

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Achievements

2007 - HUD Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse *Breakthroughs* newsletter features S.M.A.R.T. Housing™.

2007 - S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ is highlighted in Homes for Working Families Policy Handbook.

2006 - Campaign for Affordable Housing publication highlights S.M.A.R.T. Housing™: “A ‘Smart’ Start for Regulatory Reform: Successful Strategies for Overcoming Barriers to Affordable Housing”.

2006 - Center for Transit Oriented Development policy paper highlights S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ as an incentive-based approach for development, in the publication “Tools for Mixed-Income TOD.”

2006 - National Association of Homebuilders Multifamily News highlights S.M.A.R.T. Housing™.

2006 - The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) recognized the City of Austin’s S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ policy as an International Leading Practice, and presented the City an award at the ICMA International Leading Practices Symposium in New Zealand. Case study: “S.M.A.R.T. Housing™: A Strategy for Producing Affordable Housing at the Local Level.”

2006 – National Organization on Disability awards the 2005 Accessible America Award to Austin, and the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative was highlighted as a significant contribution to accessibility in Austin.

2006 – S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ is recognized in Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) presentation, “Transit-Oriented Development: Key to Neighborhood Revitalization & Affordable Housing,” for expediting development review for affordable developments with access to transit.

2006 – S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ was highlighted in a report by Homes for Working Families (in partnership with the Urban Land Institute and the Fannie Mae Foundation): “Solving America’s Shortage of Homes Working Families Can Afford: Fifteen Success Stories.”

2005 – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awards the prestigious Robert L. Woodson, Jr. award to the City of Austin for its S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Policy. S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ is recognized as an exemplary tool to reduce regulatory barriers to affordable housing. HUD recognized 14 communities nationwide with this award.

2005 – S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ was one of six cities recognized as a Best Practice in affordable housing by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ staff developed a policy paper describing how other communities could implement an initiative similar to S.M.A.R.T. Housing™.

2005 – Grove Place, a S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ multi-family development serving very low income families, was presented the "Community Impact Award" by the Austin Business Journal in its annual Commercial Real Estate Awards.

2004 - The Lyons Gardens senior housing S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ development won a National Award of Excellence as an outstanding HOME-funded project, given on behalf of the National Community Development Association (NCDA).

2004 - The National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency working with the President and Congress to increase the inclusion, independence, and empowerment of all Americans with disabilities announced the Austin, Texas initiative as a national model to address accessibility issues.

2004 - At the 2004 San Antonio Housing Summit, the City of Austin S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Policy was recognized for its excellence in affordable housing. The award identifies outstanding initiatives by an individual, organization or partnership in lending or education.

2004 - American Youth Works received the National Association of Homebuilders Award for its work in Austin, Texas, building S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ units

2004 - *Multi-Family Executive Magazine* named the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ development, Rosemont at Oak Valley as the best affordable housing development in the National. The annual

2003 - Rosemont at Oak Valley, a S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ development by Southwest Housing was named winner of the 2003 Special Achievement Award by the Texas Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (TALHFA), for providing a model for neighborhood development and environmental sensitivity.

2002 - National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA) presents a Meritorious Achievement Award to Primrose of Shadow Creek, a S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ development developed by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

2002 - *Austin Business Journal* awards Commercial Real Estate Development of the Year to Southwest Trails Apartment Complex, S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ development built and managed by Foundation Communities. Also, the Commercial Real Estate Development of the Year finalist was the Riverside Meadows Apartments, a S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ development by Realtex Development Corporation.

2002 - The Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Austin) announced the results of their 2002 Design Awards Competition. Of the 75 entries, architects Chris Krager and Chris Robertson of Krager Robertson Design Build (KRDB), won the Citation of Honor Award for their Cedar Avenue S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ single-family housing development.

