

THE AD ASTRA AWARDS *for* EXCELLENCE IN HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NOMINATION FORM

Nominator's Name: _____
Nominator's Agency: _____
Nominator's Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Nominee (*organization or individual*): _____
Contact Person: _____
Nominee's Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Please indicate all categories for which this nomination should be considered:
 Housing Development Individual Achievement Program Development Innovation Public Policy Initiative

Name and location of project, initiative or individual: _____

Description of project or initiative: _____

What problem or opportunity was addressed? _____

Describe accomplishments or measures of success. _____

Why should this project, initiative or individual be considered for an award? _____

Project/initiative operational start date: _____

Project/initiative cost: _____

Funding sources: _____

Who are the community partners and how are they involved? _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please submit up to two pages of text and ten pictures saved on a disk. Photos may include project renderings, construction documentation, residents of, or activities within a project, participants in a program, key players in a policy issue.

Submit nominations to: Ad Astra Awards, attn: Catherine Couch, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, 611 S. Kansas, Topeka, KS, 66603-3803 or email ccouch@kshousingcorp.org by Wednesday, July 1st, 2009

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OVERLAND PARK CONVENTION CENTER
OVERLAND PARK, KS

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The 2009 Ad Astra Awards for Excellence in Housing and Community Development honor the outstanding individuals and organizations whose contributions demonstrate excellence in developing affordable housing, shaping housing policy and creating innovative housing solutions to meet the needs of all Kansans regardless of income. The awards celebrate housing advocates that consistently make a positive impact on their communities and showcase the best practices of housing developers, housing authorities, community service organizations and others. Awards will be given in the following categories:

2009 AD ASTRA AWARDS

1. *Special Achievement in Affordable Housing Development Urban/Rural*

Recognizes excellence in the development of affordable owner or rental housing. Two awards will be presented in this category. One for affordable housing developed in urban areas. The second for developments serving rural areas. Projects can include new construction, renovation, or adaptive reuse, and should reflect highest standards in quality and sustainability.

2. *Excellence in Partnership Award*

Recognizes the achievement of organizations working together to develop programs or services that promote or expand access to affordable housing.

3. *Outstanding Housing Advocate Award*

Recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding efforts in developing and advancing state or local legislation in support of affordable housing or community development initiatives.

4. *Affordable Housing "Trail Blazer" Award*

Recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service in responding to affordable housing or community development needs within the state of Kansas.

5. *The Best of the Best: Innovation in Housing and Community Development*

Recognizes achievement in the creation of affordable owner or rental housing, or community development programs or services featuring innovation in any of the following areas: design, universal design, development, financing, construction, collaboration, management, energy conservation, accessibility, special needs, historic preservation, adaptive reuse, mixed-use or mixed-income.

Nominations are due by Wednesday, July 1, 2009

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- Organizations are encouraged to nominate their own, or others' projects, programs or staff.
- Multiple nominations are encouraged.
- A project or program may be submitted for multiple categories.
- Eligible projects or programs will have started operations within the last three years.
- The housing development and/or program nominated must be in operation for at least a year.
- For housing developments to be considered, first phase construction activity must be complete.
- Winning recipients must be available to conduct a workshop presentation during the 2009 Kansas Housing Conference in Overland Park.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection panel comprised of public and private sector housing, development, policy and service professionals.

The selection panel will consider:

- Measurable benefits to affordable housing and community development in Kansas
- The degree to which the project or program can be replicated
- How well the project or program responds to an identified problem or opportunity
- The extent to which community partners are involved in the development and operation of the project or program
- The selection panel will not be obliged to make awards in all categories.

RECOGNITION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Ad Astra Award winners will be recognized at the awards breakfast on Thursday, August 20th, 2009 at the 2009 Kansas Housing Conference. The conference will be held at the Overland Park Convention Center in Overland Park, Kansas. Award winners will receive a cash award of \$500 and be recognized in a KHRC press release and other KHRC publications. Profile packages will be available for the use of award winners.

For more information, visit our website at www.kshousingconference.org.

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