

2026 Housing & Community Development Achievement Award NOMINATION FORM

2026 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Housing and Community Development Achievement Award was established in 1982 to recognize an individual who is not a member of the Chapter but has significantly contributed to the success of the Chapter and the housing and community development programs operated by the membership. Persons nominated for this award may be from the public, non-profit or private sectors that have positively impacted the field of housing and/or community development.

Past recipients include: Mary Hirsch-Justice – 2025, Representative Michael Howard – 2024, Jennifer Bergman – 2022; Dana Kitchen – 2021; Kevin Walli – 2020; David Schluchter – 2019; Mary Dobbins – 2018; Barbara Portwood – 2017; Molly Krakowski - 2016; Stephen Gronewold - 2015; Dan Dege – 2014; Mark Ruff - 2013; Kim Bretheim – 2012; Rita Ander – 2011; Michael Patenaude – 2010; Robert Odman - 2009; Warren Hanson – 2008; Chip Halbach – 2007; Nan McKay – 2006; James Ehrenberg – 2005; Kathy Hahne – 2004; Pauline Carlson – 2003; Katherine Hadley – 2002; Deborah Kravik – 2001; Leona Humphrey – 2000; Dan Larson – 1999; Betty Jones – 1998; Gloria Bostrom – 1997; Louis Jambois – 1996; Gene Ranieri – 1995; Jay Jenson – 1994; Tom Fulton – 1993; Lyn Burton – 1992; Ray Meyer – 1991; Steve Johnson – 1990; Steve Keefe – 1989; James Solem – 1988; Joseph Gabler – 1987; George Latimer – 1986; Thomas Feeney – 1985; James Holmes – 1984; Orville Freeman – 1983; Phil Cohen – 1982

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Name of Person Nominated: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Title/Position: _____

Background information: _____

Nominee's Achievements and Distinguishing Attributes (Continue on additional pages as needed):

**Attach brief video testimonials, letters of support or other supporting information.*

**Please include a list of accomplishments.*

Name of person making nomination: _____ Phone: _____

With your help in making a nomination, this award will be presented at the Annual Conference Awards Luncheon in October 2026 at Treasure Island Resort & Casino in Red Wing, MN. If your nominee is selected, we will work with you to secure their attendance to accept the award in person.

Please send your nomination by 4:30 pm on September 11, 2026, using this nominating form, letter of support and other information via email to:

Taggert Medgaarden, Senior Vice President, Minnesota NAHRO

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