

2021 TALHFA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

NOMINATION FORM

This form MUST be included in your packet

Achievement Awards will be presented during our
TALHFA Conference.

**All entries must be received at the TALHFA office
no later than August 31, 2021 for consideration.**

Person/Agency Submitting Nomination:

Contact person:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

NOMINEE (Person/Agency/Project being nominated for an award)

Category: (Please select appropriate category)

_____ Best Marketing Material or Event

_____ Best Pandemic Response

_____ Special Achievement ___ A, ___ B, or ___ C

_____ Member of the Year

Name of Person, Program or Project **as it should appear on the award:**

See "Nomination Package" on the next page for submission requirements. All nomination packets must be submitted in electronic format. Please submit videos, photographs, newspaper clippings, PowerPoint presentations or other materials in electronic format, so that each judge will be provided with your submission for review. If you have any questions, please contact the TALHFA office at 512.241.1657.

Email your entries to Jackie@TALHFA.org no later than August 31, 2021

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Except for “Member of the Year”, each criterion will receive equal weight; the order in which they appear here does not imply relative importance. To help you in your nomination for special achievement, please specifically address each of the following categories.

1. Extraordinary Benefit to the Community

Meets affordable housing needs of low and moderate income segment of the community
Achieves member/community public purpose goals effectively and efficiently
Targets historically neglected areas or particular neighborhood(s) with a demonstrated need for revitalization

2. Innovation

In financing mechanisms, financing sources, partnerships
In use of land or buildings
In exceptional physical design components
Other/Describe: _____

3. Replicability

Extent to which the program or project could serve as a model or demonstration for other members, or could/will be replicated within the community

4. Affordability

Percentage of units with rents affordable to low- and moderate-income tenants
Degree to which program or project serves low – to moderate-income
Tenure of affordability

5. Serving Needs of Special Groups

Physically or mentally disabled
Single-family households
Homeless
Other/Describe: _____

Elderly
Large families
Minorities
Military

NOMINATION PACKAGE

1. Nomination Form (this form)

2. Thorough Description of Project or Program (Documents should be in electronic format):

Describe the project specifically in terms of the above five categories;
Include the date the project or program was initiated, the amount and the type of financial resources involved, and the number and characteristics of the people served;
Discuss the goals, objectives, and anticipated long-range benefits of the project or program and indicate how these goals have been met to date; and
Discuss the role/reaction of the community and identify all major participants (including community officials and private sector players) and their roles in developing the project or program

3. Visual Aids (non-returnable) may include, but are not limited to:

Maps and photographs (before and after) provided in electronic format
Architect's renderings provided in electronic format

4. Supporting Documents (non-returnable) may include, but are not limited to:

Official statements
Press releases
Press accounts
Relevant portions of Program Descriptions

NOTE: Documents mentioned in (3) and (4) above may **not** stand alone to describe the project or program as required in (2) above.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Each Housing Finance Corporation or Affiliate may nominate only **one project or program for each category per year**. The categories are listed below.

Except for Member of the Year, all submissions will be judged using the same criteria. Please directly address each criterion in your submission.

The 2021 Awards Committee was appointed by TALHFA's Board President and is listed in this packet.

If an Awards Committee member's agency nominates a project or program, that member must abstain from judging any proposals in that category/sub-category of competition.

Judging will be subjective, but the Awards Committee will be mindful of the variation across agencies in financial resources, staff capacity, types of housing problems and legal authority to undertake various activities, etc. The Awards Committee has the right, but is not required, to select multiple winners in a single category considering large communities and small communities.

The Awards Committee will only consider nominations for projects or programs that are complete AND in operation. The Committee is looking for recent innovation and benefit to the community; therefore, projects or programs should have been completed and in operation for 12 months, or less.

NOTE: Nominations will only be accepted from TALHFA members in good standing.

2021 Awards Committee

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SELECTION CATEGORIES

Category I Best Marketing Material or Event

This category recognizes educational or public relations publications or communications directed to the general public or target groups. Entries may include videos, DVDs, CDs, handbooks, brochures, supplements, special newspaper sections, newsletters, etc.; however, only electronic versions will be accepted.

Category II Special Achievement

A. Special Achievement by an Individual, Employee or Team.

Intended primarily for individuals/groups below the director level. This category seeks to recognize special achievements in operations, provision of social services, etc.

B. Special Achievement by a Housing Finance Corporation/Agency

Intended to recognize and honor an HFC for innovative programs or initiatives they have funded, created, or partnered in. This could include successful programs, volunteer initiatives, community outreach, partnerships, etc.

C. Special Achievement by a Community Development Agency, CDC, CDFI, Public Agency, Private organization or Non-profit.

Intended to recognize and honor groups/agencies whose hard work and efforts benefit the programs and people served by TALHFA members. (Includes development projects.)

Category III Member of the Year

This category allows TALHFA members to recognize outstanding colleagues. Please nominate an individual member of TALHFA who exemplifies TALHFA's standards and goals or has made a significant contribution to the TALHFA organization and/or its members this year.