

2024 Recognition Categories and Descriptions

1. "Outstanding Volunteer"

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness wants to recognize individuals or groups who have enriched the lives of people facing homelessness in Contra Costa County through volunteer efforts. Outstanding efforts can be demonstrated by length of involvement, by a strong concentration of service or impact of efforts.

Eligibility:

- Nominee must volunteer in Contra Costa County
- The volunteer activity must be without pay

2. "Outstanding Landlord"

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness wants to recognize landlords, property management companies and/or house managers that have enriched the lives of people facing homelessness in Contra Costa County by providing permanent housing opportunities.

Outstanding efforts can be demonstrated in a number of ways including length of time involved in housing people affected by homelessness, number of units/rooms rented to individuals and/or families facing homelessness, quality of units/rooms rented, etc.

Landlord, property management company or house managers must rent units/rooms in Contra Costa County to people individuals and/or families facing homelessness.

Eligibility:

- Landlord or property management company and/or house managers must rent units/rooms in Contra Costa County to people individuals and/or families facing homelessness.
- Landlord, property management company or house managers may nominate themselves

3. "Outstanding Partnership"

The Outstanding Partnership category is designed to recognize partnerships that support people experiencing homelessness. Partnerships can be with/between government

agencies, nonprofits/CBOs, advocacy groups, faith organizations, individuals (including those who have experienced homelessness), and businesses.

Eligibility

- The partnership must support people facing homelessness in Contra Costa County in some way, but does not have to only serve people experiencing homelessness.

4. Phoenix Rising

The Phoenix is a bird that rises up again and again from the ashes. It embodies courage and resilience through its journey/flight. The Phoenix category recognizes individuals with a lived experience of homelessness who have demonstrated outstanding courage, strength and/or resilience.

Eligibility

- Nominated people must have a lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County and/or have experienced homelessness elsewhere and currently live and/or work in Contra Costa County.