

Brian Mickelsen

HOUSING HERO AWARDS

Award Categories 2017

Housing Hero Awards recognize outstanding achievements by nominees in seven categories. The awards are named in honor of the outstanding public service exemplified by the late Brian Mickelsen, an original member of the Arizona Housing Finance Authority and the city manager for the Town of Cottonwood.

The 2017 Housing Hero Award categories are:

Innovative Supportive Housing Program or Service

Recognizes creative programs and services that provide outstanding housing related support and resources to individuals. Eligible nominations include those that result in responsive housing programs, support services, special needs programs including homelessness and supportive housing, and activities focused on education relating to affordable housing including foreclosure and homeownership counseling.

Outstanding Affordable Housing Initiative

Recognizes the efforts of a local program that creates, improves or promotes affordable housing. Eligible nominations can include activities such as housing construction or rehabilitation, a coordinated community development or neighborhood revitalization strategy with a housing element, units for rental or homeownership, financing arrangements, or public-private participation.

Exemplary Rural Multifamily Project

Recognizes an outstanding multifamily rental project in rural Arizona (defined as outside of Maricopa and Pima Counties) that serves low to moderate income individuals, families or seniors. Eligible nominations include rental projects that have completed construction in the past 5 years and have one more of the following elements: outstanding architectural design, transit orientated design, green building technology, mixed use, preservation/revitalization, serves a public benefit, such as housing for chronically homeless, children with special needs, parents of special needs children, aging in place with children, etc.

Exemplary Urban Multifamily Project

Recognizes an outstanding multifamily rental project in urban Arizona (defined as Maricopa and Pima Counties) that serves low to moderate income individuals, families or seniors. Eligible nominations include rental projects that have completed construction in the past 5 years and have one more of the following elements: outstanding architectural design, transit orientated design, green building technology, mixed use, preservation/revitalization, serves a public benefit, such as housing for chronically homeless, children with special needs, parents of special needs children, aging in place with children, etc.

Tribal Initiatives

Recognizes achievement in helping to meet the housing needs of tribal members in Arizona through the provision of housing and/or services. Eligible nomination include housing construction or rehabilitation projects, programs to promote economic self-sufficiency and asset build ing, infrastructure improvements, and community/ master planning on tribal lands.

Arthur Crozier Partner in Housing Award

This award celebrates the single action or a lifetime of successes of an individual committed to improving the lives of families and the health of communities through recognition that decent, affordable housing is basic to our social fabric. In 2008, this award was renamed to honor the service of Arthur Crozier, a longtime Arizona realtor and member of both the Arizona Housing Commission and Arizona Housing Finance Authority.

Elected Official

An Arizona elected official who has demonstrated ongoing support for affordable housing projects and programs including housing for homeless, domestic violence, special needs and low income families and seniors. Application must state the accomplishments achieved by the elected official to qualify.