



Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards 2009

The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition is proud to announce its fifteenth annual **Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards** program. These awards are presented to the most outstanding Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) developments in several categories.

Each winner and honorable mention will be recognized in an awards ceremony in Washington, DC.

(As of 2009 the Coalition will no longer be providing a \$5,000 cash grant to winning properties.)

Information describing the Coalition is attached.

Category of Awards

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| Category I: | Development located in a metropolitan area (minimum population of 50,000 of Standard Metropolitan Area—SMA) |
| Category II: | Development located in rural area (maximum population of 50,000) |
| Category III: | 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: | Public Housing Revitalization*—open to properties using HOPE VI and capital grant funds without regard to development location |

Note: If any of the six categories does not produce a winning development, the Coalition reserves the right to name two winners in one of the other categories.

*Properties eligible under the Public Housing Revitalization category may only enter in that category. All other properties may enter in any applicable category but may only win once.



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Criteria For Awards

Developments will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Location of development in particularly difficult areas to develop, such as inner city infill sites, leadership in a neighborhood revitalization effort, high-cost urban areas, or remote rural areas.
2. Services provided to the resident, 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 actually being utilized by residents - as appropriate, applicant should provide number of residents participating in available programs.
3. Unique design features, special aesthetic features, or unique resident service facilities such as unique accessibility design features, green building technology, etc.
4. Extraordinary community-wide support for the establishment of the development, 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, i.e., combination of multiple finding sources, involvement of local entities to provide services, unique financing sources, etc.

****Projects must have been placed-in-service on or after January 1, 2008.****

Deadline For Application Submission

Seven copies (7) of the completed application and supporting materials must be sent to the Coalition, postmarked by close of business on April 3, 2009. Applications should be sent directly to the Coalition at:

Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition
1700 K Street, NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20006
Attn: Victoria Spielman, Executive Director

Please note you must send seven (7) copies of any materials you wish the judging panel to consider. The Coalition will not make additional copies and incomplete application packages will not be provided to the judging panel.



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Nominations

Nominations are encouraged and may be made by state Housing Credit allocating agencies, governmental agencies, national or local nonprofits, syndicators or development owners.

Narrative Statement and Other Requirements

Applications should include a narrative statement, no more than five double-spaced pages, setting forth how the project meets one or more of the criteria detailed in the above announcement. Applications submitted without this narrative may not be considered by the judging panel.

Applicants must submit the final page of approved Form 8609 for the development and the cost certification submitted to the state Housing Credit allocating agency. A Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion will be accepted for developments that have not received a Form 8609 by the application deadline.

Entries are highly encouraged to submit electronic copies of pictures of the property, property plans, local press notices, or any other materials deemed relevant. The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition reserves the right to keep any videotape submissions in its videotape library and make any such tapes available for public viewing. Pictures included in applications may be used for Coalition promotional purposes or in future press and PR releases regarding the Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards program. **All award application materials submitted become property of the Coalition and will not be returned.**

Judging

The Coalition will establish a five-member judging panel from representatives of various sectors of the affordable housing community who will evaluate the applications against the above criteria. Award winners will be announced in May 2009.

Awards Ceremony

The Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards will be presented at a Capitol Hill ceremony in Washington, DC in June 2009. The Coalition 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.

For further information, please contact Coalition executive director Victoria E. Spielman at 202-282-5349 or info@taxcreditcoalition.org.

APPLICATION FORM

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PROJECT NAME: _____

Maximum Qualified Basis	
Eligible Basis	
Number of Units	

CATEGORY: I — Metropolitan/Urban II — Rural
 III — Special Needs Housing IV — Senior Housing
 V — Green Housing VI — Public Housing Revitalization

(Properties eligible for the public housing revitalization category may only apply in that category. Otherwise, check all that apply - entries may be considered in more than one category but are only eligible to win once.)

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Owner Information

Owner Representative: _____
(Managing General Partner or other appropriate party.)

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: _____

Applications should be postmarked by April 3, 2009, send to:
Victoria E. Spielman, Executive Director
Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition
1700 K Street, NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20006





15th Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards

Sponsorship Application

- I will sponsor this year's Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards. Please find enclosed my contribution of \$500.00.

Please provide the following, required, information:

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

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

(Payment must be received by May 1, 2009 to ensure inclusion in the luncheon program.)

Return sponsorship application to Victoria Spielman.
Make check, in the amount of \$500, payable to:
The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition
1700 K Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20006

Questions? Contact Victoria Spielman at 202-282-5349 or 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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BACKGROUND OF THE COALITION

The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition is a group of syndicators, developers, lenders, institutional investors, nonprofit groups, public agencies, and other allied professionals (including accountants, lawyers, and compliance specialists) concerned with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. The Coalition, a nonprofit corporation chartered under the laws of the District of Columbia, is governed by an elected Board of Directors.

The Coalition plays a major role in the continuance of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit. Founded in 1988, the Coalition's primary goal was achieving permanent extension of the program. From that time until the Credit was permanently extended in 1993, the Coalition worked tirelessly to achieve that end by taking a leading role in coordinating the efforts of many concerned industry groups and individuals, both on Capitol Hill and throughout the country. The Coalition played a major role in successful lobbying efforts in 1995 and 1997 to remove sunset provisions proposed for the program. The Coalition undertook a similar role in the successful multi-year effort to increase the Housing Credit per capita volume cap by 40 percent and adjust it to inflation in 2000. In 2008, the Coalition was successful in achieving many of its legislative priorities through the *Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008*.

COALITION'S CURRENT ROLE

On an ongoing basis, the Coalition:

- Represents Housing Credit program participants before Congress seeking needed legislative changes to the program.
- Represents the interests of the Housing Credit community before groups which effectively have regulatory control over the program, including the Treasury, IRS, FASB, and the National Council of State Housing Agencies.
- Undertakes major public information campaigns to make widely known the success and efficiency of the Housing Credit program to house low-income Americans. As a key part of this effort, the Coalition presents the annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards honoring outstanding communities developed or rehabilitated using Housing Credits.
- Educates the Housing Credit community as to the need for the highest ethical and business standards in all aspects of the program; the Coalition has adopted Standards of Professional Responsibility to which all members must adhere. Although the Coalition cannot act as the police for Housing Credit participants, Coalition members are expected to live up to the highest standards of fair dealing and sensitivity to the concerns of the Housing Credit community.