AHDLI is the leading forum for designers and developers to collaborate on the creation of well-designed homes that are affordable and that contribute to greener, healthier and more resilient communities. Since 2010, AHDLI has successfully trained developers to tackle some of the nation’s most challenging development scenarios, while expanding positive outcomes for residents and surrounding communities and actively controlling project costs.

Why attend?
AHDLI connects innovators.
Participants make lasting connections with their fellow top designers and developers from across the country.

AHDLI sparks new methods.
Throughout the forum, peers learn from one another’s break-through approaches to wide-ranging challenges.

AHDLI is solution-oriented.
Charrettes focus on real participant projects and the challenges that they have identified.

AHDLI generates collaboration.
Designers and developers have a unique opportunity to collaborate outside the client-consultant dynamic.

What can you expect?
The Institute curriculum consists of five on-line modules that address key design and affordable housing issues and explore real-life case studies, plus a 3-day convening of developers, designers, city officials and policy makers. Through in-person charrettes an interactive workshops, participants exchange feedback on development projects, working through specific challenges related to design, construction, policy and finance.

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Selection Criteria
Mission-driven developers of affordable housing are encouraged to apply. Applications must show:
• A development project in the schematic design phase that is realistic and buildable
• A track record completing real estate projects that are well-designed, culturally and environmentally sustainable and rely on meaningful community participation
• A development team with 2-3 members to participate fully in the institute, ideally including the Executive Director and/or the Directors of Real Estate (or equivalent). Resident Services/Property Managers are also encouraged to participate.
• Demonstrated leadership capacity, commitment to innovation, and eagerness to learn and implement lessons from the Institute within their organizations.

Participation and Cost
The curriculum and charrette are delivered at no cost to the participant, and all meals and on-site event costs are included. Travel expenses to attend the Institute are the responsibility of the participant. All participants in the in-person Institute are expected to complete the required online sessions. Additional staff may be invited to the online sessions, but may not be substituted for the developer team.

application at: www.enterprisecommunity.org/solutions-and-innovation/design-leadership

70% of participating developers were better able to make the case to others for well-designed affordable housing.

“Hearing the questions asked of the other developers helped me to think about our project differently and prepare for conversations when we were back at home in the public design review and fundraising processes.”

95% stated that they now work more effectively with their designers.

“There were great points on how to engage your architect and explain the complexities of financing on the deal so they understand the financial restraints upfront.”

85% reported that they now address design earlier in the development process.

“The feedback from AHDLI and the connection we made to a new architect have had a major impact on the overall site plan and program. Our concept for this project is much more refined and will have a much stronger impact in the neighborhood.”