

Tab 41 Minimum Design Standards for Innovative Design

In establishing this award, it is the Agency's intent to acknowledge a development which promotes sustained livability and affordability. Developments are encouraged to integrate the needs of the residents with the design elements of the proposal to create a place to "call home." One of our primary goals is to foster cost effective approaches to developing affordable housing. While one of the considerations will be design elements, the winning development should strive to integrate the following:

- Property Location
- New Technologies and Sustainable Development
- Community Impact and Smart Growth Strategies
- Partnership with Local Organizations
- Resident Population and Services
- Financing Structures and Cost Savings Measures

The selected development would work with the Agency to establish and employ the best practices for future development.

Additionally, in order to be considered for this award, applicants must submit a narrative statement (**no more than three pages**) specifically setting forth how the development will integrate existing neighborhood characteristics and community involvement in the proposal. Documents supporting eligibility for this award should be submitted, such as:

- A front elevation or perspective view of the proposed building(s) in color.
- Additional drawings which identify pertinent design features, materials and spaces or energy efficiencies (if design is part of "innovation").
- Commitment of funds for special design or energy efficiency features.
- Funding of a special supportive housing program.
- Commitment from community housing or health partners of innovative housing programs.
- State how the development addresses the goals listed at the top of this page.
- Specifically state the features that are innovative and beyond those features of the threshold and selection criteria of the application.

The Agency will forward the narrative along with the applicable exhibits contained in the application to the jury for their use. The Agency will also provide photos and any additional information that it deems necessary to the evaluators.

The Agency will make an initial determination for eligibility under this preference and may limit the number of developments to be considered in its sole discretion. In addition, if the preliminary Agency review indicates that the application does not meet minimum ranking, it may not be forwarded to the jury for consideration.