

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC)

2015 Annual Housing Awards

Call for Entries

Mission: The KHC Annual Housing Awards honor innovative techniques and strategies used by our partners to meet the needs of Kentuckians. The goal of these awards is to:

- Recognize outstanding efforts.
- Identify best practices.
- Encourage replication of workable housing solutions.

Awards Categories

- ***Innovative Solutions: Homeless***—This award is presented to an organization providing innovative strategies and solutions to end homelessness in Kentucky.
- ***Innovative Solutions: Energy Efficiency***—This award is presented to an organization providing innovative strategies to improve energy efficiency in Kentucky homes.
- ***Innovative Solutions: Housing Preservation***—This award is presented to a home building organization providing innovative strategies for the preservation of affordable housing.
- ***Innovative Solutions: Affordable Housing***—This award is presented to an organization providing innovative affordable housing solutions.

Awards Recognition: Awards will be presented on April 8, 2015, during the 2015 Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference. Award recipients will be asked to send at least one representative from their organization to receive the award. To encourage the replication of award-winning ideas, KHC will post descriptions of all entries and recognize winners on kyhousing.org.

Entry Rules

Eligibility: All housing partners who do business with Kentucky Housing Corporation are eligible to enter the KHC Annual Housing Awards. Programs, projects, or practices must have been operational by December 31, 2014. Qualitative improvements in existing programs, projects, or practices are eligible, in addition to new ones. Partners may not submit the same entry to multiple categories.

Selection: KHC staff are selected to judge entries based on relevant expertise, experience, and impartiality.

KHC reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not comply with the deadline or Entry Rules.

Qualified Entry: Each entry must consist of an entry form and an entry description. Each entry must provide a Submission Contact with whom KHC may follow up if it has questions about the entry.

Entry Form: An entry form must be completed for each entry. Be certain to provide the entry name exactly as you want it represented on the award and in materials.

Entry Description: An entry description must be provided for each entry. It may not exceed three single-spaced, typed pages in length.

Visual Aids: Visual aids, such as pictures, publications, and videos are encouraged but not required. Electronic submissions are encouraged; see special mailing instructions if visual aids cannot be submitted electronically.

Deadline: No entries or visual aids will be accepted after the deadline of Monday, February 2, 2015. Entries must be electronically received and visual aids must be postmarked on or before this date. KHC will confirm receipt of the entries and visual aids via email within a week of the deadline.

Submission Process: Each entry must be submitted electronically as a single PDF file, with its components provided in the following order: entry form, entry description, visual aids (optional). **Entries must be emailed to conference@kyhousing.org by close of business Monday, February 2, 2015.**

- **Special Mailing Instructions:** If a visual aid cannot be submitted in electronic format, the housing partner must mail 5 copies to **2015 Housing Awards, 1231 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**, for distribution to the judges. All copies must be clearly labeled with the partner and entry name. Visual aids must be postmarked on or before Monday, February 2, 2015.
- **Entries and visual aids become the property of KHC and will not be returned to the submitting agency.**

Judging Areas

- **Planning/Content:** Describe the objectives of the entry and identify the audience and strategies used. Include information on research, if applicable.
- **Innovation:** Describe what makes this entry innovative. Is the entry something that another organization/program can easily replicate?
- **Technical Excellence:** How do the various elements set this entry apart?
- **Results:** Describe results that show how the stated objectives were met and how the entry impacted the recipients of the affordable housing effort. Evidence may be quantitative or qualitative, as appropriate for the nature of the entry. Indicate what methods of evaluation were used, if applicable.

Deadline for Submissions: Monday, February 2, 2015

Questions: Contact conference@kyhousing.org or call 502-564-7630.