

IHCDA Info- August 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.

[My Community, My Vision Accepting Submissions!](#)



The "My Community, My Vision" program invites teams of high school students to submit essays outlining ideas for enhancing development and the quality of life in their home communities through student-led research in consultation with local officials and civic leaders.

Based on the initial essays, five applications will be selected to develop more formal and detailed plans with the assistance of graduate students from the Ball State University School of Urban Planning and IHCDA. The five finalist teams will each receive a \$500 award for their sponsoring organization.

You can find more information on the [My Community, My Vision](#)

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 staff join Lt. Governor Ellspermann to announce the 2014 Stellar Communities Designees!



[Important Dates](#)

- August 29th- [CDBG OOR applications due](#)
- September 1st- [Innovative Collaboration project applications due](#)
- September 12th- [My Community, My Vision application essays due](#)
- September 15th- [BEP Division 6 applications due](#)
- September 25th- IHCDA Board of

[webpage](#). Application essays are being accepted at mcmv@ihcda.in.gov. The deadline for the initial essays is 5:00 p.m. on September 12, 2014.

**REMINDER: 2014
Community Services
Block Grant Innovative
Collaboration
Applications are Due
September 1st**

IHCDA is still accepting applications from organizations for Innovative Community Collaboration projects. The program will provide up to \$100,000 in total funding to one or more grant applications.

For more information on the program requirements, review the [grant application packet](#) on the [IHCDA Public Notice page](#).

Applications are due by September 1, 2014 before 5:00 p.m. EST. For more information, contact [Greg Stocking](#), IHCDA Community Programs Analyst.

**PHA Administrative Plan
Proposed Revisions and
Proposed 5 Year/Annual
Plan**



On August 14, IHCDA staff were on hand when Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced that the City of Huntingburg in Dubois County and the City of Wabash in Wabash County had been named Indiana's 2014 Stellar Communities Designees. These communities were selected from a group of six finalist communities.

Established in 2011, the [Stellar Communities](#) program is a collaboration between the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to support community planning and development initiatives in rural communities. The program pools funding sources for a variety of projects identified by the communities as key elements in their comprehensive strategic development plans.



Stay tuned for the Fall edition of [IHCDA...The Magazine](#) to learn more about the 2014 Designees!



Registration Now Open!

Directors Meeting

- September 25th- [BEP Division 5 Funding Awards Announced](#)
- October- Energy Awareness Month
- October 1st & 2nd- [Statewide Conference on Housing & Community Economic Development \(Indianapolis\)](#)
- October 23rd- IHCDA Board of Directors Meeting
- October 23rd- [BEP Division 6 Funding Awards Announced](#)
- November 4th- [Energy Assistance Winter Heating Program begins](#)
- November 11th & 12th [Compliance For Property Managers Training \(Portage\)](#)

Upcoming Events

- September

The purpose of the administrative plan is to establish policies for carrying out the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program in a manner consistent with HUD requirements and local goals and objectives.

Public comment period on the above Administrative Plan is August 8, 2014 through September 23, 2014.

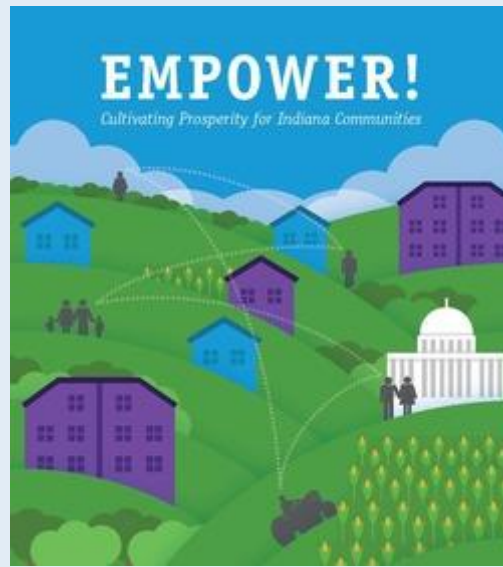
The policy changes will go before the IHCD Board of Directors for approval on September 25, 2014 @10:00am. The public is welcome to attend. If approved, the policy changes will be effective October 1, 2014

Written comments should be addressed to: [Tamela Royston](#), Director of Housing Choice Operations, 30 S. Meridian, Suite 1000, Indianapolis, IN 46204



Blight Elimination Program Notices

- [BEP Notice 14-12](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-13](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-14](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-15](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-16](#)



The theme for the 2014 Indiana Statewide Conference on Housing & Community Economic Development is **Empower: Cultivating Prosperity for Indiana Communities**. The theme speaks to the energy of formal and informal community leaders who play key roles in building resilient families and vibrant communities.

Whether you are involved in real estate development, financing, providing human services, or supporting family self-sufficiency aimed at improving Indiana's communities, the conference has something for you.

[Register today!](#)

Seeking 2014 Conference Award Nominations!

