

## Excellence Award Program

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### About the Award Program

Individuals and organizations throughout Oregon are "Setting the Standard" in developing affordable housing, offering programs and providing services to meet the daily needs of lower-income Oregonians. Through the OHCS Excellence Award programs, their accomplishments are being recognized.

Since the implementation of the Excellence Award Program in 1993, Oregon Housing and Community Services has presented over 48 awards to organizations and individuals in Oregon communities in two major categories: **Excellence in Housing** and **Excellence in Community Services**. Awards are currently presented on a two-year cycle during events such as the Oregon Housing Conference and Community Director's of Oregon Poverty Conference (<http://www.cado-oregon.org/events.htm>).

The **Excellence in Housing Awards** recognize outstanding contributions to promote, provide, sponsor, finance and develop affordable housing in Oregon. Eligible nominees may be individuals, nonprofit or for-profit corporations, real estate professionals, loan officers, builders, developers, local government, members of the media, architects, community development organizations or other people in Oregon.

The **Excellence in Community Service Awards** acknowledge outstanding contributions by individuals and organizations in promoting and providing services to meet a specific need in their community. Eligible nominees include nonprofit and for-profit corporations, public officials, sponsors, developers, members of the media, architects, community service providers, volunteers or other involved people in Oregon.

Award recipients are selected on specific criteria and are made at the discretion of Oregon Housing and Community Services.

### For More Information

For more information, contact **Sandy McDonnell**, Administrative Services Manager, at 503.986.2012 or by E-mail [Sandy.McDonnell@hcs.state.or.us](mailto:Sandy.McDonnell@hcs.state.or.us).

To talk with someone about developing affordable housing in your area, contact a **Regional Advisor to the Department** at 503.986.2000 or visit the website at:

[http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/DO\\_RegionalAdvisors.shtml](http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/DO_RegionalAdvisors.shtml)

OHCS is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for lower income Oregonians. The agency also administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.

