

IHCDA Info- January 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.

[Check out IHCDA Homeownership Opportunities' newest video featuring our partners, staff and Hoosier homeowners!](#)



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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 Joins Governor Pence & Lt. Governor Ellspermann in Taking Action to Assist Hoosiers with Propane Shortage



On Wednesday, January 29th, Governor Mike Pence and Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced a number of measures to help Hoosier families and



- January 3rd- [IHCDA began accepting applications for CDBG Owner-Occupied Repair \(OOR\) projects](#)
- February 3rd- [Lt. Governor to announce Treasury's decision on proposed Blight Elimination Program](#)
- February 14th- [IHCDA RFP's due by 5:00pm EST](#)

[Elimination Program completes statewide forums](#)

The Blight Elimination Program team, comprised of IHCDA, Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann and Senator Jim Merritt (R- Indianapolis), along with two dozen other state and locally elected officials, concluded its forums around the state.

A total of eight forums were held in Indianapolis, Gary, Muncie, South Bend, Sullivan, Evansville, Shelbyville and Richmond.

The forums garnered more than 500 attendees and more than one million news media impressions.

The team received valuable public input regarding its proposed expansion of Indiana's Hardest Hit Fund to include the Blight Elimination Program.

The Blight Elimination Program would utilize a portion (\$75 million)

businesses cope with the propane shortage caused in part by recent extreme winter weather.

Nearly ten percent of Indiana residents use propane for residential heating. To assist low-income Hoosiers with their energy needs, IHCDA released an additional \$5 million in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds to local service providers who cover all 92 counties.

In addition, IHCDA increased the LIHEAP crisis benefit from \$400 to \$550 through March 31, 2014.

Hoosiers who are at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (roughly \$35,000 a year for a family of four) who are interested in the program can call 1-800-872-0371 or the United Way at 211 for more information.



The Facts:

- Approximately 500,000 Hoosiers use propane for home heating.
- Midwest propane prices have more than doubled in the past week at the regional supply hubs.

- February 19th- [Stellar Communities LOI's due](#) by 5:00pm EST
- February 27th- [IHCDA Board of Directors Meeting](#)
- February 27th- [RHTC awards announced](#)
- February 28th- [CDBG OOR applications due](#)
- March 4th & 5th- [RED Compliance Training](#)- Indianapolis
- March 15th- End of Winter Heating Moratorium
- March 27th- [IHCDA Board of Directors Meeting](#)
- April 24th- [CDBG OOR awards announced](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

To submit event information to be featured in the IHCDA Info and on both the [Consumer](#) and [Partner](#) websites, email [Emily Duncan](mailto:Emily.Duncan@ihcda.org),

of Indiana's Hardest Hit Funds to assist local units of government with the demolition of abandoned and blighted properties that are beyond repair, and offer a positive end use for the cleared property.

IHCDA has proposed the Blight Elimination Program plan to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and will [announce Treasury's decision on Monday, February 3rd](#).

For more information on the Blight Elimination Program, visit the [IFPN page](#) on IHCDA's Partner Site or email [Rayanna Binder](#), Blight Elimination Program Director.

Blight Elimination Program Application Documents

- [FAO's- BEP](#)
- [BEP Application - DRAFT](#)
- [BEP Allowable Expenses Chart](#)

Lt. Governor Ellspermann Announces 2014 Stellar Communities Program



The Stellar Communities designation program is a multi-agency partnership between [IHCDA](#), the [Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs \(OCRA\)](#), and the [Indiana Department of Transportation \(INDOT\)](#), is designed to fund comprehensive community development projects in Indiana's smaller communities.

On January 16th, Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann announced that the state is currently accepting letters of interest from cities and towns in Indiana wishing to apply for the Stellar Communities program.

The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. EST on February 19, 2014.

In its fourth year, Stellar Communities has been recognized nationally as a premier community development program when it received the [2012 President's Award for Innovation](#) from the [Council of State Community Development Agencies \(COSCDA\)](#).

For more information about the Stellar Communities, please contact your [Real Estate Production Analyst](#) or [Carmen Lethig](#), Real Estate Production Manager at

Public Information Officer.

[Request for Proposals](#)



RFP- Utility Allowance Calculator

IHCDA seeks to contract with an independent contractor to create a utility allowance calculator to generate property-specific utility allowances under the "qualified engineer estimate" methodology for IHCDA funded rental properties, as detailed in the Scope of Services section of the RFP.

All responses must be received by February 14, 2014, no later than 5:00 P.M. EST.

[RFP - Utility Allowance Calculator](#)

RFP- Multi-Family Broker

IHCDA seeks to contract with an independent contractor to serve as the agency's multi-family broker for

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- [BEP Evaluation Matrix-DRAFT](#)
- [BEP Site Matrix-DRAFT](#)

[Energy Assistance Program Updates](#)



The 2014 EAP Program Year began on November 4, 2013.

Since that time the program has:

- Served 83,108 households with \$26.7M in assistance with an average benefit of \$322.
- Of these households, 14,751 have received crisis assistance equating to just under \$3.2M.

317-234-6290.



Community Development Block Grant - Owner Occupied Repair

The purpose of the CDBG program is to provide habitable and affordable housing as well as economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. IHCD is tasked with using its portion of CDBG funds to improve the quality of existing housing stock in Indiana. Beginning January 3, 2014 IHCD will accept applications for CDBG Owner-Occupied Repair projects. Please find a timeline below indicating important dates.

[2013 CDBG OOR Round 2 Application Forms \(Jan 2014\)](#)

[2013 CDBG OOR Round 2 Application Packet \(Jan 2014\)](#)

[IHCD CDBG OOR Changes from Round 1 to Round 2](#)

[Leverage Spreadsheet](#)

[Leverage Spreadsheet Instructions](#)

Please contact the Real Estate Production Analyst in your area to learn about IHCD's new process.

[Real Estate Production Analyst Map](#)

[Real Estate Production Analyst Listing by](#)

Section 42 properties going through the Qualified Contract process, as detailed in the Scope of Services section of the RFP.

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[RFP - Multi-Family Broker](#)

RFP- Certified Public Accountant

IHCD seeks to contract with an independent contractor to serve as the agency's Certified Public Accountant for Section 42 properties going through the Qualified Contract process, as detailed in the Scope of Services section of the RFP.

All responses must be received by February 14, 2014, no later than 5:00 P.M. EST.

[RFP - Certified Public Accountant](#)

RED Notices

- RED 14-1: [2013 CDBG Round 2](#)
- RED 14-2: [2014 Tax Credit General Set-Aside Round](#)

The State EAP program provides utility assistance to homeowners.

- To date, 25,175 homeowners have received additional benefits beyond the federal assistance.

All EAP approved households are protected from disconnection through March 15th each year.

County

Funding Round Timeline

Round 1 Application Due Date

- February 28, 2014

Award Announcements

- April 24, 2014

Awards Workshop

- May 2014 (date TBD)

Note: This is an anticipated schedule and is subject to change or extension.

– Tax Credit Percentage Rate

- RED 14-3: 2014 Tax Credit Rent and Income Limits
- RED 14-4: Compliance Training March 4th & 5th, 2014
- RED 14-5: 2014 Tax Credit General Set-Aside Round – Basis Boost

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