

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

TERRENCE R. DUVERNAY HOME PROGRAM AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Created in 1990 under the auspices of the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is the largest Federal block grant designed to provide affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households. Incredibly, the program will celebrate its 15th anniversary in 2005. To mark this special occasion, the National Community Development Association (NCDCA) has designed an awards program to recognize participating jurisdictions which have created exemplary projects or programs funded with HOME funds. We have named the awards in honor of NCDCA's good friend and past President, Terrence Duvernay. Terrence (Terry) R. Duvernay was NCDCA's president from 1975-1977 and a strong supporter and contributor to the HOME program. Terry served in the housing field his entire life and held several prestigious positions including the position of Deputy Secretary under HUD Secretary Cisneros. Terry believed in providing affordable housing opportunities to all Americans and he devoted his life to helping others achieve that dream. Sadly, Terry passed away in April 2001. This award is intended to honor the HOME program and Terry's memory.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Entries must be submitted by an NCDCA member.

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by **December 3, 2004.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

The project or program being submitted must have been fully or partially financed by the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The project or program that is being nominated must have been completed within the last three years. All programs submitted for the Terrence R. Duvernay HOME Program Awards of Excellence will be competitively evaluated in several areas, including: (1) Innovation; (2) Public/private partnerships; (3) Leveraging of resources; and (4) Sustainability

APPLICATION FORM

Any NCDCA member may nominate a HOME-funded project or program within their jurisdiction by completing the enclosed application form. Please mail your completed application to: HOME Awards of Excellence, NCDCA, 522 21st Street, Suite 120, Washington, D.C. 20006. For questions, please contact Vicki Watson at 202-887-5532.

RECOGNITION

The winning entries will be announced by December 17, 2004. Each winning entrant will receive a plaque at NCDCA's Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. The awards will be presented during the HOME Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled to be held on Capitol Hill in the Senate Hart Building. All award recipients are asked to include their congressional members in the award presentation and are also asked to give a 5-10 minute acceptance speech to include an overview of the project or program. You are encouraged to submit a short video presentation of the project or program to be shown at the awards ceremony.

**APPLICATION FOR THE TERRENCE R. DUVERNAY
HOME PROGRAM AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

NCDA MEMBER

COMMUNITY _____

NOMINEE:

Project/Program: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Contact Name/Title _____

SPONSOR:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

BRIEF QUESTIONS

COMPLETED BY: _____NOMINEE _____SPONSOR _____BOTH

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type your answers to each of the following questions. Additional supporting materials are encouraged (Please do not include video tapes. If you are a winning entry, you will be asked to bring a short video tape of the project to the awards ceremony.)

1. Describe the project or program in detail, including why it was developed, a description of the critical elements of the project or program and how they address an affordable housing need, a description of the sources and uses of funds used to develop and operate the project or program including any innovative or unusual cost savings or financing techniques, and a description of the tangible results of the project or program.

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2. Tangible Results: Be specific about how the project or program has improved the lives of low- and/or moderate-income individuals and families.

3. What makes this program or project unique?

4. Sustainability: Describe how the project or program will be sustained over the long term; what institutional structure, resources, and community commitment are available to ensure the project or program continues?

5. Indicate Congressional District(s) served by project or program and name(s) of U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators:

6. Finally, describe any “special circumstances” surrounding or connected to the project that make it noteworthy.

7. Identify the project representative who would accept the award at the NCDA HOME Awards Luncheon. (An individual who can speak convincingly and represents the special accomplishments of the project is suggested.)
