

# 2025 NAHRO Community Innovation Awards Program



The NAHRO Community Innovation Awards Program (previously the Awards of Merit Program) gives national recognition to the achievement and innovation of NAHRO members. Since 1989, NAHRO has honored more than 6,000 programs. The two-tiered program consists of the Awards of Merit and the Awards of Excellence. Up to 20 Awards of Excellence winners are selected from the Awards of Merit winners.



## Eligibility requirements

All applications must comply with the following requirements to be considered for an award:

- The program must have been implemented within the past two years. The only exception to this is for Enduring Design entries.
- The program, either in whole or in substantial part, cannot be a past NAHRO Awards of Merit recipient. Applicants must review the Best Practices Database to ensure this requirement is met.
- A program may be entered in more than one category. A separate application must be submitted and a separate application fee remitted.
- Only NAHRO member housing and community development agencies may apply for an award, and the membership must be current at the time of award presentation.

## Award categories

- Resident and client services
- Administrative innovation
- Community revitalization
- Affordable housing
- Project design

## Deadlines

All entries must be submitted and paid online by 6:00 p.m. Eastern time on the following dates:

**Early Bird Deadline:**  
**March 14** **\$50**  
(entry fee)

**Regular Deadline:**  
**April 15** **\$150**  
(entry fee)

Get more information and start your entry today:  
[www.nahro.org/merit](http://www.nahro.org/merit)