

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

2014 AUDREY NELSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



APPLICATION

DUE DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1987, the National Community Development Association (NCDA) established the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Awards to recognize exemplary uses of CDBG funds which address the needs of families, homes and neighborhoods.

Audrey Nelson was the first Deputy Executive Secretary of NCDA. She grew up in an inner city Chicago neighborhood which was a target area for the local Model Cities Program. Her intense commitment to her neighborhood, her local program efforts, and her drive to serve low income people was cut short by death from cancer at the age of 29.

We are proud to continue these awards to honor others, like Audrey, who exemplify outstanding achievement in service to neighborhoods and their lower income residents. 2013 marks the 26th Anniversary of the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Awards, the 22th Anniversary of the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and the 39th Anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

CDBG and HOME form the bedrock of federal assistance to local communities. As the second session of the 113th Congress begins in January 2014, let's continue to educate the electorate on the importance of CDBG and HOME and their impact on our communities. Any NCDA member may nominate a qualified program by completing the enclosed application form. The application deadline is December 6, 2013.

Award recipients, along with their nominating communities, will be notified by December 13, 2013. Awards will be presented during the NCDA Winter Meeting luncheon on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C.

We strongly encourage communities who have never applied for the award to submit an application.

PURPOSE

To recognize exemplary uses of CDBG, HOME and other community development funds, and particularly those programs that address the needs of neighborhoods and families. The judging panel will look more favorably on those projects or programs that meet a need in the community, assist low-income families/individuals and neighborhoods, and work in partnership with community agencies and groups to develop the project.

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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Community development projects or programs funded within the last five years with CDBG, HOME, and other community development funds. Sponsors are encouraged to nominate non-profit sub-recipients or projects that operate in low-income neighborhoods or serve lower income populations.

NOMINATION PROCESS

NCDA sponsor (the member community) completes the application and e-mails it to:

Vicki Watson at vicki@ncdaonline.org
by the December 6, 2013 deadline

Limited to one nominee per member community.

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NCDA MEMBER COMMUNITY _____

NOMINEE:

Project _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Contact Name/Title _____

SPONSOR:

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature _____

INFORMATION NEEDED

COMPLETED BY: _____ NOMINEE _____ SPONSOR _____ BOTH

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide answers to each of the following questions. Please feel free to attach photos of the project.

1. List the amount of CDBG, HOME and/or other funds allocated to the project and identify the sources and uses of these funds.
2. Please indicate the project year and the amount of funds provided from each source.
3. Describe how the project addresses the needs of low- income families and neighborhoods.
4. Describe the primary project service area or client base.
5. Describe the partnerships/collaboration surrounding project development and implementation.
6. List the Congressional district(s) served by Project/U.S. Representatives/U.S. Senators.
7. Describe why this project is being nominated for an Audrey Nelson Award.
8. Identify the project representative who would accept the award at the NCDA Awards Luncheon. We urge you to invite your congressional members to the luncheon.