

HACF Receives 2019 Sustainability Award from the Frederick County Sustainability Commission

The Housing Authority of the City of Frederick is doing right by the environment, and the Frederick County Sustainability Commission has taken notice, presenting the agency with its 2019 Sustainability Award in the category of nonprofit.

Each year, the Commission recognizes individuals, nonprofits and commercial businesses across Frederick County who are making great strides in helping the county achieve improved sustainability. Awards take into account leadership, innovation and success in sustainability for efforts including energy efficiency, renewable energy, air and water quality, reuse and recycle, quality of life and more.

Award recipients were honored on Thursday, March 28 at the 8th Annual Green Homes Challenge Recognition Event, sponsored by the Commission.

The Housing Authority was rewarded for utilizing solar panels on several of its buildings to help reduce energy costs for residents and to be good stewards of the environment.

“It’s the right thing for the environment, to scale back on energy usage,” said Angie Liddiard, director of economic development with HACF. “This has been part of the culture (at HACF) for a long time. I’m hoping that it’s going to spur interest and motivation of other people around solar installations.”



Since 2010, HACF has either retrofitted existing buildings with solar panels or has incorporated sustainability into its new building designs. For example, HACF incorporated energy-efficient solar panels on the Bernard W. Brown Community Center (BBCC), which is located at 629 N. Market Street, and on its senior-citizen building, Catoctin Manor, which is located at 798 Motter Avenue. The panels are producing nearly a third of the energy needed to operate BBCC and are providing renewable energy to the common spaces at Catoctin Manor

Additionally, HACF is currently working with Sustainable Energy Systems and plans to install solar panels at its Madison Street headquarters and throughout the Carver housing community.

Although HACF’s mission is to provide affordable housing and family services to help Frederick residents thrive, the agency is going above and beyond this by incorporating green projects into its building designs and demonstrating to residents that you can be good to people and the environment at the same time.