



## THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX CREDIT COALITION

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### **Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition Opens Nominations for 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards**

WASHINGTON — The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition (AHTCC) is accepting entries for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards (the Edson Awards). Presented to the most outstanding Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) properties in seven categories, the Edson Awards bring together Members of Congress and industry participants to celebrate developments at the forefront of creating strong, healthier communities in urban, suburban, and rural areas nationwide.

“The Housing Credit program goes beyond providing stable, safe affordable housing by strengthening communities and providing jobs, many of them local to the communities in which the properties are located,” said Michael Gaber, president of AHTCC. “Recipients of the prestigious Edson Awards exemplify how this vital program leads to better outcomes for residents and reminds us why this program must be expanded and strengthened to meet the expanding need for affordable rental housing.”

The Housing Credit is America’s primary tool for creating and preserving nearly all affordable rental housing nationwide, financing three million homes for veterans, seniors, working families, people with special needs, and other residents since it was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. Each award recipient will be recognized at the Edson Awards ceremony in June in Washington, DC, featuring members of Congress. Entry categories include:

- Developments located in a metropolitan area (minimum population of 50,000 or Standard Metropolitan Area);
- Developments located in a rural area (maximum population of 50,000);
- Special Needs Housing — without regard to development location;
- Senior Housing — without regard to development location;
- Veterans Housing — without regard to development location;
- HUD Preservation Properties — without regard to development location; and
- Public Housing — without regard to development location;

**\*\*Projects must have been placed in service on or after Jan. 1, 2015. Previous winners or honorable mention recipients are not eligible.\*\***

Nominations are encouraged from state Housing Credit allocating agencies, governmental agencies, national or local nonprofits, syndicators, investors, or development owners. Entries must be sent to [awards@taxcreditcoalition.org](mailto:awards@taxcreditcoalition.org) or mailed directly to AHTCC with a postmark by close of business on March 26. The application, judging criteria, and program requirements may be found online at [www.taxcreditcoalition.org](http://www.taxcreditcoalition.org). To inquire about sponsorship opportunities for the Edson Awards, please contact Victoria Spielman at 202-248-6254 or [info@taxcreditcoalition.org](mailto:info@taxcreditcoalition.org).

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*Founded in 1988, the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition (AHTCC) is a trade organization of housing professionals who advocate for affordable rental housing financed with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit). Our for-profit and non-profit members—including syndicators, investors, lenders, developers, legal and accounting professionals and state allocating agencies—seek to preserve, expand, and strengthen the Housing Credit and complementary programs through legislative outreach and education. Please visit [www.taxcreditcoalition.org](http://www.taxcreditcoalition.org) for more information about joining the AHTCC.*