

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

2015 AUDREY NELSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



APPLICATION

DUE DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2015 marks the 28th anniversary of the National Community Development Association (NCDA) Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Awards. In 1987, NCDA established the awards to recognize exemplary uses of CDBG funds. The awards have been expanded to also recognize the HOME program.

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 in Audrey's name to honor communities which exemplify outstanding achievement in service to neighborhoods and their lower-income residents through their innovative and exemplary use of CDBG (including Section 108) and HOME funds.

CDBG and HOME form the bedrock of federal assistance to local communities. As the first session of the 114th Congress begins in January 2015, 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 attached application form. The application deadline is December 5, 2014.

Award recipients, along with their nominating communities, will be notified by December 19, 2014. Awards will be presented during the NCDA Winter Meeting luncheon on Friday, January 23, 2015 at the Washington Marriott Georgetown Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Only NCDA members are eligible to apply for the award. We strongly encourage communities who have never applied for the award to submit an application.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Community development projects or programs funded within the last five years with CDBG (including Section 108) and/or HOME funds. The sponsor (NCDA member community) nominates a project or program that operates in a low-income neighborhood or serves lower income populations.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted by midnight EST, December 5, 2014. Please send your completed application to Vicki Watson at vicki@ncdaonline.org.

**APPLICATION FOR 2015 AUDREY NELSON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

NCDA MEMBER COMMUNITY _____

NOMINEE:

Project _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Contact Name/Title _____

SPONSOR:

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

COMPLETED BY: _____ NOMINEE _____ SPONSOR _____ BOTH

INSTRUCTIONS: Please respond to all application queries. **Incomplete submissions will be rejected.**

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Provide a summary of the project (up to 500 words) including cost and funding source information, the year the project was funded, and clientele assisted.

RESPONSES TO AWARD CRITERIA

Describe how the submission meets the following award criteria.

1. **Local Impact.** To what extent has the submission addressed an important need in the community? What are the measurable results of the project or program? To what extent can the submission be sustained over the long term?
2. **Innovation.** To what extent has the submission used enterprising, progressive approaches to meet a community need? How is the project innovative for the locality?
3. **Replication.** Can the project be easily replicated by other communities?
4. **Collaboration.** To what extent has the submission involved a variety of local partners? Was there a collaborative effort between public and private entities? Were any new partnerships created because of the project?
5. **Leveraging.** To what extent has the submission attracted other funding sources? What is the ratio of CDBG and/or HOME dollars to the other project funding sources?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please list the Congressional district in which the project is located. Please list the names of the Congressional Members who represent the district (House Member, Senators) in which the project is located. Award winners will be asked to invite their Congressional Members to the awards ceremony.

Please feel free to include additional supporting documentation such as newspaper clippings, project awards, and photographs.

Please feel free to contact Vicki Watson at vicki@ncdaonline.org or 240-601-9356 with any questions.

