**Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**2022 BLUE RIBBON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**AWARD DESCRIPTION**

PACDC’s Blue Ribbon Awards recognize outstanding achievement by Community Development Corporations (CDCs) advancing PACDC’s vision of an equitable city where every Philadelphian lives works and thrives in a neighborhood that offers an excellent quality of life.

New for 2022, PACDC will present Blue Ribbon Awards and recognize finalists in two categories: 1) real-estate development projects, and 2) programs that provide innovative or critical services for communities and individuals that can range from food access to youth engagement and community safety. The Review Committee will also consider the size of organization’s operating budgets when determining which achievements should be recognized as winners and finalists.

Winners exemplify community development best practices and demonstrate excellence in the following categories:

* **Innovation:** organization has created a new or pioneering project or program; or approached a project or program in a new, inventive way.
* **Impact:** produced game-changing results that have positively enhanced the community or population served.
* **Leadership:** a proven ability to guide, lead, or influence the direction, course, action, or opinions of stakeholders that results in advancement for the community or population served.
* **Advances Equity:** project or program demonstrates the use of an equitable development strategy that works toward equality in housing, health, education or economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income households.

**NOMINATIONS**

All types of community development real estate development projects or programs are eligible, including: housing, economic development, and other community development programs or activities. Projects/programs initiated or completed in the last two years will receive priority.

Nominations may be submitted by anyone (including self-nominations), but only PACDC CDC Members in good standing (i.e., current on membership dues) are eligible to receive awards. Note: Previously nominated programs can be re-nominated, except that projects/programs that were finalists or winners in 2021 will not be considered in 2022.

Nominators should complete the attached form concisely and send the nomination to PACDC:

* Email your nomination, including supplementary materials in electronic format, to: awards@pacdc.org with “Blue Ribbon\_ Nominee Organization\_ Project/Program Name” in subject line.

**DEADLINE**

Submissions must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2022. A nomination receipt will be sent to you within 2 business days of your submission.

**RECOGNITION**

The winner will be announced prior to PACDC’s Gala & Awards Ceremony in May 2022 (Date and Location TBA). The winner will be recognized at the Gala and showcased in the PACDC Magazine and through other means throughout the year.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact awards@pacdc.org

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**NOMINATION FORM**

**2022 Blue Ribbon Awards for Excellence in Community Development**

**CDC Nominee Information**

Organization Name:

Project or Program Name:

* Project
* Program
* Both

Contact Person:

Title:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Website:

Annual Operating Budget:

**Nominator Information (If Different from Above)**

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Phone:

Email Address:

**Concise statement of CDC’s mission and history, including recent accomplishments. Please limit this answer to ½ page.**

**Write a clear case for why this project/program should win a Blue Ribbon Award, including how it is innovative, has produced game-changing results for the community/ population served, indicates leadership, and/or advances equity (be specific). Please limit this answer to 1 page.**

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