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CMHC HOUSING AWARDS

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What are the CMHC Housing Awards?

Established by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Canada's national housing agency, the CMHC Housing Awards recognize individuals, companies or organizations that have made significant contributions to the advancement of Canadian housing. Held once every two or three years, the Awards provide a national forum for the Canadian housing community to share innovations and best practices that will help to improve Canadian housing.

Theme for the Year 2000: Meeting the Housing Challenges of the New Millennium

The 2000 CMHC Housing Awards are the sixth since the program was established in 1988. This year's theme celebrates Canada's passage into the 21st Century by focusing on applicants who have created or implemented innovative new housing solutions or practices over the past ten years which meet the housing challenges anticipated in the new millennium.

Winners of the 1997 Housing Awards: Sharing Successes in Housing for Youth

Finance and Tenure: Nemaska First Nation Council (PQ); "Alternative Housing for Youth"

Technology and Production: Environmental Youth Alliance (BC); "Young Women Creating Change"

Planning and Regulation: Jessie's Centre for Teenagers (ON); "Housing Equality for Youth & Advocacy in Co-Operative Housing"

Concept and Design: Centre Jacques-Cartier (PQ); "Residential and Community Centre"

Process and Management: United Native Nations Local 111 (BC); "Aboriginal Youth Housing Project"

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The benefits of winning

Winners will join CMHC at the national Awards Symposium, to be held in Ottawa in November 2000, to share new discoveries and the latest advances. The Symposium will feature meetings, lectures and workshops with the nation's leading housing experts. At the awards banquet, winners will be presented with a trophy and a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of their contributions.

CMHC Housing Award Winners receive national recognition for earning this unique mark of distinction, including:

- Extensive exposure (with a presentation ceremony before an audience of business, government and community leaders; promotional activities by CMHC; and publication of the Winning Entries for distribution to all attendees and across Canada).
- Recognition by their peers and other industry, community and government leaders.
- The opportunity to shape Canadian housing practices for the new millennium.

How to apply

To apply for a 2000 CMHC Housing Award, simply complete the form included with this guide and submit it, along with all supporting documentation (as indicated on the Application Form), postmarked on or before March 31, 2000, to:

CMHC Housing Awards

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
700 Montreal Road
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0P7

In order to open the Awards to as many applicants as possible, the amount of effort involved in the application process has been kept to a minimum, with less than three or

four pages of basic information required. The application should provide sufficient evidence of the nature and degree of your achievement, as well as show proof that your project or innovation was successfully implemented.

Who's eligible to apply?

With the exception of CMHC employees, any group or individual in Canada, private or public, is welcome to apply for the 2000 CMHC Housing Awards. From builders, architects and housing associations, to research scientists, members of financial institutions or government agencies and private firms - if you have come up with an innovative idea, and successfully seen the idea through to at least one demonstration of its practical feasibility, then you or your organization should apply today!

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Those who should consider applying for the CMHC Housing Awards include:

- Members of the housing and construction industry (builders, developers, planners, architects, designers, manufacturers, engineers and other related professions).
- Government housing and social service organizations (at the municipal, provincial/territorial and national levels).
- Financial or lending institutions (banks, credit unions/caisses populaires, trust companies, mortgage brokers and securities associations).
- Non-profit housing groups and housing co-operatives.
- Non-governmental organizations, volunteer associations and community groups.

What kinds of ideas or innovations is CMHC looking for?

Examples of achievements that have been recognized in the past are:

- Innovative financial instruments or arrangements.
- New building components, systems or techniques.
- Enabling regulations.
- Planning or zoning adaptations.
- User-participation techniques.
- Effective management methods.
- Concepts in building use or living arrangements.
- Programs or associations that improve quality, choice or affordability of housing.
- Services that help Canadians to find housing.

How will the winners be chosen?

