



## Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards 2017

The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition (AHTCC) is proud to announce its twenty-third annual **Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards (The Edson Awards)**, which recognize Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) developments at the forefront of creating stronger, healthier communities nationwide.

An affordable housing luminary, Mr. Edson was Transition Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on President Carter's Transition Staff. He served in the Office of the General Counsel at HUD and was for nearly 40 years Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Housing and Development Reporter*. Mr. Edson is a founding partner of the law firm Lane and Edson, and was later a partner of Nixon Peabody LLP.

Each award recipient in the following categories will be recognized at the Edson Awards ceremony in Washington, DC June 2017.

### **Category of Awards**

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| Category I:   | Development located in a metropolitan area (minimum population of 50,000 or Standard Metropolitan Area—SMA)  |
| Category II:  | Development located in a rural area (maximum population of 50,000)   |
| Category III: | Veterans/Special Needs Housing—without regard to development location  |
| Category IV:  | Senior Housing—without regard to development location  |
| Category V:   | Green Housing (properties built with unique green building and sustainable technologies)—without regard to development location  |
| Category VI:  | HUD Preservation Properties—privately owned existing properties assisted or financed under HUD programs that are being preserved as affordable rental housing without regard to development location |
| Category VII: | Public Housing— without regard to development location   |



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## **Criteria For Awards**

Developments will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Location of development, such as a particularly difficult area to develop, inner city infill site, leadership in a neighborhood revitalization effort, remote rural area, transit oriented area, or an area traditionally lacking affordable housing.
2. Services provided to the residents, in addition to housing, designed to encourage greater resident self-sufficiency, e.g., assisted living services in senior housing developments, job training programs, childcare/educational opportunities, health care education, etc. Applicants should distinguish between services provided on property versus provided in the surrounding community. Emphasis will be given to services being utilized by residents - as appropriate, applicants should provide the number of residents participating in available programs.
3. Unique design features or service facilities such as unique accessibility design features, green building technology, etc.
4. Community support for the development (pre-construction or post-construction if initial opposition was overcome), e.g., letters of support from local, state, or federal government representatives or neighborhood associations, local news coverage, state and local awards won, etc.
5. Financing structure, e.g., involvement of local entities to provide services, unique financing sources, etc.
6. Attention to overall development and per-square-foot costs. Competitive applicants will include a description of or evidence that cost containment was taken into consideration during the development and construction process.

**\*\*Developments must have been placed-in-service on or after January 1, 2014. Previous winners or honorable mention recipients are not eligible.\*\***



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## **Deadline For Application Submission**

Complete applications may be emailed to [awards@taxcreditcoalition.org](mailto:awards@taxcreditcoalition.org) – please ensure all information is included in one clearly titled PDF document. Otherwise, six hard copies (6) of the completed application and supporting materials may be sent to AHTCC, postmarked by close of business on March 27, 2017. Submissions on disc are acceptable but applicant must provide 6 copies. Hard copies of applications should be sent directly to AHTCC:

Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition  
1909 K Street, NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20006  
Attn: Victoria Spielman, Executive Director

Applications received by email will receive an acknowledgement of receipt within 48 hours. If you do not receive that acknowledgement please contact AHTCC. Every effort will be made to contact organizations that submitted incomplete applications **prior to the deadline** to enable them to provide complete information. *Incomplete applications or applications that do not provide the required information will be considered ineligible.*

## **Nominations**

Nominations are encouraged and applications may be submitted by state Housing Credit allocating agencies, governmental agencies, national or local nonprofits, syndicators, investors, development owners, or other interested parties.

## **Narrative Statement and Other Requirements**

Applications must include a narrative statement **of five double-spaced pages or less** setting forth how the project meets the criteria detailed above. Applications submitted without this narrative will not be considered by the judging panel. Should you choose to insert pictures in your narrative, as opposed to including them separately, you may still not exceed 5 pages.

All projects must have been placed in service on or after January 1, 2014. Should your application be selected by the judging committee, verification of the placed-in-service date will be required as well as final Forms 8609. Previous winners and honorable mention recipients are not eligible to enter again.

