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## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards Honor Best in Affordable Housing Nationwide

WASHINGTON – Today, the [Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition](#) announced the winners of the [24th Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards](#) (Edson Awards).

The Edson Awards take place each year on Capitol Hill, bringing together members of Congress, business, and nonprofit leaders to honor Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) developments that are strengthening communities, improving health, and boosting the economy in urban, suburban and rural areas nationwide.

“We convene each year to shine a spotlight on excellence in the affordable housing industry,” said **Michael Gaber, President of the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition**. “The Edson Awards honor the developments that take every opportunity to make innovative use of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit as a tool for public and private collaboration, investment and community revitalization.”

The Housing Credit was created as part of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, and today is widely regarded as the nation’s most successful housing production tool. The Housing Credit has financed more than 3 million affordable apartments through public-private partnerships, and supports 96,000 jobs each year, mostly in the small-business sector. It has earned strong bipartisan support, and was recently preserved in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and expanded and strengthened in the omnibus spending bill for fiscal year 2018. The broadly-supported Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, currently up for debate, would further expand and strengthen the program.

“The Edson Awards honor developments that harness the Housing Credit to strengthen America’s communities and provide homes that transform the lives of low-income families, veterans, seniors and people with special needs,” said **Emily Cadik, Executive Director of the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition**. “The winners honored today exemplify why the Housing Credit is smart policy, and why Congress should expand and strengthen this proven tool.”

The following Housing Credit developments received awards and honorable mentions:

### **Metro Housing**

Winner Valencia Vista, San Bernardino, CA

Honorable Mentions Abbey Church Village, Columbia, OH  
Lofts on Arthington, Chicago, IL

### **Rural Housing**

Winner PAHA LIHTC Homes #1, Pueblo of Acoma, NM

Honorable Mention                      Atz Place Senior Apartments, Kendallville, IN

**Special Needs**

Winner                                      66 West, Edina, MN

Honorable Mentions                      Milwaukee Avenue Apartments, Chicago, IL  
Midtown Crossing Apartments, Des Plaines, IL

**Veterans Housing**

Winner                                      Patriot Place Apartments, Las Vegas, NV

Honorable Mention                      Cannon Place, Danville, IL

**Senior Housing**

Winner                                      Hillcrest Residences, Pittsburgh, PA

Honorable Mention                      Senior Residences at Mercy Park, Chamblee, GA

**Public Housing**

Winner                                      Columbia Brookside Redevelopment, Athens, GA

Honorable Mention                      Hollins House, Baltimore, MD  
New Parkridge, Ypsilanti, MI

**HUD Preservation**

Winner                                      Billings Forge Apartments, Hartford, CT

Honorable Mentions                      Leyden Woods Apartments, Greenfield, Massachusetts  
Linden Park Apartments, Baltimore, MD

**About the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition**

Founded in 1988, AHTCC is a 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, legal and accounting professionals and state allocating agencies—seek to preserve, expand and improve the Housing Credit and complementary programs through legislative outreach and education.

Visit [www.taxcreditcoalition.org](http://www.taxcreditcoalition.org) for more information about the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition.

**About the Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards**

Given annually by the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition, the Edson Awards are named for Charles L. Edson, an affordable housing luminary who was Transition Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on President Carter's Transition Staff. Mr. Edson served in the Office of the General Counsel at HUD and served as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Housing and Development Reporter* for nearly 40 years. He is a founding partner of the law firm Lane and Edson, and was later a partner of Nixon Peabody LLP.