



## **NCSHA Honors State Housing Finance Agencies for Affordable Housing Solutions**

WASHINGTON, DC — On October 21, the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) recognized 13 state Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) for effective initiatives that address affordable housing challenges.

The NCSHA Annual Awards for Program Excellence were established in 1984 to identify and elevate industry best practices and encourage continued HFA innovation. Member HFAs are eligible to submit their programs, projects, and practices for consideration in seven categories: Communications, Homeownership, Legislative Advocacy, Management Innovation, Rental Housing, Special Achievement, and Special Needs Housing.

Thirty-six HFAs submitted 122 entries in the 2019 awards program. The judges evaluate each entry for its level of innovation, replicability, measurable benefit to HFA customers, effective use of resources, and achievement of strategic objectives, among other criteria. The judges are affordable housing industry leaders and subject matter experts selected for their relevant expertise, experience, and impartiality.

“State housing finance agencies are at the center of the affordable housing system,” said NCSHA Executive Director Stockton Williams, “and these award-winning initiatives epitomize the creativity they are bringing to meet America’s housing challenges.”

The award recipients were recognized during NCSHA’s Annual Conference & Showplace in Boston, attended by more than 1,000 member affordable housing leaders and professionals. This year’s nominated programs can be found at [ncsha.org/awards](https://ncsha.org/awards).

### **Communications: Annual Reports**

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency:

[Housing Drives North Carolina: 2018 Investment and Impact Report](#)

### **Communications: Creative Media**

Kentucky Housing Corporation:

[Simply Home — Affordable Housing Creates Good Neighbors](#)

### **Communications: Promotional Materials and Newsletters**

Louisiana Housing Corporation:

[Advancing Affordable Housing Through “Connections”](#)

### **Homeownership: Empowering New Buyers**

Minnesota Housing:

[From Challenge to Opportunity — Reaching Households of Color or Hispanic Ethnicity](#)

### **Homeownership: Encouraging New Production**

Washington State Housing Finance Commission:

[100 Homes and Counting: Habitat for Humanity Partnership](#)

### **Homeownership: Home Improvement and Rehabilitation**

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency:

[Urgent Repair Program](#)

### **Legislative Advocacy: Federal Advocacy**

Virginia Housing Development Authority:

[On Tour with Virginia's Congressional Representatives](#)

### **Legislative Advocacy: State Advocacy**

Illinois Housing Development Authority:

[Fight to Remove Blight](#)

Minnesota Housing:

[Housing Infrastructure Bonds](#)

### **Management Innovation: Human Resources**

District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency:

[The Missing Benefit: CHOICE, the Education Finance Program](#)

### **Management Innovation: Operations**

Kentucky Housing Corporation:

[Corporate Health Report: New Business Planning Scorecard Format](#)

### **Management Innovation: Technology**

Minnesota Housing:

[Multifamily Business Flow Portal](#)

### **Rental Housing: Encouraging New Production**

Oregon Housing and Community Services:

[Local Innovation and Fast Track \(LIFT\) Housing Program](#)

### **Rental Housing: Multifamily Management**

Kentucky Housing Corporation:

[Proactive Approach to LIHTC Issues](#)

Rhode Island Housing:

[Back to Basics: Compliance Monitoring](#)

### **Rental Housing: Preservation and Rehabilitation**

New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority:

[Ventana Fund: An HFA – CDFI Partnership to Preserve Naturally-Occurring Affordable Housing](#)

### **Special Achievement**

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency:

[Hospital Partnership Subsidy Pilot Program](#)

### **Special Needs Housing: Combating Homelessness**

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency:

[Back@Home North Carolina](#)

### **Special Needs Housing: Housing for Persons with Special Needs**

Tennessee Housing Development Agency:

[Redefining the Margins](#)

### **About the National Council of State Housing Agencies**

For more than 50 years, state Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) have played a central role in the nation's affordable housing system, delivering financing to make possible the purchase, development, and rehabilitation of affordable homes and rental apartments for low- and middle-income households.

The National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization created to advance, through advocacy and education, the efforts of the nation's state HFAs and their partners to provide affordable housing to those who need it. NCSHA's vision: An affordably housed nation. Learn more at [www.ncsha.org](http://www.ncsha.org).

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