



25th Annual New Jersey Supportive Housing Conference



Friday, November 3, 2023, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Palace at Somerset Park, 333 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873

Municipal Award Nomination Form



Edison, New Jersey | 2022 Municipal Award Winner

The Municipal Award recognizes the accomplishments of a town or city that has proactively created supportive housing opportunities for people with disabilities and other special needs. This can be in the form of housing plans that creatively incorporate housing for special needs, the use of municipal housing trust funds for special needs housing, or municipal initiatives with non-profit providers or families for the benefit of community integration and access by those living with a disability.

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Guidelines for Nominations

What are the Annual Supportive Housing Awards?

The Supportive Housing Awards recognize successful initiatives honoring the leadership of outstanding individuals and organizations dedicated to increasing permanent supportive housing and service opportunities for special populations in New Jersey. The awards showcase models of excellence in design, innovation, operations, and management of housing that is accessible, and affordable while maximizing services for residents who need them. The effectiveness of supportive housing depends on the willingness to take risks and experiment with ground breaking approaches and strategies. Each award is a shining example of the unwavering commitment of the nominees to transform the lives of those with special needs and inspire others on the importance of supportive housing. We encourage you to complete nomination forms for one or more the categories noted and share the success stories occurring every day in supportive housing here in New Jersey.

What is Supportive Housing?

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable, lease-based housing for people of low income with access to flexible supportive services. Supportive housing is designed for people with special needs or those facing barriers to housing including those with mental, physical and developmental disabilities as well as people who are homeless empowering independent living in the communities of their choice. Supportive housing can include a variety of models including scattered site apartments, individual apartments, shared apartments, or home ownership, and can exist within integrated housing complexes mixing supportive and non-supported residents in a community. Supportive services can vary but often include case management, care coordination, job and education coaching, assistance with daily living skills, transportation assistance, access to public entitlements and crisis intervention.

Award Nomination Process

You can nominate your own organization, another organization, an individual or a group who has contributed to supportive housing in New Jersey. Resubmissions of past nominations are welcome. Please see the award criteria listed for each award category for specific eligibility requirements.

All nominations must be received by 4:00 pm on August 25, 2023.

Award winners will be notified by September 11, 2023.

The SHA Awards Committee will review all fully completed nomination forms. The Committee will judge nominees according to the criteria described under each award. The decisions made by the Awards Committee are based on the information received within each nomination entry packet, including supplementary materials. Any member of the SHA Awards Committee with a personal connection to a nominee shall refrain from review and discussion of that particular nomination.

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Submission Directions:

Please complete the information requested in this form answering the following questions thoroughly and supply all required details and including supplemental materials. If you require additional space for text, please submit a separate Word file. Upon completion, please save this form and email it along with all supplemental materials to SHA-conference@shanj.org with your agency name and type of nomination in the subject line. If you need assistance in completing the nomination or are having difficulty with the form, please contact Joseph Christensen at j.christensen@shanj.org.

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Nominator

Name: _____

Organization/Company: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee

Municipality Name: _____ Mayor: _____

Contact Person (if different than nominee above): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Municipal Award Questions

We request answers to the following questions be limited to 500 words or less. Answers should be as thorough and detailed as possible

- Why should this municipality be the recipient of a Supportive Housing award?
- What has been this Municipality's level of commitment to providing high quality housing and services to those with Supportive Needs ? Has the commitment included municipal trust funds, land, etc. ?
- What programs, opportunities, or improvements have been undertaken by the Municipality to encourage more inclusivity for those with special needs?
- How has the town effectively partnered with housing developers and service providers, families and consumers to create supportive housing opportunities?
- Are there any individuals or groups who have been instrumental in helping the Municipality accomplish goals of supportive housing?
- What are other factors and features that will help shed light on why this particular NJ Municipality is worthy of a Supportive Housing Municipal Award?
- Provide, if available, statistics pertaining to the Municipality's existing supportive housing stock (i.e. number of units available, type of housing, populations served, etc.)



Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey

Municipal Award Question Response (about 500 words)