



2016 AWARD WINNERS

HOUSING LEADERSHIP AWARDS

This award recognizes an elected or appointed official or an industry leader who has shown outstanding leadership in promoting, preserving and producing affordable rental housing in Maryland.

Rushern L. Baker, III

Prince George's County Executive

County Executive Rushern Baker is receiving the prestigious Housing Leadership award in recognition for his outstanding work revitalizing neighborhoods in Prince George's County through his Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) which has become a national "best practice." Through TNI, six neighborhoods in the County that face significant economic, health, public safety and educational challenges have been targeted for reinvestment and redevelopment. Key indicators such as property values were then tracked over time to measure the success in these areas.

Mr. Baker also worked to rebuild the trust of the real estate development community and encouraged them to pursue development opportunities in the County. Under Mr. Baker's leadership, Prince George's County went from zero new housing units to over 445 units of new and renovated housing units representing over \$119 Million in new development. He also supported a wide range of housing resolutions and policy decisions to support affordable housing development in the County.

Mr. Baker's vision and dedication to serving his community exemplifies a true leader, and we celebrate his work and support for safe, decent, and affordable rental housing opportunities for the residents of Prince George's County.

Isiah "Ike" Leggett

Montgomery County Executive

County Executive Ike Leggett is receiving the prestigious Housing Leadership award in recognition for his support for housing opportunities for working families in Montgomery County. During his tenure as County Executive, Montgomery County has invested \$320 Million of County funds into the Housing Initiative Fund to increase the supply of affordable housing. The County also rehabilitated, constructed, and preserved over 12,000 units of affordable housing for working families. Mr. Leggett also created an Affordable Housing Task Force to make recommendations and advise his administration

on housing policy and initiatives and a Renters Alliance to advocate for County renters. Under Mr. Leggett's leadership the County successfully fought in court to ensure that apartment owners were required to accept Section 8 vouchers and could not exclude tenants based on their source of income.

Mr. Leggett is a leader who has demonstrated his strong support for affordable housing many times over, and we commend and celebrate his work and support for removing the barriers and expanding affordable housing opportunities for the residents of Montgomery County.

Past Award Winners: Delegate Adrienne Jones; House Speaker Michael Busch; DHCD Secretary Ray Skinner; US Representative Elijah Cummings; Senator Barbara Mikulski; Bart Harvey, Chairman of Enterprise Foundation; Senator Ben Cardin; Governor Martin O'Malley; Senator Nancy King; Senator Rona Kramer; Delegate Maggie McIntosh; Douglas Duncan, Montgomery County Executive; Delegate Adrienne Jones; Senator Ed DeGrange; Delegate Pete Rawlings.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award is given at the discretion of the MAHC President to acknowledge an individual or organization who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and collaboration in advancing the affordable housing industry in Maryland.

Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development, CDA - Multifamily Division

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Administration Multifamily Division is the recipient of the 2016 President's Award. CDA has made great strides over the last year to streamline operations, increase staffing and improve customer service to the development community which has resulted in the increase of affordable housing in the State of Maryland. The entire Multifamily Division has worked hard to create and revise policy documents to standardize and modernize their procedures and guidelines resulting in greatly improved timing for completing affordable housing developments and issuing 8609's. CDA staff is always receptive to ideas and suggestions from the development community on ways can all work together toward improving the creation and operation of affordable housing. CDA staff regularly meet with MAHC Committees to listen to concerns, offer solutions, and are really accessible - a great example of collaboration.

MAHC has a great relationship with the Department of Housing and Community Development and we commend your efforts to carry out the mission of the Department to provide affordable housing resources throughout Maryland. For these reasons, we are pleased to present CDA with the President's Award.

Past Award Winners: Nancy Rase, Ardash Cade

HOUSING PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award acknowledges an individual who has made both significant contributions to affordable rental housing in Maryland and worked to help advance the interest of the affordable rental housing community in Maryland through advocacy, participation in policy or program improvements, or other volunteer efforts that have benefited housing for low and moderate income persons.

Bethany Hooper

President and CEO, Humphrey Management Executive

Bethany Hooper is receiving the 2016 award for her numerous contributions to the affordable housing industry in Maryland over the last 25 years. In addition to serving as President of Humphrey Management, she is a Board Member of the Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition, the Columbia Downtown Affordable Housing Corporation, and a past Board member of the Women's Housing Coalition and Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition. She is an active participant on three MAHC Committees, and has become a reliable and valuable resource for others in the industry. She is extremely generous with her time, and has appeared in several advocacy videos created by MAHC and the Community Development Network to help educate the public and elected officials on the benefits of affordable housing and the role and responsibilities of property management.

Bethany learned the meaning of "community" from her father, Jim who was the first President of MAHC and founder of Humphrey Management. She became the company President in 2005, and under her leadership Humphrey has been named as one of the Top Women Owned Businesses for the last two years by the Baltimore Business Journal and a "Top Workplace" by The Baltimore Sun and The Washington Post for the past four years. Bethany leads a team of over 235 employees serving 62 communities in Maryland and surrounding states.

Humphrey Management is committed to creating and enhancing thriving apartment communities. Their dedication to creating rental communities that their residents can truly call "home" is a reflection of Bethany's personal mission to advocate for quality affordable housing, which she shares with not only her staff but with her fellow industry professionals. Bethany has demonstrated true leadership and dedication to the housing industry and MAHC is pleased to present her with the Housing Person of the Year Award.

Past Award Winners: Eric Brown; Trudy McFall; Kathleen Koch; Nancy Rase; Jeff Hettleman; Duane Yoder

INNOVATION AWARD

This award celebrates innovation within the affordable rental housing community in Maryland. Innovation could be a housing project, a program or an activity. The award is intended to provide the opportunity for recognition for the range of diverse activities undertaken by the MAHC membership; the key criteria is whether the project or activity is cutting edge and advances the state of affordable rental housing in Maryland.

Water Heater Energy Storage Program

Mosaic Power

Mosaic Power created an innovative water heater energy storage program that connects water heaters together to form a virtual power plant. The plant then helps to smooth rapid changes in supply and demand on the electric grid by quickly shifting when electric water heaters use electricity to better match the fast needs of the grid while maintaining tenant comfort. This reduces carbon dioxide pollution by allowing electricity generators to run more efficiently at a steady pace. This power soothng service is traded on an electricity “stock market” which generates operating income for affordable housing properties at the rate of \$100/water heater per year and allows Mosaic to cover the full cost of the installation.

Founded in Maryland in 2012, Mosaic Power has grown their network to connect over 5,000 water heaters to their grid, and clients include several MAHC members.

MAHC is pleased to present the Innovation Award to Mosaic Power for this innovative approach to increasing the efficiency of when water heaters use electricity while providing affordable housing property owners a way to generate revenue to pay for capital expenses or lower operating costs.

Past Award Winners: Rivers Edge Apartments – Osprey Property Company; Housing Path Program – Montgomery County HOC; Pikeswood Park Apartments – Osprey Property Company; Burgess Mill Station – Stavrou Companies and Howard County Housing