

Below are the numbers of elderly and persons with disabilities served by IHCDA programming.



1,023
units of permanent
supportive
housing



3,263
persons in rental
assistance
programs



42,000+
households served by
the self-sufficiency
programs



200+
ramps expected to be
built through the
Ramp Up program

IHCDA is proud to administer a variety of programs that provide housing opportunities, promote self-sufficiency, and strengthen Indiana communities. Almost all of these programs have an impact on improving the quality of life for vulnerable populations in our state, including the elderly and persons with disabilities. For the purpose of this summary, persons with disabilities includes individuals with physical or intellectual disabilities, as well as those with mental illness and addiction. Below is a summary of a few of the key programs and initiatives that serve these target populations.

RENTAL HOUSING TAX CREDITS

The Rental Housing Tax Credit (RHTC) program allocates over \$15.5M of federal tax credits annually to for-profit and non-profit developers for the construction or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. All units created through the RHTC program must be rented to households at or below 60% of area median income. IHCDA ensures that the program is utilized to assist vulnerable populations through set-asides in the Qualified Action Plan (QAP).

INDIANA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INSTITUTE

In 2008, IHCDA and the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) launched the Indiana Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative (IPSHI), a public/private partnership designed to reduce chronic and long-term homelessness. To date 48 teams have completed the Institute, resulting in the creation of 37 developments containing 1,023 units of supportive housing. Due to its overwhelming success, IHCDA and CSH have continued the Institute.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- **Housing Choice Voucher Program** - provides rental assistance to very low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities so that they can afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market.
- **Shelter Plus Care / Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities** - provides rental assistance in connection with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program** - provides rental assistance and related supportive assistance to specifically benefit low-income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS to reduce the risk of homelessness.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program is designed to identify sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness, as well as those at risk of homeless, and provide the assistance so that those persons quickly regain stability in permanent housing. Of the 10,945 individuals served through ESG in 2016, 17.4% are elderly or persons with disabilities.

SELF SUFFICIENCY SUPPORT FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

In Indiana, 21% of people live below the federal poverty line. IHCDA Community Programs department has several programs to assist these Hoosiers to help them through this time and move them towards self-sufficiency in the future. Collectively, these programs serve over 100,000 households, 36% of which have an elderly member and 42% of which have a member with a disability.

OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND RAMP UP INDIANA

IHCDA receives approximately \$2.7M in annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. IHCDA uses this source exclusively to fund owner-occupied rehabilitation (OOR). Through the OOR application process, local units of government compete for grant funding to be used to rehabilitate the homes of homeowners at or below 80% of area median income. In March 2016, IHCDA announced that it was making \$300,000 of its remaining CDBG Disaster funds available for a new initiative entitled Ramp Up Indiana. Through Ramp Up, local units of government or non-profit organizations can apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to build ramps for homeowners at or below 80% of area median income that need a ramp to improve accessibility into and out of their home.

PARTNERSHIP WITH BACK HOME IN INDIANA ALLIANCE

IHCDA enjoys a strong partnership with the Back Home in Indiana Alliance (Back Home). Back Home, a project of the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, is a council comprised of representatives from federal, state and local housing, advocacy and disability related organizations. IHCDA works with Back Home to actively seek input into program policies to ensure the programs are as inclusive as possible for persons with disabilities.