



2019 Convention Vancouver

# 2019 Washington Affordable Housing Management Convention

presented by: **Affordable Housing Management Association of Washington (AHMA)**  
presented by: **Affordable Rural Housing Council (ARHC)**

**April 23-24, 2019** Hilton Vancouver Convention Center  
Vancouver, Washington

## 2019 Washington Affordable Housing Management Convention Call for Presentations

AHMA and ARHC invite presenters to submit current, original content proposals for its upcoming 2018 Washington Affordable Housing Management convention, scheduled for April 23-24, 2019 in Vancouver, Washington. The deadline for submitting proposals for the first review round is October 31, 2018. *AHMA/ARHC will notify all selected speakers by December 1, 2018.*

**Submission of proposal does not guarantee inclusion in the convention.**

### What is ARHC/AHMA?

We are the premiere associations representing managers, owners, and professional service providers who are committed to maintaining excellence in affordable housing communities.

### What is the Washington Affordable Housing Management Convention?

Our convention has become one of the largest affordable housing management conventions in the United States. We present this convention in cooperation with the Washington State Finance Commission, the US Department of Housing & Urban Development, USDA/Rural Development, City of Seattle/Office of Housing, Contract Management Services and the Washington State Department of Commerce.

### Who attends?

Affordable Housing Professionals, including, but not limited to:

- On-Site Property Managers
- Program Compliance Staff
- Management Company Executives
- Regional or Area Managers
- Maintenance Supervisors and Technicians
- Owners/Developers
- Funders and Monitoring Agencies

### Event theme:

Knowledge to Action: A Toolbox for success

### Proposals will be accepted for:

- **Presentations** – Team or individual proposals accepted. Sessions will run 90 minutes, allowing for more in-depth presentation and Q&A. Proposals for full day training will also be accepted.  
A presenter can propose multiple sessions, but we are not specifically seeking presenters who can fill multiple timeslots.
- **Panels** – Panel discussions will be considered. They may be organized and submitted as a group by a panel coordinator, or an individual may submit their particular viewpoint to become part of a panel.

The convention organizers will set the day and time for each presentation, in order to optimize the sequencing and flow of content and tracks. Sessions will end by 4:00 pm each day.

### Presentation rules:

ARHC/AHMA seeks to educate its audience and *not promote any specific products*. Exhibit space is available for all promotional activity. **Only presentations that are product-neutral and affordable housing management and advocacy related will be considered.** Presentation selections will be made based upon desired topics, flow of content, educational value and understanding of the content.

**Topics needed:**

- Inside Industry (topics specific to the affordable housing industry)
- Outside Industry – (general business topics delivered by non-industry experts) These topics and experts bring valuable knowledge into our world and make it relevant for affordable housing professionals.
- Core business level content that improves every day job skills, personal growth and development
- Critical affordable housing operations
- A forum to meet with other senior-level professionals to exchange ideas and share inspirations and frustrations about their business and industry.
- Content that creates transformational solutions for the future of the industry

**Suggested presentation and workshop topics:**

Fair Housing, including Limited English Proficiency  
VAWA  
Resident Services  
Deceased Tenant Law  
Risk Management  
Asset Management  
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program  
Evictions  
Crime Free Housing  
Legal Issues  
Outreach and Influence  
Emergency Preparedness  
Maintenance staff training  
Section 515 Boot Camp  
Audit/Risk  
Dealing with difficult people  
Use of technology in property management  
Organizational and Business Issues  
Best Practices  
Updates to Programs – HUD and RD  
How to recruit Millennials/Careers in Property Management  
360 degree Communications  
Diversity – Appreciating the Differences  
Best Practices  
*Make a Suggestion*

**Selection criteria:**

Proposals will be reviewed and scored based on content, format and presenter credentials.

- *Content.* Is it credible, relevant, timely and innovative? Is it free of grammatical and spelling errors?
- *Format.* Is the format conducive to adult learning? Are participatory learning formats used? Is the session designed to address all learning types?
- *Presenter.* Is the presenter knowledgeable, experienced and credible in the proposed content area?

**Speaker benefits:**

ARHC/AHMA has a very small budget for our speakers. If you require an honorarium and travel expenses in order to present, please include that request in your proposal. All speakers *will* receive the following: a complimentary pass to the Convention with access to the keynote sessions, all sessions, panels, and receptions, including the President's Reception. Speakers will be featured in the Convention program and on the ARHC/AHMA Joint Convention's web site. Speakers will also have the opportunity to purchase an exhibit booth at a reduced rate. The above benefits do not extend to support staff or colleagues who may accompany the speaker.

**Questions, concerns or comments should be directed to the Convention inbox at:**

**[deannah@ahma-wa.org](mailto:deannah@ahma-wa.org)**

*ARHC and AHMA of Washington reserve the right to decline a submission for presentation at the 2018 Washington Affordable Housing Management Convention*