

2024 Housing North Carolina Awards

Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your work in affordable housing or to nominate someone else for their excellence. The 35th annual Housing North Carolina Awards will celebrate the best affordable housing in the state—housing that improves the lives of residents and their communities.

Recognition will be given in the following categories: Home Ownership Developments, Rental Apartments and Supportive Housing.

Winners will be showcased at a special luncheon during the 2024 NC Affordable Housing Conference, September 5–6, in Raleigh, NC. In addition, the winning developments will be announced to the local news media.

Who should enter?

- Private developers
- Nonprofit housing sponsors
- City and county governments
- Lead regional agencies

Criteria for judging

Entries will be judged on:

- Design (attractiveness, appropriateness, innovation, resource efficiency, and other factors)
- Sustainability (provisions to ensure the property will continue to be both affordable and attractive, including deed restrictions, quality construction, energy-saving construction)
- Contribution to the local community (including meeting market needs, furthering local policy goals, and similar factors)
- Special features, such as supportive services to residents, creative financing partnerships, and others

Threshold qualifications for entering

Properties do not need to use financing from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to be eligible. The threshold qualifications, by category, are:

Home Ownership Production

- Subdivisions and scattered-site developments of new construction or substantial rehab (at least \$20,000 per home), stick-built or modular, single-family or condominiums
- At least four (4) homes or 75% of planned units with eligible sales prices not exceeding \$195,000 that are completed, sold and occupied
- Certificate of occupancy issued between January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2024

Rental Housing Production

- Affordable developments produced by new construction or substantial rehab (at least \$25,000 per unit)
- Twenty-four (24) or more units affordable to households at or below 80% of county median income, or 80% of the median for the state's non-metropolitan counties, whichever is greater
- Certificate of occupancy issued between January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2024
- Form 8609 issued for all properties financed with federal Housing Credits

Supportive Housing Production

- Emergency, transitional or permanent housing that provides services (project-based or program-based) for persons with special needs. These include people experiencing homelessness or imminently at risk of homelessness; survivors of domestic violence; people with mental, physical or developmental disabilities; people living with substance abuse disorder; youth aging out of foster care; or adults re-entering the community after being released from correctional facilities
- At least four (4) units (or bedrooms) for individuals at or below 50% of area median income
- Certificate of occupancy issued between January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2024
- For projects with Agency funding, all loans must be closed and fully disbursed