A winner will be chosen in each of the five key categories by an independent selection committee, appointed by CMHC. The committee will be broadly representative of the many disciplines and endeavours associated with housing across Canada. At their discretion, the panel may award honourable mentions in any or all of the categories, or may decide not to grant an award in a given category. Winners will be drawn from the list of applications received. Selection will be based on the contribution towards improving the quality, choice and affordability of housing and the success in meeting the housing challenges anticipated in the new millennium. All projects submitted should address at least one of CMHC's three guiding principles: improving the QUALITY, CHOICE and AFFORDABILITY of housing in Canada.

Quality refers to augmenting the way in which housing meets the health, safety, security and comfort requirements of Canadians.

Choice means reducing or removing barriers to securing housing, whether those barriers are financial, social, regulatory, geographic or physical. And **affordability** encompasses all building techniques, procedures, materials, financial or tenure arrangements and other measures that help reduce the cost of housing.

All applications must focus on the creation or implementation of housing solutions or best practices within Canada during the ten years between March 31, 1990 and March 31, 2000, the deadline date. Work previously considered or recognized by other government agencies or awards programs is eligible for submission. Applicants can nominate either themselves or their company or organization for an Award.

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Five key categories

The CMHC Housing Awards recognize innovation in five key categories:

Finance and Tenure includes the creation of new ways to make housing easier to buy or rent or more attractive for investment.

Technology and Production focuses on innovative methods, materials, components or systems for making housing safer, healthier, more comfortable, more durable or less expensive to build, operate or maintain.

Planning and Regulation makes possible new choices for building, owning or renting housing, or for developing communities, that meet or anticipate changes in the needs of Canadians.

Concept and Design honours the creation or design of housing projects or programs that anticipate changes in future housing requirements.

CMHC offers a wide range of housing-related information. For details, contact your local CMHC office, visit our Web site at www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca or call us at 1-800-668-2642.
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Process and Management highlights innovative methods, systems or procedures for improving the efficiency or effectiveness of the planning, design, production, development or operation of housing.

These descriptions are intended to provide applicants with a sense of the kinds of achievements that may be considered in each category, without restricting the submission of any kind of housing initiative. While many submissions may fit two or more of these categories, applicants are asked to select the one category that best fits the scope and direction of their contribution.

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1 Applicant Information

The application must be made by the person, company, group, organization, institution or government department that originated or implemented the idea being submitted for consideration.

Name of Applicant:

Company or organization (if applicable):

Position of Applicant (if applicable):

Contact Information:

Street:

City:

Province/Territory:

Postal Code:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

2 Award Category

Please check the one category that best describes the scope and focus of your contribution.

- Finance and Tenure
- Planning and Regulation
- Process and Management

- Technology and Production
- Concept and Design



3 References

Please provide letters of reference from at least three (3) people, at arm's length to you and your organization, who can elaborate on the nature and importance of your achievement. Ensure that their name, address, phone, fax or e-mail are included in their letter.

4 Description of Project or Innovation

- Please attach no more than three (3) typewritten pages describing the nature and details of your innovation or achievement. Be sure to answer the following questions:

What is the core of the idea?

How does it differ from, or build upon, conventional ideas or practices?

What specific housing challenges anticipated in the new millennium does it address, and how?

Which of CMHC's goals of QUALITY, CHOICE and AFFORDABILITY does it address, and how?

- Provide sufficient evidence that the innovation has been successfully implemented.
- Feel free to supply illustrations or photographs. Simple, clear drawings and photographs or other illustrations are acceptable.
- If the end result was a new building, material or component, please provide photographic proof.
- If the achievement is in the category of Concept and Design, please provide descriptive drawings of the housing development as well as evidence that the project has been built or developed.

5 Signature of Applicant

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions about your application, or the 2000 CMHC Housing Awards, call CMHC at 1-800-668-2642, or e-mail us at hap@cmhc-schl.gc.ca. CMHC is subject to the Privacy Act of Canada. Individuals have right of access to CMHC-controlled information about themselves, CMHC shall have ownership of all applications submitted and shall have the full right, free of charge, to publish or otherwise use any material received.