Entrants are highly encouraged to submit electronic copies of pictures of the property, property plans, local press notices, or any other materials deemed relevant. AHTCC reserves the right to keep any digital submissions in its library and make any such material available for public viewing. Pictures included in applications will be added to the AHTCC Housing Credit Photo Gallery located at [www.taxcreditcoalition.org](http://www.taxcreditcoalition.org), and may be made available to media and used for AHTCC promotional purposes in press releases regarding the Charles L. Edson Tax Credit



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Excellence Awards. **All award application materials submitted become the property of AHTCC and will not be returned.**

### **Judging**

The Coalition will establish a five-member judging panel from leading representatives of various sectors of the affordable housing community who will evaluate the applications based on the above criteria. Award winners will be announced in June 2017.

### **Awards Ceremony**

The Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards will be presented at a Capitol Hill ceremony in Washington, DC in June 2017. AHTCC will invite appropriate Members of Congress including those from the area in which winning developments are located, their staff, and leaders in the affordable housing community to participate in the ceremony.

For further information, please contact AHTCC executive director Victoria E. Spielman at 202-661-7698 or [info@taxcreditcoalition.org](mailto:info@taxcreditcoalition.org).

## APPLICATION FORM

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**PROJECT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District in Which The Property Is Located: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualified Basis	
Eligible Basis	
Number of Units	

Per Square Foot and Total  
Development Costs

\$

\$

☐ By checking this box I certify the property has been placed in service at the time of application.

**CATEGORY:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I — Metropolitan/Urban               | <input type="checkbox"/> II — Rural                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> III — Veterans/Special Needs Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> IV — Senior Housing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> V — Green Housing                    | <input type="checkbox"/> VI — HUD Preservation Properties |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> VI — Public Housing              |

Entries may be considered in more than one category but are only eligible to win once. Please check all that apply.

### Nominator Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Owner Information

Owner Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(General Partner or other appropriate party.)

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any other individuals or organizations that should be notified if this property is selected as a winner (please include email addresses): \_\_\_\_\_

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Victoria E. Spielman, Executive Director  
Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition  
1909 K Street, NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor ~ Washington, DC 20006





## **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards**

# **Sponsorship Application**

Sponsorship of the Edson Awards provides a unique opportunity to reach influencers and thought leaders of affordable housing at the industry's premier awards event, and includes premium placement of your organization's brand in the event program and on AHTCC's website [www.taxcreditcoalition.org](http://www.taxcreditcoalition.org).

Company Name (as it should appear in the program):

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Contact Name: 

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Contact Phone: 

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Contact Email: 

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(Payment must be received by May 5, 2017 to ensure inclusion in the ceremony program.)

Sponsorship applications should be sent to Victoria Spielman with a check in the amount of \$500, payable to:

The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition  
1909 K Street, NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20006

Questions should be directed to AHTCC executive director Victoria Spielman at 202-661-7698 or [info@taxcreditcoalition.org](mailto:info@taxcreditcoalition.org)

**(Please note there is no cost associated with entering the awards program. This form is for sponsorship purposes only.)**



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### About the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition

Founded in 1988, the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition (AHTCC) is the leading trade organization of housing professionals who advocate for affordable rental housing financed using the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit). Our for-profit and non-profit members—including syndicators, investors, lenders, developers, state allocating agencies, and investment banking, legal and accounting professionals—seek to preserve, expand and improve the Housing Credit and complementary programs through legislative outreach and education.

AHTCC represents Housing Credit stakeholders before Congress and the Administration in seeking improvements to the program and before organizations which effectively have regulatory control over it, including the U.S. Treasury, Internal Revenue Service and The Financial Accounting Standards Board.

On an ongoing basis, AHTCC also: 1) educates the Housing Credit community about AHTCC's Standards of Professional Responsibility, representing the highest ethical and business standards in all aspects of the program, to which all members must adhere; and 2) undertakes major public information campaigns, and provides communications support to its members, to make widely known the success and efficiency of the Housing Credit. A key part of this effort is the annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards honoring excellence in affordable housing developed or rehabilitated using Housing Credits.