



2017 NATIONAL PRESERVATION AWARD



ACHP/HUD SECRETARY'S

Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is partnering with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to recognize developers, organizations and agencies for their success in advancing the goals of historic preservation while providing affordable housing and/or expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals. In addition, nominated projects or activities will be judged for the success they have achieved in preserving, rehabilitating, restoring, and interpreting our architectural and cultural heritage. Preference will be given to projects and activities that:

- **Promote the use of historic buildings for affordable housing, community development and/or expanded economic opportunities**
- **Include HUD funds or financing**
- **Meet preservation guidelines**
- **Contribute to local community revitalization efforts**

One of Redmellon Restoration and Development's winning rehabilitated historic homes in New Orleans' Treme Neighborhood.

AWARD CRITERIA AND PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Nominations must address the following questions:

1. How does the nominated project or activity provide for the continued or adaptive use of historic structures and districts for affordable housing and/or economic development opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents?
2. Is the project or activity in an area that is part of a locally developed, overall community revitalization effort or part of a community revitalization plan?
3. What are the impacts of the nominee's project on the community? Community impacts may include (but are not limited to) social and economic benefits, resiliency strategies, cultural integrity, and sustainability.
4. What are the quality and degree of difficulty of the nominee's project or efforts?
5. How is the nominee's project unusual or pioneering?
6. Can the project serve as an example for others?
7. What sources of funding were used to complete the project (e.g. HUD assistance, other public funds, private funds, tax credits, etc.)?
8. What income range does the project benefit? Low- or moderate-income?
9. What role did HUD play in the nominated project or activity?
10. How did the project comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation?
11. Did the project undergo a Section 106 review, and what was the final determination of the review?

A jury of preservation professionals, HUD and ACHP representatives will review the nominations for the ACHP / HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation and recommend a winner.

To review descriptions of previous award-winning projects, go to www.huduser.org. Projects are listed under Secretary's Awards.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations must be completed electronically as a Word document. Submission instructions will be provided on <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/about/ExcellenceHistPres-submit.html>.

All nominations are due by 11:59 pm PDT on March 27, 2017.

Projects completed within 3 years of the nomination are eligible. Long-term projects or programs are eligible if substantial achievements have been made within the last 3 years.

Each nomination must include the following:

- A narrative (8,000 characters or less, including spaces) that provides an overview of the project that is being nominated, the historical significance of the site, any challenges overcome in carrying out the project, and any unique strategies or activities undertaken, and addresses the Award Criteria and Project Descriptions questions.
- A brief statement (2,000 characters or less, including spaces) that addresses the project budget, including the total cost of the project, and the amount and type of HUD assistance.
- Up to five (5) supporting brochures or news clippings.
- Up to three (3) letters of recommendation.
- A list of past awards this project received.
- A copy of the Section 106 concurrence letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).
- 5-10 high quality jpeg digital images totaling no more than 25 MB. Each image must be numbered and named with the project name and very brief description (e.g. #1 Stanley Hall, rear facade). Attach the images to the same email as your nomination document noted above. Horizontal photos are preferred. Photos should show some of the exemplary preservation work the nominee has accomplished.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations must conform to the procedures outlined in this announcement to be considered for the ACHP / HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. Complete submissions must be received by the deadline to be considered. Supplemental information received after the deadline will not be considered. The finalist for the ACHP / HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation will be notified no later than June 1, 2017. Award announcement and presentation will be made at a special ceremony related to the summer 2017 ACHP business meeting (location to be determined).