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The World Habitat Awards were established in 1985 by the Building and Social Housing Foundation as part of its contribution to the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. Two awards of £10,000 are given annually to projects that provide practical and innovative solutions to current housing needs and problems.

The winners of the 2013 World Habitat Awards are:

- [Hebron Old City Rehabilitation Programme - Palestine](#)
Restoration and reuse of historic buildings, regenerating urban infrastructure and supporting local economic development to reverse depopulation
- [The 100,000 Homes Campaign - USA](#)
Scaling up a 'housing-first' approach to provide accommodation for thousands of the most vulnerable and chronically homeless people across the USA

The eight finalists for the 2013 Awards are:

- [Community Management of Urban Infrastructure – Argentina](#)
Promoting social inclusion, improving housing conditions and connecting communities to basic services
- [The Struggle for Housing in Central Areas – Brazil](#)
Community-led mutual aid housing in city centre areas, addressing issues of displacement and gentrification
- [Cooperative Programme for the Development of Urban Neighbourhoods – Cameroon](#)
Building a culture of public participation in urban development through participatory budgeting and cooperative housing processes
- [CCOC Beaver Barracks Redevelopment – Canada](#)
High performance energy-efficient building providing mixed use, affordable and inclusive rental housing in downtown Ottawa
- [Milton Park Community – Canada](#)
Mobilisation to protect residents from evictions, halt gentrification and provide permanently affordable housing in Montreal
- [Renewable Energy for Farmers – China](#)
Innovative use of carbon funding for long-term maintenance of biodigestors as a source of clean energy for rural farms
- [30 Years of Planning Continuity in Freiburg – Germany](#)
Integrated planning approach over 30 years makes Freiburg an exemplar of sustainable living in a compact, car-light city
- [Alliances for Building Capacities and Options for the Urban Poor – India](#)
Community-led approach to affordable housing solutions and infrastructure, including advocacy with government

Full details of each of the 2013 World Habitat Award finalists are available on the World Habitat Awards website www.worldhabitatawards.org

The Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) is an independent research organisation that promotes sustainable development and innovation in housing through collaborative research and knowledge transfer. Established in 1976, BSHF works both in the UK and internationally to identify innovative housing solutions and to foster the exchange of information and good practice.

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BSHF is committed to promoting housing policy and practice that is people-centred and environmentally responsible. All research carried out has practical relevance and addresses a range of current housing issues worldwide.

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