



**The Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County, Maryland
is pleased to announce the**

**Affordable Housing Design Awards and Exhibition Program
At the 2026 Affordable Housing Summit on Friday, May 15, 2026**

Eligibility: The program is open to architects who are members of the Potomac Valley Chapter, the DC Chapter, and the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The architects and the projects must be located in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Format: Architects are asked to submit projects as a 6 slide PowerPoint to ralph@bfmarch.com by Friday, April 3, 2026. A cover slide should include the identities of the architects, the sponsor, the project data including location, number of units and assistance programs involved. Winning projects will be projected during the Conference. Efforts will be made to project all entrant projects at an exhibitor location.

Project Eligibility: Architects are encouraged to submit any project which uses housing subsidy funds other than the mortgage interest deduction and which provides assisted housing to more than 30% of its residents.

Awards: A cash award will be made to the projects judged best in the affordable housing categories of:

- a) new construction, defined as having been completed in 2019 or later,
- b) renovation or rehabilitation of existing housing, completed in 2019 or later.
- c) accessory dwelling units (ADUs) entries in this category may either be in-house ADUs or free standing ADUs, also completed in 2019 or later.

Note: Entries in the renovation and Accessory Dwelling Unit categories must include “before” and “after” photos.

Entries will be exhibited and awards will be presented at the 34th Annual Affordable Housing Summit to be held on Friday, May 15, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. There is no entry fee.

Submission Deadline:

**Submissions are due 5:00 pm, Friday, April 3, 2026 to ralph@bfmarch.com
and info@affordablehousingconference.org**

For information, call Ralph Bennett, Affordable Housing Conference, at 301.602.6185

2026 Form to Accompany Each Entry for Exhibition

Project Name _____

Category (circle one): New Renovation Accessory Dwelling Unit

Project Location _____

Project Sponsor _____

Project Architect _____

Project Builder _____

Number of Units _____

Populations Served (elderly, family, special needs, etc.) _____

Funding Sources _____

Sustainability Rating System _____ Score _____

Area Median Income for the Project _____

For ADUs, Please describe motivation of Owner (added income, accommodation of caregiver, relative)

Contact Telephone Number _____

Format: 6 slide PowerPoint presentation. All projects may be exhibited at Montgomery County Planning Board with entrants' permission.