



To: Real Estate Department Partners
From: Real Estate Department
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Re: Housing First Program Manual and Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

The Indiana Housing First Program was established 2017 to increase housing stability for individuals and households with a serious and persistent mental illness, a chronic chemical addiction, or a serious and persistent mental illness with a co-occurring chronic chemical addiction, who are also facing a housing crisis, exiting a residential treatment program, or could exit a residential treatment program with access to affordable housing and supportive services. The Program offers rental assistance and supportive services to eligible households for a period not to exceed 24 months. Program regulations may be found in [Indiana Code 5-20-9](#).

IHCDA has released an updated [Administration Manual](#) for the [Housing First](#) Program and a [Request for Qualifications](#) ("RFQ") for organizations interested in receiving funding under the 2021 Housing First program. Eligible applicants are nonprofit corporations recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, public housing agencies, or units of local government. Responses to the RFQ are due by 5:00PM Eastern Time on Monday, August 16, 2021.

IHCDA will host an informational webinar to explain the policies and RFQ on July 27, 2021, at 2:00 PM Eastern Time.

- [Click here to register for the webinar](#)

Questions about the Housing First Program Manual and RFQ should be directed to Victoria Jennings, Supportive Housing Analyst, via e-mail at vjennings@ihcda.in.gov.



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