**2023 INNOVATION AWARD APPLICATION**

Please submit your Nomination for MAHC’s Innovation Award which will be presented at the ***MAHC Annual Meeting on November 6, 2023***.

This award is to celebrate innovation within the affordable rental housing community in Maryland. Innovation could be a housing development or a service program, event, or 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 development or preservation of affordable rental housing in Maryland It could include a development project, architectural design, a new property management approach, a way of delivering resident services, a new financing tool, or any other activity related to the creation, improvement, financing and operations of affordable rental housing.

Applicants should provide a very clear explanation of what is innovative and unique about their project, program or activity. The project or activity should have been completed or implemented within the last three years -- not simply planned or proposed. Demonstrated results will be an important consideration.

**ENTRY GUIDELINES:**

1. All entries must include the attached cover sheet. In addition, please provide no more than a **two page statement** describing why this project, program or activity is deserving of receiving the Innovation Award. Please clearly provide information on when the project, program or activity was implemented and any relevant results. Applicants may also submit up **to three pages of additional supporting materials** such as photographs, press releases, testimonials and other awards. These materials must be combined into one single PDF file for submission.

1. There is no fee to enter but the organization submitting entries and the organization nominated must be current MAHC members at the time of submission.
2. The submission can be from any active MAHC member and self-nominations are encouraged.
3. All entries must be received by **October 9, 2023** and should be emailed as one single PDF file to Miranda Darden at mdarden@mdahc.org

**SELECTION:**

MAHC’s Board of Directors will choose the winner; however, they may be advised by persons knowledgeable in the type of project, program or activity being evaluated. More than one nomination could be selected, but it is anticipated that only one will be given annually. The winning organization will be notified in advance and will receive one complimentary ticket to the Annual Meeting.

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Housing project, program or

activity being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If not self-nominated, person nominating this housing project, program or activity:

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DESCRIPTION: Please provide no more than a two page statement expressing what is innovative and unique about this project, program or activity and why it should receive the award. If including additional supporting materials (up to three pages) such as photographs, press releases, testimonials and other awards, they must be combined and submitted as one single PDF file for consideration.