

IHCDA Info- June 2014



The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, creates housing opportunity, generates and preserves assets, and revitalizes neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana. Growing Indiana's economy starts at home.

RFP- Project Based Vouchers (Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Program



IHCDA requests proposals from qualified candidates wishing to utilize Project-Based Vouchers (Housing Choice Voucher Program) for permanent supportive housing projects.

Preference will be given to projects serving HUD defined chronically homeless individuals and families and projects serving veteran individuals and families who would meet the other PBV eligibility guidelines and focus on reducing long-term

A monthly newsletter from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for our partners to stay up to date on program announcements, changes, trainings and events.

IHCDA welcomes comments, additions and suggestions at feedback@ihcda.in.gov.

IHCDA Showcases Homeownership Opportunities Department in celebration of June's Homeownership Month

IHCDA believes that homeownership is a path to prosperity, stability and growth for Hoosiers. Since 1978, the Single Family Department of IHCDA has helped citizens around the state achieve their homeownership goals through innovative programming and outstanding customer service.

Throughout the years, the department has been committed to two proven programs: down payment assistance and tax credits.



Important Dates

- July 7th- [BEP Division 5 Webinar @ 11:00am](#)
- July 11th- [HOME Applications due](#)
- July 24th- IHCDA Board of Directors Meeting
- July 24th- BEP Division 3 Awards Announced
- August 8th- [BEP Division 6 Webinar @ 11:00am](#)
- August 19th & 20th- [Advanced Tax Credit Compliance](#) (Richmond)

Upcoming Events

- July 2nd- [Grand Opening of The Loft at Roberts](#) (Muncie)
- July 10th- [The Courtyard Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Open House](#) (Ft. Wayne)

homelessness.

All responses must be received by 4:55pm on July 3, 2014.

[RFP - Project Based Vouchers](#)



Seven Indiana cities awarded \$21 million to address abandoned and blighted homes

On May 22nd and June 26th respectively, city officials in Lake, Marion, Allen and St. Joseph counties received good news that will help them rid their communities of abandoned, vacant and unsafe homes through Indiana's Hardest Hit Fund (HFF) Blight Elimination Program (BEP).

The seven cities are the successful applicants in the first two of six rounds of funding that will make a total of \$75 million available statewide for targeted blight elimination to reduce foreclosures.

Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann has announced the combined award of

The Next Home and Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) programs offer both first time and returning homebuyers the opportunity to expand their purchasing power by addressing a critical barrier to homeownership: access to downpayment funds.

On June 2nd, IHCD introduced the My Home initiative which will further expand options for prospective homeowners and allow additional participants to take advantage of IHCD programming.

Our continued focus on Hoosier homeowners is reflected in our department's updated name: **Homeownership Opportunities.**



IHCD's Homeownership Opportunities Team

Pictured above: (back row L-R) [Kim Harris](#) (Director), [Liann Fisher](#) & [Tom Pearson](#) (Tax Compliance Underwriters), [Jason Cane](#) (Homeownership Analyst)

(front row L-R) [Sara Hawk](#) (Tax Compliance Underwriter), [Linda Simon](#) (Scanner), [Lee McClendon](#)

- July 29th & 30th- [INCAA's Celebrating 50 Years of Community Action](#) @ Omni Severin Hotel (Indianapolis)

To submit event information to be featured in the IHCD Info and on both the [Consumer](#) and [Partner](#) websites, email [Emily Duncan](#), Interim Marketing and Communications Director.



[RED Notices](#)

- RED 14-13: [2014 CHDO Certification](#)
- RED 14-14: [2014 Tax Credit General Set-Aside Round – Announcement of Finalists](#) (revised 3/21/14)
- RED 14-15: [2014 Annual Private Activity Bond Round Application Deadline](#)
- RED 14-16: [Notice of Public Hearing- Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Plan for Funding](#)
- RED 14-17: [Compliance Trainings – June, August, and November](#)
- RED 14-18: [2014 Federal Program Income and Rent Limits](#)
- RED- 14-19: [Draft Permanent Loan Product for 9% Tax Credit Developments](#)
- RED 14-20: [2014 HOME](#)

about \$21 million to:

- East Chicago, \$1.3 million
- Gary, \$6.6 million
- Hammond, \$615,000
- Indianapolis, \$6.4 million
- Lawrence, \$120,000
- Ft. Wayne, \$4.7 million
- South Bend, \$1.5 million

City leaders said they were buoyed by the announcement.

“This brings excitement and enthusiasm to the City as it will definitely impact every neighborhood, business, visitor and resident,” said East Chicago Building Department Commissioner Winna G. Guzman. “Thank you to IHCD A for creating this opportunity and allowing the City of East Chicago to partake in such worthy endeavor.”

Indiana has the dubious distinction of having the highest percentage of abandoned foreclosed homes in the nation. Roughly 30 percent of the state’s

(Manager) & [Marianne Fraps](#) (Tax Compliance Underwriter)

Not Pictured: [Marquet Smith](#) (Systems Specialist) and [Kristine Clark](#) (field based Account Manager)



To stay up to date and informed with programs, trends and announcements from IHCD A's Homeownership Opportunities Department, click [here](#) to like the Facebook page.

Further programmatic information can be found [here](#).

