

State of Indiana

# 2023 Action Plan Public Hearing #2

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- 2023 Action Plan  
Proposed Program  
Allocations
- Public comments  
and input



# Introductions

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- Kristin Garvey, [KriGarvey@iheda.IN.gov](mailto:KriGarvey@iheda.IN.gov). Contact Kristin about ESG and HOPWA.
- Julia Jones, Root Policy Research, [julia@rootpolicy.com](mailto:julia@rootpolicy.com), (970) 880-1415 x106. Contact Julia with public comments.

# Introductions

**To ensure that everyone in attendance has a chance to voice their opinion and to make sure we can hear all comments:**

- Following the presentation, we will open the floor for public comments.
- Please hold your comments to 3 minutes at a time. This will give everyone an equal chance to make comments.
- If you have more to say, or have very detailed comments about programs, please contact one of us later (contact information is also on the last slide).

# 2023 Action Plan Public Hearing

2023 Action Plan to be submitted in May pertains to specific HUD funding programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Housing Trust Fund (HTF)



# Funds Covered

# 2023 Allocations from HUD

Released 2/27/2023

\*Estimated based on national decrease in NHTF. Allocations have not been published yet.

**CDBG** **\$30,789,752**

**HOME** **\$16,429,054**

**ESG** **\$3,967,121**

**HOPWA** **\$2,160,235**

**Nat'l Housing Trust Fund** **\$5,618,737\***

**Total** **\$58,964,899**

# Consolidated Plan - Five Year Goals

Will guide annual allocations in program years 2020-2024

- **Goal 1.** Broaden housing choices in Indiana by facilitating the development of affordable rental and ownership housing and preserving existing affordable homes.
- **Goal 2.** Reduce homelessness and increase housing stability for special needs populations.
- **Goal 3.** Equip Indiana's cities and towns with the infrastructure needed to stimulate and maintain thriving economies.
- **Goal 4.** Address gaps in public infrastructure and services that arise as the needs of residents' change.
- **Goal 5.** Build capacity of rural leadership.



# 2023 Action Plan Goals and Objectives

## CDBG Funds:

\$13 million for wastewater/drinking water improvements

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\$3.5 million for Public Facilities

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\$3 million for Blight Clearance Programs

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\$4 million for Stormwater Improvements

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\$3 million for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation

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\$2 million for PreservINg MainStreet

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\$1.5 million for Planning Grants

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\$0 Stellar Regions Program

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\$0 Downtown Renewal

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\$200,000 for technical assistance

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\$589,752 for administration

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# 2023 Action Plan Goals and Objectives *Continued*

## HOME Funds:

\$8.5 million for rental projects/construction

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\$1.2 million for TBRA

*Program income or the balance of entitlement funds can be used for rental, homebuyer, and TBRA up to \$1.2 million*

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\$1.75 million for homeownership projects/construction

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\$850,000 for CHDOs

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\$2.5 million for HOME innovation: rental housing construction

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\$1.63 million for administrative uses (\$600,000 capacity building)

*Balance and program income will cover projects for rental, homebuyer, and TBRA up to \$1.2 million*

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# 2023 Action Plan Goals and Objectives *Continued*

## ESG Funds:

\$2.2 million for emergency shelters with operations and essential services

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\$1.5 million for rental assistance

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\$251,084 admin

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## HOPWA Funds:

\$871,565 in TBRA

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\$435,782 for housing information activities

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\$373,528 for short-term rental, utilities, and mortgage assistance

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\$211,666 for subrecipient and grant admin

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\$186,764 to support facility operations and supportive services

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\$80,931 for permanent housing placement

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# 2023 Action Plan Goals and Objectives *Continued*

## HTF Funds:

\$5.6 million

- For acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of supportive housing to serve <30% AMI households and persons experiencing homelessness and persons with disabilities, and
  - To provide gap financing for RHTC and HOME-ARP developments.
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# Engagement Process



## Focus Groups

**4 groups**  
PHAs  
Local Governments  
Economic Development  
General

December 2022



## Stakeholder Interviews

**17 completed**  
Organizations that have received or have experience with CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA, or HTF  
PHAs  
Mainstreet Orgs

17 completed



## Stakeholder Survey

**583 responses**  
Organizations that have received or have experience with CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA, or HTF  
PHAs  
Mainstreet Orgs

Closed March 3rd



## Public Hearings

**2 hybrid virtual and in person public hearings**

Today



# Survey Summary

- 583 responses
- Industries
  - Other (19%)
  - Homeless services (18%)
  - Local, state, or federal government (18%)
  - Services for people with disabilities (16%)
  - Advocacy and/ or legal services (16%)
  - Services for seniors (15%)
- Geography
  - Other (44%),
  - Muncie (12%)
  - Anderson (12%)
  - Delaware County (11%)
  - Henry County (10%)





# What we are Hearing

- Rural areas: preservation of housing, infrastructure is a challenge, water supply, services are centralized in urban areas and difficult to access
- Urban areas: PSH for homeless populations, more affordable rentals, more resources for property maintenance and management
- Administration, application, and oversight of grant funds can be a challenge in smaller communities
- Inflation across the board: housing, childcare, healthcare, transportation
- Need for wrap-around services for housing stability
- Additional administrative and capacity building resources to hire additional staff
- Difficult to come up with local match for everything
- Anti-growth attitudes can be a barrier



# How to Access the Draft Plan

- Public comment period began February 15<sup>th</sup> and continues through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Access the draft Plan online at  
<https://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg/consolidated-and-action-plans/>  
<https://www.in.gov/ihcda/newsroom/action-plans/>
- Access the draft plan in person at  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs,  
One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.





# How to Comment on the Plan

- Through March 31<sup>st</sup> you may send email to:  
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- Send a letter to:

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs  
One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-22288

Attn: 2023 Action Plan Comments

# Your Input

**Tell us what you think of the 2023 Action Plan:**

- What do you like the best?
- What concerns you?
- What would you change?
- What comments do you have today?



**Now Open for Public Comment**

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*Contact Julia with questions about the Action  
Plan process and to provide comments on  
the Action Plan*