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## CALL FOR ENTRIES -- 2017 HAND HOUSING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

At the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND), awards will be presented to organizations and individuals that have provided outstanding affordable housing projects, programs, and support for low- and moderate-income citizens of the greater Washington, D.C. metro area during 2016. All awards are open to HAND member projects and programs located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The purpose of the awards remains to recognize creative, innovative approaches in the industry, which result in quality developments and programs. The winner in each category will receive a complimentary table of 10 and exhibit booth at the Annual Meeting & Housing Expo taking place on June 20, 2017 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. Additionally, winners will receive a glass award and promotion in event marketing materials and press coordinated for the event.

### The categories for awards are as follows:

1. Nonprofit Developer of the Year
2. Best Small Affordable Housing Project
3. Best Large Affordable Housing Project
4. Virginia Peters Nonprofit Friend
5. Best Housing Partner
6. Emerging Leader Award
7. President's Choice Award

### AWARD CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Nonprofit Developer of the Year** – recognizes the outstanding overall achievement and impact of a nonprofit affordable housing developer during 2016.
2. **Best Small Affordable Housing Project (50 units or less)** – recognizes a particular, exemplary small affordable housing development in the D.C./Maryland/Virginia region (Baltimore to Hampton Roads Virginia). Small developments have 50 units of housing or less. Both rental and homeownership developments are eligible. To be considered, the project must have been rehabilitated/constructed/financed during 2016 and in service and available for use by residents by 12/31/2016. *Note that the developer/owner of the project will be the award recipient, even if another partner submits the nomination.*
3. **Best Large Affordable Housing Project (More than 50 units)** – recognizes a particular, exemplary large affordable housing development in the D.C./Maryland/Virginia region (Baltimore to Hampton Roads Virginia). Large developments have more than 50 units of housing. Both rental and homeownership developments are eligible. To be considered, the project must have been rehabilitated/constructed/financed during 2016 and in service and available for use by residents by 12/31/2016. *Note that the developer/owner of the project will be the award recipient, even if another partner submits the nomination.*

4. **Virginia Peters Nonprofit Friend Award** – recognizes an individual or group of individuals who provide outstanding support or service to a nonprofit housing or service organization. Past winners have included advocates, elected officials, neighborhood leaders and local business members. *No self-nominations in this category*
5. **Best Partner Award** – recognizes the exemplary contributions of a HAND for-profit or government member who has been a true partner in the effort to increase and preserve affordable housing in the region. This award will be given to organizations that promote affordable housing, and support organizations developing and preserving housing. *Nominations must come from a third-party, nonprofit HAND member. No self-nominations in this category.*
6. **Emerging Leader Award** - recognizes an emerging leader under the age of 40, who has proven an exemplary dedication to the mission of preserving and/or developing affordable housing in their respective field. *No self-nominations in this category.*
7. **President’s Choice Award** – allows the President of HAND to present an award for lifetime achievement or for an exemplary, state of the art response to providing affordable housing or support service that was not selected in a stated category or nominated for an award, and does not fit one of the other award categories. This category may or may not be used at the President’s discretion. *Nominations for this category will not be accepted.*

#### **GENERAL ENTRY GUIDELINES:**

1. All entries must use the **attached cover page**. In addition to the cover sheet, please provide a **one-page statement** describing why the organization, project or program is deserving of the award in that category. The one page narrative should include a description of the project, program, organization or individual. If appropriate, include the number of units or persons served, affordable income levels targeted, when started or opened, total development or program cost, sources and uses of funds, etc. Please be sure to address the creative and/or innovative aspects of the nominated individual, organization and/or its project or program and any other characteristics that might meet the six judging criteria outlined below. Applicants may also submit up to three pages of additional supporting material (i.e., newspaper article, photo(s), award, testimonial, etc.). Please do not submit any multimedia (e.g. CD or DVD) presentations, as these will not be considered.
2. **All entries must be received electronically via application on [www.HANDHousing.org](http://www.HANDHousing.org) by Friday, April 7, 2017, 5:00 PM EST. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
3. There is no fee to enter; however, all organizations who either submit an award or who is the intended award recipient **must be current HAND members** at the time of submission.
4. Self-nominations (Best Large Project, Best Small Project, Nonprofit Developer of the Year) and nominations by other HAND members are encouraged.
5. Prior year winners (2016) are not eligible to receive an award for the same category in 2017.
6. Winners will be notified no later than the week of April 17, 2017, and will be required to provide materials suitable for inclusion in the awards program and participate in video production promoting the Annual Meeting.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Winners will be selected by a panel of three independent judges familiar with affordable housing development and programs.

1. Award-winning projects/programs must exemplify an innovative, state of the art response to providing affordable housing and/or support services. Applicants should be sure to address each of the following six criteria in their narrative application, as the judges will give special consideration to the following:
  - a. Address a particularly pressing affordable housing need
  - b. Demonstrate an efficient use of resources
  - c. Use creative financing to provide housing for a difficult to serve population
  - d. Show responsiveness to environmental issues and green building techniques
  - e. Promote outstanding quality in design and construction and/or service delivery
  - f. Serve a population with intensive service needs
  - g. Inclusion of community life programs that improve the quality of life of the residents of an affordable housing development and/or residents of the surrounding neighborhood.
2. Awards will be made at the discretion of the judges.
3. In the event the judges do not agree, the HAND Board of Directors will make the final decision.

## 2017 HAND HOUSING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ENTRY FORM

AWARD CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE / E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED PROJECT / PROGRAM / ORGANIZATION / INDIVIDUAL NAME:

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ADDRESS / LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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IF NOT A SELF-NOMINATION ORGANIZATION, NOMINATED BY:

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On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a one page description of the project, program, organization or individual. If appropriate, include the number of units or persons served, affordable income levels targeted, when started or opened, total development or program cost, sources and uses of funds, etc. Please be sure to address the creative and/or innovative aspects of the nominated individual, organization and/or its project or program and any other characteristics that might meet the judging criteria outlined in the award guidelines.

***The deadline to apply is Close of Business on Friday, April 7, 2017. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please contact Courtney Battle at 202.384.3764 or [cbattle@handhousing.org](mailto:cbattle@handhousing.org) with questions.***