IHCD A Staff and Local Developer Receive Honors from Mental Health America of Vigo County

Mental Health America (MHA) of Vigo County held its annual meeting on May 11th, and recognized the hard work and dedication of two affordable housing advocates: Joe Whitsett of TWG Development and IHCD A’s own Rodney Stockment.

[Application Round](#)

- RED 14-21: [DRAFT TCAP Policies and Procedures for Public Comment](#)
- RED 14-22: [2014-2015 OAP FAQs](#)
- RED 14-23: [Revised CDBG and HOME Program Manual](#)
- RED 14-24: [2014 HOME Application Round Clarifications](#)

For the complete list of RED notices, click [here](#).



IHCD A's June Press Releases

- **June 26th-** [Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann Announces Blight Elimination Program Awards for Allen and St. Joseph Counties](#)
- **June 24th-** [Indiana’s Homeless Population Decreases in 2014 Point-in-Time Homeless Count](#)
- **June 16th-** [State Announces Plans for Crisis Assistance Summer Cooling Program](#)

2014 HOME Program Dates Announced

Below are the important dates for

foreclosed homes are abandoned. And boarded up, vacant properties negatively impact Indiana homeowners and neighborhoods. They contribute to increased foreclosure rates by reducing property values, can lead to increased crime, and drain municipal resources.

The BEP provides an opportunity for local units of government in all 92 Indiana counties to compete for funding to eliminate vacant and abandoned homes and decrease foreclosures, while offering a variety of end uses for the newly cleared properties.

Indiana is only the third state in the nation to develop its own HFF BEP using federal dollars allocated by the U.S. Department of Treasury (IHCDA oversees the program).

Cities selected for the third round of funding - about \$19.8 million - will be announced on July 24th.

[Blight Elimination Program Notices](#)

- [BEP Notice 14-01](#)



A longtime MHA of Vigo County partner and IHCDA, Joe Whitsett (pictured above) has applied his expertise in developing affordable housing units around central Indiana and across the state. You probably pass one of his properties on the way downtown, or as you check out the cultural corridor on Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis. Joe's collaboration with MHA of Vigo County has resulted in the development of even more quality affordable housing for Hoosier families and seniors.

The association was proud to honor his continued support with the **Mental Health Hero Award**, a distinguished honor presented to an individual or group that has made a significant impact on the lives of persons with mental illness. Most recently, TWG's partnership and sound financial guidance resulted in the success of YOUunity Village and the development of the upcoming Liberty Village. Mr. Whitsett expressed his gratitude for the award, stating: "I am honored to receive recognition for the small part I played in the fine work being done every day by the staff and board of

the 2014 HOME program.

July 11th:

- HOME applications due

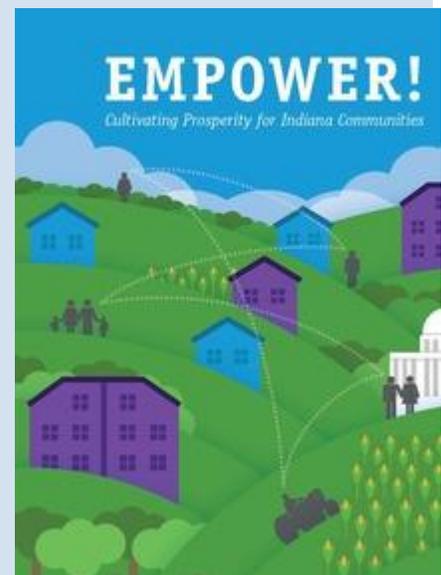
August 28th:

- HOME awards announced

For more information, please contact your [IHCDA Regional Analyst](#).

*The HOME application and other applicable documents are available [here](#).

Save the Date- 2014 Statewide Conference on Housing and Community Economic Development



Scheduled for September 30th & October 1st at the Indianapolis Marriott East, this is the tenth year for the [Indiana Association for Community Economic Development \(IACED\)](#) and [IHCDA](#) to co-host the Statewide Conference

- [BEP Notice 14-02](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-03](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-04](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-05](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-06](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-07](#)
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MHA of Vigo County.”



Rodney Stockment (pictured above) joined the IHCD team in 2006 and quickly set forth building a strong and vibrant community services agenda. With a passion for tackling some of Indiana’s toughest social issues, Rodney is responsible for the design and implementation of successful housing initiatives across the state, including several projects with MHA of Vigo County.

In recognition of Rodney’s work to end homelessness and provide housing for Hoosiers with mental illness, MHA of Vigo County created the **Key to Success Award**. The MHA Board and Executive Director felt strongly that Rodney’s leadership played a crucial role in the agency’s success in serving Vigo County residents with mental and affordable housing needs. “I am honored and humbled to receive this award, and look forward to working with MHA and their outstanding team for years to come,” said Rodney.

on Housing and Community Economic Development.

This year’s conference theme is EMPOWER: Cultivating Prosperity for Indiana Communities.

The theme speaks to the energy of formal and informal community leaders which are critical for building resilient families and vibrant communities.

The 2014 conference will include a mix of presentation formats to address the diversity of learning styles and create opportunities for participant engagement.

1) **TED-style:** Presentation of no more than 15 minutes followed by question and answer.

2) **Panel presentation and discussion style:** 45 minutes of content followed by question and answer.

3) **Interactive Roundtable Discussion:** Participants email questions to you prior to the session and you facilitate discussion.

Conference sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information, please contact [Zach Rice](#), IHCD Legislative Affairs and Policy Director at 317-232-0624.

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