

2014 Entry Form
(Complete one for each entry.)

Fill out the entry name *exactly* as you want it listed in the program.

Entry Name _____

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Qualified Entries must be received by **Tuesday, July 1, 2014**.

For more information about Qualified Entries, [click here to access the 2014 Entry Rules](#).

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Communications	Homeownership	Rental Housing	Special Needs Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Report <input type="checkbox"/> Promotional Materials and Newsletters <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Empowering New Buyers <input type="checkbox"/> Home Improvement and Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraging New Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Multifamily Management <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation and Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraging New Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Combating Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Housing for Persons with Special Needs
Legislative Advocacy	Management Innovation	Special Achievement	Are you providing visual aids?
<input type="checkbox"/> State Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Achievement	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO



ADOH - Promoting Transit Oriented Affordable Housing

The average U.S. household can save over \$9,000 a year by using public transportation instead of driving. For many years, Arizona families made the decision to spend a substantial portion of their income on transportation, making the decision to trade shorter commutes to work in exchange for less expensive housing options. However, with gas prices on the rise, the demand for safe and affordable housing within close proximity to public transportation is growing rapidly.

Thanks to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program and a continued commitment from the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) to meet the demand for more transit oriented communities, Arizona residents are discovering that they can find affordable housing in addition to cutting their commuting costs.

Over the last few years, ADOH has significantly increased our efforts to promote affordable rental housing units within walking distance of public transportation throughout the state.

ADOH in our 2013 and 2014 Qualified Allocation Plans awarded a possible total of 35 points to projects located in close proximity to public transit stations. In fact, the transit oriented design category for our QAP continues to be the largest point value out of any category in the allocation plan.

The availability of affordable housing remains a necessity for economic development in the state. For the foreseeable future, we will remain committed to funding projects that promote the use of

mass transit. This year, 16 out of the 18 projects we funded with tax credits received TOD points. Below is a brief description of some of the transit oriented design projects that were funded last year.

Urban Living on 2nd Avenue - Phoenix, Arizona

Located in downtown Phoenix, Urban Living on 2nd Avenue (UL2), is within walking distance of the Valley Metro Light Rail system and several major downtown attractions. The property features 70 units with 28 of them set aside specifically for families with children. The majority of the units are for families with income levels at 40, 50, and 60 percent of the area median income.

Amenities for this LEED Gold Certified project include gated parking for security, a fitness center, a 24 seat movie room, coffee bar, business center, a playground, and barbeque/picnic areas. Additionally, the project offers tenant services for those that suffer from chronic substance abuse and other behavioral health issues.

UL2 hosted their grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony on December 17, 2013.

Encore on First - Mesa, Arizona

Located in Mesa, Encore on First is a transit oriented development for independent seniors. This project features 81 units, 54 one-bedroom units and 27 two-bedroom units and is located just adjacent to the Valley Metro Light Rail.

Developed by Urban Development Partners and PacifiCap Group, Encore on First caters to individuals 62 years of age and older with income levels at 40, 50, and 60 percent of the area median income. 50 percent of the common area electric usage will come from solar energy. Amenities for the property include covered parking, a community room, a common laundry area, along with other tenant services.

Encore on First hosted their grand opening and the ribbon cutting ceremony on December 12, 2013.

Gracie's Village - Tempe, Arizona

Gracie's Village, located in Tempe, is a partnership between Gorman & Company, Grace Community Church of the Valley, the Arizona Department of Housing and the City of Tempe.

The project involves a mix of ground floor community facilities including a brand-new thrift store with three stories of 50 affordable residential housing units above the store.

Amenities for Gracie's Village include a multi-purpose room for on-site before and after school care, a Wi-Fi internet lounge, a roof deck, playground, picnic area, front-loaded energy-efficient washers & dryers inside each unit, hard-surface flooring, and electronically controlled entry.

Gracie's Village is a sustainable building featuring solar photovoltaic panels, hard surface flooring throughout the development, low-flow plumbing fixtures and porous concrete to reduce runoff water in the parking lot.

The grand opening for Gracie's Village took place on November 27, 2013.

Villas at Pasadena - Phoenix, Arizona

The Villas at Pasadena is a \$6 million redevelopment project by Hope Development, located in Phoenix, next to the Valley Metro Light Rail. This transit oriented project consists of 18 rehabilitated one and two-bedroom apartments as well as 16 new spacious three-bedroom townhomes for individuals at 40,50, and 60 percent of AMI.

Amenities for the project include a community center, front porches, playground, basketball court, computer training room, shaded picnic areas, and garages in selected units.

A grand opening for the project took place on November 6, 2013.

Escobedo at Verde Vista - Mesa, Arizona

Located in Mesa, Escobedo at Verde Vista is a 70 unit, low to moderate income energy-efficient community. This \$16 million dollar development is a partnership between Gorman & Company and ARM of Save the Family Foundation, a certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), as well as the West Mesa CDC and the City of Mesa.

Within walking distance to a future planned light rail station, the project is constructed to a LEED-Gold Standard. Some of the amenities of the community include a computer lab, training center, theater, fitness center, playground, picnic tables, and barbeque grills.

Escobedo at Verde Vista will serve as the new headquarters for Save the Family Foundation, a non-profit organization in Mesa founded in 1988 to help homeless families become self-sufficient.

A grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony took place on December 6, 2013.

Temple Square – Mesa, Arizona

Temple Square hosted their grand opening on January 8th to celebrate the project's \$23 million rehabbing. The project was developed by the Greater Phoenix Urban League along with 202 Developers, LLC.

Formerly known as the Palms at Mesa, Temple Square is conveniently located within walking distance of the Valley Metro Light Rail system. This 152 unit complex, with 61 units set aside specially for families, offers before and after school programs, parenting classes, computer training, job training, job placement and financial counseling for individuals who are at 40, 50, and 60 percent of AMI. Additionally, there are two separate childcare centers located within a half a mile of the complex.

ADOH Transit Oriented Projects



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