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DCHFA Development Projects Honored with Five Housing Industry Awards

The Agency's work in funding the development and preservation of affordable housing in the District receives local and national acclaim

Washington, D.C. – The District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency is having a stellar year, gaining local and national recognition for developments it funded for senior and affordable housing, historic preservation, and multifamily projects. “Being honored for so many projects brings attention to the need for affordable and senior housing in this city, while highlighting the impact that DCHFA is making on the housing landscape across the District,” said Maria K. Day-Marshall, Interim Executive Director, DCHFA.

The award winning developments are located in three of the City's eight Wards (5, 6 and 7).

DCHFA 2015 List of Honors:

- **Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition, Twenty-First Annual Charles L. Edson Credit Excellence Award, Senior Needs Housing**
AHTCC provided the award for the House of Lebanon Apartments redevelopment of the historic Margaret Murray Washington School at 27 O Street Northwest. This was an adaptive re-use of the school into 82 units of affordable housing for senior citizens.
- **Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County, Architectural Design Awards, Renovation**
AHCDC designated So Others Might Eat (SOME) Scattered Site Development, Phase II, located at 216 New York Avenue, Northwest for this award. The total project involved the rehabilitation of 101 units in three buildings. These dwelling units are designed to meet the needs of the homeless and chronically homeless.
- **District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, District of Columbia Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation for design and construction**
DCHPO honored the conversion of the historic Margaret Murray School into the House of Lebanon Apartments, a housing complex for seniors.
- **Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers, Housing Achievement Award, Best Large Affordable Housing Project**
HAND recognized the Bass Circle Apartments development. Located at 4505 B Street, Southeast, the project involved the rehabilitation of a multifamily property consisting of 119 units in five buildings. Due to neglect, none of the buildings were habitable prior to the renovations.

- **National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, Multifamily Excellence Award**
NALHFA granted this award to The Yards D Building. It is a newly constructed structure located at 1212 Fourth Street, Southeast. The building has 44 affordable housing units. The project is one component in the redevelopment of a former U.S. Naval industrial complex.

The District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency was established in 1979 to stimulate and expand homeownership and rental housing opportunities in Washington, D.C. We accomplish our mission by offering below market rate mortgage loans to lower the homebuyers' costs of purchasing homes and by issuing mortgage revenue bonds to lower the developers' costs of acquiring, constructing and rehabilitating rental housing.

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