

2012 Readers' Choice Awards

34 developments that go above and beyond providing housing selected as this year's finalists

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCE is proud to present the 34 finalists of its eighth annual Readers' Choice Awards for the nation's top developments of 2011 and 2012.

We received more than 140 nominations this year, and we carefully selected the finalists in nine categories.

Over the following pages, you'll read about these shining developments that were selected on our assessment of several key characteristics, including adding to the affordable housing stock, community revitalization, creative problem-solving, outstanding social services, and cost-effective and innovative design and construction.

Now it's up to you to choose the most deserving in each category as well as the overall winner. Get a closer look at the developments through slideshows in the links below and then you'll have the opportunity to vote from July 11 through Aug. 15 on the site. Voting is only open to AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCE magazine and e-newsletter subscribers as of July 1.

The winners will be announced on the website and e-newsletter in September, highlighted in the November/December issue, and honored at the conclusion of AHF Live: The 2012 Affordable Housing Developers' Summit, Nov. 14- 16, at the Fairmont Millennium Park in Chicago.

FAMILY FINALISTS

Emerald Springs
Harmony Oaks
Metro 510
Northside Housing Initiative

GREEN FINALISTS

Dumont Green
M Station
Sustainable Fellwood II and III
Temple I North 16th Street/Temple II North Gratz Street

HISTORIC REHAB FINALISTS

Ghost Ranch Lodge
Owe'neh Bupingeh Preservation Project
Saint Luke's Manor
Scott School Apartments

MASTER-PLANNED/MIXED-USE FINALISTS

Brownsville Transit Village
Savannah Gardens

PRESERVATION FINALISTS

Banyan Street Manor Apartments
Harold Washington Apartments
New Horizons Apartments
Vintage Gardens

RURAL FINALISTS

Alta Vista de la Montana
Dogwood Estates
Richwood Greene

SENIORS FINALISTS

Fair Oaks Plaza
The Greens at Hammonds Lane
Heritage at McDonough
Heritage Park Seniors Campus

SPECIAL-NEEDS FINALISTS

15th & Commercial
The Commons at Livingston
OpenDoors Housing
Safe Home
Verde Gardens

URBAN FINALISTS

The Beacon
Doria Apartment Homes
Gold Seal Lofts
The Homes at Old Colony