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NOMINATIONS

2018

HUD SECRETARY'S
AWARD

FOR

HEALTHY HOMES

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE
EXTENDED UNTIL COB
MARCH 15, 2018

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF
LEAD HAZARD CONTROL
AND HEALTHY HOMES

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through its Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH), and in partnership with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), is proud to announce our annual HUD Secretary's Award for Healthy Homes. HUD recognizes excellence in making indoor environments healthier through healthy homes research, education, and program delivery, especially in low-to-moderate income communities. HUD partners with NEHA as both organizations share a common vision to create healthier home environments in the U.S. by working across the health, environment, and housing sectors.

Purpose of the Award

The Award provides a national platform to showcase results from a range of housing and indoor environmental health programs. The Award highlights some of the nation's most significant work on the relationship between living environments and resident health, and lays the foundation for future healthy homes work.

Key Dates

- Online applications will open January 11, 2018
- Submission deadline is 11:59:59 pm EST, March 15, 2018
- Applicants will be notified of status beginning May 1, 2018
- Awards will be presented at the 2018 NEHA AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference, June 27, 2018 in Anaheim, California

Award Categories

Nominations will be considered in one of four categories described below. Only one application will be accepted per lead agency. Organizations may participate as partnering organizations in more than one application.

Past Awards

- ***Public Housing/Multifamily Housing***

Eligible Applicants: Public Housing Agencies; Tribal Designated Housing Entities; federally assisted multifamily housing owners and managers; and resident organizations (for example, tenant task forces) in public or private assisted housing.

Nomination Examples: A Public Housing Agency's universal adoption and implementation of smoke-free housing policies; and/or integrated pest management policies; tracking resident health improvement through partnership with resident health centers; or tenant task force creating and implementing a resident health and energy program.

Outcome Data Examples: Number of residents impacted by policy; data demonstrating improved health outcomes among residents due to implementation of healthy homes activity; data demonstrating improved asthma control and/or reduced acute health care utilization among residents; or measurable reduction of indoor air pollutants related to policy.

- ***Policy and Education Innovation***

Eligible Applicants: State, County, City, Tribes, regional units of government (including legislative bodies); healthcare providers (including hospitals); universities and schools of higher education; nonprofit organizations; health insurance providers/plans; advocacy organizations; university extension offices; schools at K-12 levels; faith-based organizations; labor unions; tribal associations; childcare providers; and disaster recovery organizations.

Nomination Examples: Creating adopted local/state code enhancements with significant health outcomes or impacts; innovative programs in lead, asthma, radon, injury prevention, smoke-free housing/smoking cessation, maternal and child health programs that address healthy homes issues, and home visiting programs; and developing a system for enhancing housing and/or code inspection efficiency and effectiveness; policies increasing the use or effectiveness of community health workers addressing healthy homes issues.

Outcome Data Examples: Numbers of localities adopting public policy change(s); number of residents directly and indirectly affected by the public policy change(s), and demonstrated health improvements that result from the policy/program.

- ***Cross-Program Coordination***

Eligible Applicants: State, County, City, regional units of government; tribal government agencies; healthcare providers (including hospitals); housing providers; nonprofit organizations; health insurance provider/plans; advocacy organizations; weatherization and inspectional services; entities associated with federal agencies such as National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP); and organizations representing affordable housing developers and builders.

Nomination Examples: Comprehensive cross-program coordination; for example, a county health department coordinating asthma interventions with its Community Development Block Grant program and/or HOME program rehabilitation resources; or a national or regional foundation creating and funding a healthy housing program based on cross-sector coordination.

Outcome Data Examples: Number or rate of residents with improved health outcomes due to implementation of healthy homes activity; for example, reduction in asthmatic episodes among residents or falls in the home among elderly people, or demonstrated improvements in indoor environmental quality in target housing.

Research

Eligible Applicants: State, County, City, regional units of government; tribal government agencies; health care providers (including hospitals); universities and schools of higher education; nonprofit organizations; health insurance providers/plans; university extension offices.

Nomination examples: Research on interventions to improve indoor environmental quality (IAQ) (e.g., mold/moisture control, pest management, indoor air quality improvements, reduction in injury hazards); research that improves understanding of the impact of exposures/conditions on health.

Outcome Data Examples: Significant improvement in indicators of indoor environment quality such as improved IAQ; reduction in the number of injury hazards; or reduced dust-allergen levels. Improved health outcomes or quality of life and/or reduced healthcare costs.

Nominations for the Research category must include an electronic version of a resulting publication or documentation of intent to publish in a peer-reviewed publication. For more information on the Research category, please see the "Criteria for Research Nominations" section below.

Guidelines for Nominations

To ensure proper consideration, please read and follow these nomination guidelines carefully. Every component of your nomination is important. The Nomination Narrative is limited to five (5) pages. For more information, please visit the website www.neha.org/about-neha/awards/hud-award-healthy-homes.

Submission Information and Requirements

All entries must be completed by utilizing the online nomination form at www.neha.org/about-neha/awards beginning January 11, 2018. The nomination deadline is 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time, March 15, 2018. Any applications from individuals or for-profit organizations will not be reviewed.

Nomination submissions must include the following information:

The Application Form

The 2018 Secretary's Award for Healthy Homes application form must include:
- Title of the Nominated Project, Group, or Organization
- Name and Contact Information of the person submitting the Nomination
- Brief Summary of the Project, Group, or Organization

Project Narrative

A nomination narrative of no more than five (5) pages describing the history of the initiative, work or project, and addressing the five criteria for nomination review and rating. The narrative must be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, on 81/2-by-11-inch pages with margins no smaller than 1 inch. The activities or policies nominated must show measurable benefits in the health of residents/individuals/children. Use relevant data to help communicate the value of the nominated research activity.

