



ARRA REPORT BY THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL AND STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

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ARRA REVIEW OF IHCDA HPRP

Indiana Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker and State Examiner Bruce A. Hartman of the Indiana State Board of Accounts report as follows:

This report addresses an evaluation of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)¹ funding of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)².

The HPRP is supported by a \$1.5 billion homeless prevention fund established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On February 17, 2009, the United States Government enacted the ARRA. The ARRA intends to provide a stimulus to the United States economy by providing \$787 billion in program funding and tax credits.³

¹ IC 5-20-1-4 *et seq* establishes the authority of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to oversee residential housing for persons and families of low and moderate income. These responsibilities include administering any program or money available from the federal government to achieve these ends in the State of Indiana.

² The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority is established in IC 5-20-1-3.

³ *See*: <http://www.recovery.gov>.

The purpose of this report is to document a preliminary ARRA compliance review of the IHCD A HPRP by the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

I

To date, IHCD A has been awarded \$16,883,827 in ARRA HPRP funds to be used for providing assistance to prevent homelessness and quickly help re-house and stabilize those who are homeless. IHCD A must contract or obligate the ARRA funds for this program by September 15, 2009, and sixty percent (60%) of the funds must be liquidated by September 15, 2011. The remainder of the ARRA funds must be liquidated by September 15, 2012.

II

The OIG's enabling statute provides that the OIG "is responsible for addressing fraud, waste, abuse and wrongdoing in agencies." IC 4-2-7-2(b).

The SBOA has similar duties, including the authority to develop and publish "accounting and uniform compliance guidelines manuals" (Manuals) to provide guidance to public entities, IC 5-11-1-24(a), to perform audits, IC 5-11-1-9, and to make written findings regarding violations of its Manuals or "any law." IC 5-11-5-1(a).

Within these authorities, a preliminary review of this program was made. This review included, but was not limited to, reviewing the program objectives, meeting with the program staff, reviewing agency-completed spending plans,

reviewing monthly update reports submitted to the Indiana Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and assessing the program's risks.

From this preliminary review, we make the following findings and recommendations.

III

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Findings

The program controls over the HPRP are adequate to meet the respective federal ARRA and State OMB guidelines and requirements. At a later date, additional procedures may be performed as deemed necessary to verify compliance with these requirements.

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Recommendation

Accordingly, we offer no recommendations at this time, but advise IHCDA employees to continue to apprise themselves of ARRA requirements and developments.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2009.

APPROVED:



David O. Thomas, Inspector General