278-7454 or via email at tgilliam@njhmf.state.nj.us.

Thank you for your commitment to the field of affordable housing. I look forward to receiving your nominations for the Governor's Excellence in Housing Awards in the near future.

Sincerely,



Marge Della Vecchia
Executive Director

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NOMINATION FORM

I. **Please indicate the applicable category** (See attached Category Descriptions).

- Outstanding Green/Sustainable Development
- Providing Opportunities through Supportive Housing
- Outstanding Affordable Housing Development
- Outstanding Urban In-fill Project
- Outstanding Personal Achievement

A) Nominator (Your Name) _____

Organization _____

Complete Address _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

B) Nominee (Project/person being nominated)

Contact Person _____

Complete Address _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of Project or Individual (if applicable) _____

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JON S. CORZINE Governor, State of New Jersey
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DESCRIPTION OF CATEGORIES

I. ONE AWARD WILL BE GIVEN IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. **Outstanding Green/Sustainable Development:** An affordable housing development that demonstrates a high level of sustainable design. At a minimum the project will have achieved ENERGY STAR Certification and have several green design features. The submission should include project information such as the cost per square foot, including hard costs, and fees for green consultants, engineers, and architects; description of project including whether it was an adaptive reuse of an existing structure or site; project location with regard to smart growth areas; description of design features and how they relate to maximize durability, improving indoor air quality, and reductions in operation and maintenance costs over the life of the project; and use of innovative materials or installations of renewable energy technologies.
2. **Providing Opportunities through Supportive Housing:** A housing project that exemplifies best practices that promote opportunities for tenants with special needs to live independently and increase self sufficiency. The submission should include an example(s) of successful tenancy including housing retention, increasing tenant income, participation in community activities and strengthening of quality of life.
3. **Outstanding Affordable Housing Development:** A housing development that is innovative in its concept and design and exceptional in meeting the needs of the targeted client population. Nominations may be for new construction, renovation or adaptive reuse projects. Examples might include a housing development for senior citizens that is designed with their needs in mind or an affordable housing development that will offer low-income persons an opportunity to become homeowners for the first time.
4. **Outstanding Urban In-fill Project:** An exceptional new construction scattered site/urban infill housing development that maximizes the use of limited interior and exterior space and is architecturally sensitive to the design of the surrounding neighborhood/buildings. Single family homes, rental properties and/or mixed-use commercial/residential projects are eligible. An example is a project consisting of newly built scattered site homes that are architecturally distinctive and yet compatible within the immediate neighborhood and are designed to bring more light and more of a feeling of space into the interiors while maximizing the function and appeal of the building exteriors, yards and parking areas. Community involvement in the design and/or development process would be a plus in this category.

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5. **Outstanding Personal Achievement:** An individual committed to improving the lives of families and the well being of communities through affordable housing. This person must demonstrate a commitment to the field of housing and to providing quality, affordable housing. The nominee should demonstrate strong vision and leadership regarding housing policy and how to improve the lives of families by working with community leaders and other stakeholders. Include how the nominee has improved existing housing programs and developed new programs to increase access to affordable housing and/or services and how they have increased opportunities for home ownership and affordable housing opportunities.

II. ELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS INCLUDE:

For-profit and non-profit groups, civic groups, individuals, and government entities involved in affordable housing and community revitalization.

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER (please type or print), describe the reason for the Nomination and how it meets one or more of the criteria in the project category and why it should receive an award in the category selected. Include any major obstacles that had to be overcome, originality and creativity of concept, and overall success in implementation.

HOUSING UNITS MUST BE PLACED IN SERVICE BETWEEN JULY 1, 2007 AND JUNE 30, 2009)

SUBMIT NO MORE THAN 10 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PROJECT MOUNTED ON 8 ½” by 11 PAPER. Photos may include before and after construction, residents of the project and the incorporation of the project into the surrounding community.

LIMIT YOUR NOMINATION SUBMISSION TO NO MORE THAN FOUR PAGES.

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009

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