Awardees at the 2017 ceremony on behalf of their organizations

Images

Images are encouraged to supplement the nomination. If images are included, please submit no more than five (5) digital, high-resolution images or photos, and include a high-resolution image of the nomination's logo. Please provide only digital images that are not copyrighted and that may be reproduced by NEHA or HUD without a fee, charge, or copyright infringement. Please include a 15- to 25-word caption with each photo submitted. Photo collages and slide presentations (for example, PowerPoint) are NOT acceptable.

Supporting Documentation

One additional item (not to exceed five 81/2-by-11-inch pages) may be included in the application. The supporting item could take the form of a review of the implementation effort; analysis of the results; newspaper clippings; editorials; support letters, or legislative, regulatory, or policy provisions.

Miscellaneous

No confidential, trade-secret, or otherwise non-disclosable information may be submitted. Neither NEHA nor HUD will review an application that indicates that it contains such information. All applications become the property of NEHA, with HUD obtaining a license-free right to copy and distribute information in them. No fee is required to submit an entry or receive an award.

Criteria for Reviewing and Rating Nominations

Nominations will be reviewed and rated by an independent panel of judges selected by NEHA on meeting eligibility criteria, completeness, timeliness, and employing the required format. Note: previous year's award winners are ineligible to apply.

The evaluation process includes, but is not limited to, an assessment of the criteria in the following list. Due to the wide variety of projects that can be considered, a project does not need to address each criterion. In the text of the application project narrative section, the application should describe:

- Policy/Program Innovation: Specific emphasis on the policy/program's impact on a health/housing condition(s) previously unaddressed or specific improvements made to existing programs. Policies/programs do not necessarily need to address a new subject of concern, but all policies/programs discussed should demonstrate innovative aspects of addressing the concerns.

- Health Impact on Population: Data on the policy/program's health outcomes including, where available, data on healthcare utilization (for example, emergency/urgent care visits, inpatient hospital stays, healthcare costs); absenteeism from school or work; data on self-reported or objectively reported symptom impact; and data on reduction of unhealthy resident activities (for example, use of tobacco products, proximity to those who smoke).

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- Impact on Physical Environment: Data on the policy/program's effect on reducing environmental hazards (for example, lead paint hazards, asbestos, combustion gases, toxic chemicals, asthma triggers/allergens); home safety hazards; and other impacts.
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- Partnership/Collaboration: How the policy/program was developed and implemented and the role(s) that partnering organizations played. These partnering organizations do not necessarily need to be formal partners and may have played an important role in just one or a few phases of the development or implementation of the policy/program. The text should identify whether formal partnerships do exist and describe ongoing efforts to coordinate activities. Applicants should identify whether the policy/ program was or is supported by philanthropy, governmental, and/or other sources and what kind(s) of support was (were) provided.

- Sustainability: How the policy/program will continue to have impact into the future. In cases of policy advances based on statutory or regulatory actions, a description of anticipated permanence; for example, lack of sunset provision in the legislation or demonstration of ongoing industry acceptance of policy, will suffice. For program sustainability, applicants should describe permanent and temporary sources of support.

Criteria for Research Nominations

Under the Research category, the nominations will be judged utilizing the criteria in the following list.

- The research must have been published within the last two years or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Ongoing research is not eligible. Applications should include an electronic copy of the publication or evidence that the research has been accepted for publication.

- The research should address a key data gap on an important healthy homes focus area; for example, a description of the importance of the research based on the health impact of the hazard/condition or the contribution of the hazard/condition to health disparities. The importance of the hazard/condition targeted by the research and any disparate impact on vulnerable populations should be supported by referencing objective data sources (for example, published literature).

- The application should specifically describe how the research findings can be used for informing healthy homes programs or policies and the potential impact of the research in reducing indoor environmental hazards and ultimately improving health outcomes. (That is, address the extent to which the research findings can be translated into improved policy or practice and the resulting impact.)

- For research conducted in the field, the application should describe to what extent community members were involved in the project. Examples of community involvement include meetings with the community members to obtain community feedback, participation of community members on a research advisory board, formal partnerships with one or more community-based organizations, and training and hiring of community members to work on the study (for example, participating as community health workers).

Past Recipients of the HUD Secretary's Award for Healthy Homes

2017		
Healthy Homes Innovation and Achievement in Public or Multi-Family Housing Award	Denver Housing Authority	Denver, CO
Healthy Homes Innovation and Achievement Award in Cross Program Coordination	Vermont Weatherization Program	Vermont
Policy Innovation Award	Tribal Healthy Homes Network/ Partnership for Air Matters	Pacific Northwest
Research Innovation Award	Urban Entomology Lab at Rutgers University	New Brunswick, NJ
2016		
Healthy Homes Innovation and Achievement in Public or Multi-Family Housing Award	Boston Residential Investigation on Green and Healthy Transitions (BRIGHT)	Boston, MA
Healthy Homes Innovation and Achievement Award in Cross Program Coordination among Health, Environment and Housing	Yesler Terrace Breathe Easy Program	Seattle, WA
Healthy Homes Innovation and Achievement Award in Public Policy	Regional Asthma Managements Program	Oakland, CA
2015		
Healthy Homes Innovation and Achievement in Public or Multi-Family Housing Award	Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)	
Healthy Homes Innovation and Achievement Award in Cross Program Coordination among Health, Environment and Housing	Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics	Kansas City, MO
	The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)	
Healthy Homes Innovation and Achievement Award in Public Policy	Smoke Free Housing Coalition of Maine	

NEHA 2018 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference

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