



**Arizona Chapter of the National Association of  
Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
(AZNAHRO)**

**and**

**Arizona Housing Authority Director's Association  
(AHADA)**



**ANNUAL AWARDS OF  
EXCELLENCE  
2021**

## **AZNAHRO/AHADA ANNUAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

### **PURPOSE:**

The Arizona Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and the Arizona Housing Authority Directors Association (AHADA) annually recognizes excellence throughout the State. The awards encourage, support and reward professionalism and integrity for those programs and individuals dedicated to developing, promoting and administering community development and housing programs in Arizona. To nominate a program and/or individual, follow the Nominating Procedures listed below.

### **NOMINATING PROCEDURES:**

- All nominations must be submitted on the AZNAHRO/AHADA Nomination Form. A copy of the form is available on the AZNAHRO Web site at [www.aznahro.org](http://www.aznahro.org). If no Internet access, the form may be duplicated for additional nominations. One Nomination Form per category please. Additional nominations from your agency are welcomed and encouraged.
- Nomination Forms must be typed or printed legibly. Please provide a hard copy or scanned/emailed copy. Email to [vanessa.gonzalez@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:vanessa.gonzalez@tucsonaz.gov)
- The nomination must clearly describe how the Nominee met the award criteria in the fiscal year ending **6/30/21**. You are encouraged to be brief but detailed. You may attach additional information (narrative or graphic) if necessary. Include a 5 x 7 photo of person, project or agency, if possible.
- The Nomination Form must be approved by the agency's Director.
- Nominations must be received by **5 p.m.** on **Friday, August 13, 2021**.
- Nominations will be reviewed and winners selected by the AZNAHRO/AHADA Awards Committee.

Winners and their respective Director, Board Chair or City/County Manager, whichever is applicable, will be notified. Awards will be presented at a location TBD.

### **SUBMISSION:**

Nomination Forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2021.

E-mail Nominations to: [vanessa.gonzalez@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:vanessa.gonzalez@tucsonaz.gov)

## AZNAHRO/AHADA ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM AWARDS CRITERIA

The following categories apply to all housing and community development program.

### **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR (4 categories: Community Development, Public Housing, Housing Maintenance, Section 8 Housing)**

For demonstrating in fiscal year 2020/21, excellence in the performance of duties, performing duties with the highest degree of integrity and professionalism, demonstrating courtesy, concern, responsiveness, and dedication both within and outside the industry.

### **FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PARTICIPANT OF THE YEAR**

For demonstrating in fiscal year 2020/21, dedication and perseverance and demonstrating what FSS participants can achieve when self-sufficiency is the main goal in their life.

### **HERO OF ASSISTED HOUSING**

This award is given to a current or past assisted housing resident (public or Section 8) who has demonstrated in fiscal year 2020/21, the qualities and character that transcended her/him into becoming a role model for others.

### **PROGRAM INNOVATION (2 categories: Community Development, Housing)**

For demonstrating in fiscal year 2020/21, innovative use of programs in areas of direct client and resident services (such as anti-drug programs, social services, homelessness); economic impact (such as creative financing, preservation of assisted housing, mixed income developments); innovative uses of funds (such as working with other partners to create community development projects) and/or administrative methods (such as inter-agency cooperation, management systems, community relations).

### **IN APPRECIATION**

Awarded to an elected or appointed official who, in fiscal year 2020/21, demonstrated excellence as an advocate of housing programs by providing consistent support of housing activities, and developing and promoting financial, political and community support of housing.

### **Mark Bethel Memorial Scholarship Award**

**Purpose:** Arizona Housing Authority Director Association's most prominent award was developed to honor Mark Bethel, a highly respected Executive Director whose life was cut short while serving as President of AHADA in 2008. At each Arizona NAHRO summer conference, a scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a nominee, to be used toward the cost of educational development in the area of affordable housing or a closely related curriculum. This scholarship is available to any AHADA or NAHRO member working in the field of housing and/or community development. Awards will be made on the basis of the desire for service to others in the field of affordable housing or related industry.

**AZNAHRO/AHADA  
AWARD NOMINATION FORM 2021**

**1. Category for this nomination (Check only one category per nomination)**

Employee of the Year

- Community Development
- Public Housing
- Housing Maintenance
- Section 8 Housing

Innovative Program of the Year

- Community Development
- Housing

Family Self-Sufficiency Participant of the Year

In Appreciation

Hero of Assisted Housing

Mark Bethel Scholarship Award

**2. Nominee Information:**

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Nominee (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Describe how the Nominee met the criteria for the award in the fiscal year 2020/21. Additional pages or material may be attached if appropriate. Include a 5x7 photo if possible:**

Nomination Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Director)

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Approved

Denied