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Pennsylvania Seeks Nominations for 2014 Supportive Housing Award

Award Honors Efforts Providing Veterans with Permanent Supportive Housing

Harrisburg – Individuals and organizations that are creating permanent supportive housing opportunities for veterans can be nominated for the state's 2014 Supportive Housing Award, the departments of Aging and Public Welfare and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) announced today.

This year, the award will recognize significant efforts to increase the availability of permanent supportive housing for veterans living in Pennsylvania.

Permanent supportive housing is defined as:

- Safe and secure;
- Affordable to its target population (not exceeding 30 percent of monthly household income);
- Capable of coordinating readily available, flexible and responsive services in the community; and
- Accessible to low-income individuals with disabilities who need permanent supportive housing.

The combination of affordable housing and supportive services, such as case management and housekeeping assistance, helps Pennsylvanians maintain their independence. The annual Supportive Housing Award recognizes those who have shown leadership and innovation in creating new housing models and strategies.

Any individual or organization, public or private, including builders, architects, planners, public housing authorities, municipal governments, financial institutions and non-profits can apply or nominate an individual or organization for the award.

Nominations are due by Oct. 10. The nomination form is available on the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's homepage at www.aging.state.pa.us.

The winner will be announced in mid-November during the Homes Within Reach Conference in Harrisburg.

For more information about the award, please email: RA-housingaward@pa.gov or visit www.aging.state.pa.us.

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