IACED and IHCD are proud to recognize outstanding Hoosier community builders during the conference. Nominate yourself or a

2nd- [2014 Stellarbration!](#) (Wabash)

- September 8th- [BEP Sample Demolition](#) (Indianapolis)
- September 16th- [BEP Sample Demolition](#) (Gary)
- September 26th- [Grand Opening: The Randall Lofts](#) (Ft. Wayne)
- September 29th- [IHCD Golf Tournament](#)
- October 1st & 2nd- [Statewide Conference on Housing & Community Economic Development](#) (Indianapolis)

To submit event information to be featured in the IHCD Info and IHCD's websites, email [Amber Kent](#), Public Information Officer.



RED Notices

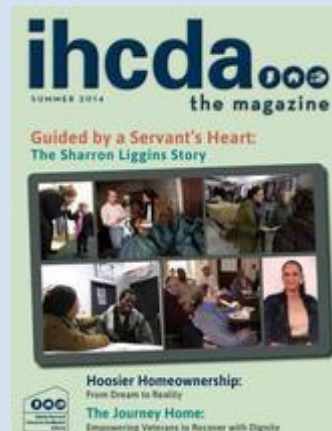
- RED 14-19: [Revised-](#)

- [BEP Notice 14-17](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-18](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-19](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-20](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-21](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-22](#)

For the complete list of BEP Notices, click [here](#).



[IHCDA...The Magazine](#)



On August 19, IHCDA shared the latest issue of IHCDA...The Magazine.

With the goal of keeping our partners informed with the most up to date happenings in community and economic development throughout Indiana, highlights for this issue include:

- Guided by a

deserving colleague for these awards:

- **Michael Carroll Community Economic Development Leadership Award**
- **Robert O. Zdenek Staff Member of the Year Award**
- **Lt. Governor's Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing & Community Development - Urban & Rural**

For more information on award parameters, visit the [Statewide Conference website!](#)

Nominations are due September 5th.

Round Three of the Blight Elimination Program Announced July 24th



On July 24, Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced that Coatesville and eight other Indiana applicants were selected to receive a combined award of nearly \$10.8 million to help eliminate blighted and abandoned homes in their communities through the Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program.

Cities/towns receiving awards:

Delaware County

- Muncie - \$2.9 million

[Permanent Loan Product for 9% Tax Credit Developments](#)

- RED 14-23: [Revised CDBG and HOME Program Manual](#)
- RED 14-24: [2014 HOME Application Round Clarifications](#)
- RED 14-25: [2014 CDBG Owner Occupied Rehabilitation \(OOR\) Application Round](#)
- RED 14-26: [Minor Revisions to CDBG and HOME Program Manual](#)
- RED 14-27: [Change to Qualified Contract Fees](#)
- RED 14-28: [Call for Updates to RealEstate Department Contact Lists](#)
- RED 14-29: [Updates to 2014 CDBG OOR Application](#)
- RED 14-30: [2014 CDBG](#)

Servant's Heart: the Sharron Liggins Story

- Walking Alongside the Families: Indiana's IDA Program
- IHCD Housing Choice Voucher Portability and Partnerships
- How Do I? IHCD's Social Media Has the Answer

To view the 2014 Summer edition of IHCD...The Magazine, please click [here](#).

August Press Releases

- August 5th- [IHCD seeks Innovative Community Collaborations to address the needs of Low Income Households throughout Indiana](#)
- August 12th- [Lt. Governor Ellspermann Announces "My Community, My Vision" Initiative](#)
- August 14th- [Lt. Governor Ellspermann Announces the Cities of Huntingburg and Wabash as the 2014 Stellar Communities Designees](#)

Hendricks County

- Coatesville - \$15,000

Madison County

- Alexandria - \$355,000
- Anderson - \$1.4 million
- Elwood - \$625,000

Vanderburgh County

- Evansville - \$1.7 million

Vigo County

- Terre Haute - \$650,000

Counties receiving awards:

- Elkhart County - \$2.7 million
- Vigo County - \$425,000

These applicants were part of the third of six rounds of funding that will make a total of \$75 million available.

The partnership between IHCD and the U.S. Department of Treasury allows IHCD to provide funding to prevent avoidable foreclosures and stabilize property values through the elimination of blighted, vacant and abandoned homes. The program requires end uses for the newly cleared parcels, such as green space or redevelopment.

The Blight Elimination Program is not a grant program, rather it's a loan program that allows IHCD to make funding available to successful

OR Appendices Update

- RED 14-31: [TCAP Policies and Procedures Manual](#)
- RED 14-32: [Announcing the CEED Loan Program](#)
- RED 14-33: [HOME and CDBG Certification Training](#)

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

Job Openings!

IHCD is looking for individuals to become part of our team:

[Real Estate Production Analyst](#)

[Homeownership Analyst](#)



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applicants. These funds are then restructured as forgivable loans using Hardest Hit Funds.

IHCDA estimates that approximately 4,000 blighted and/or abandoned homes in Indiana will be eliminated through the Blight Elimination Program.

Interested local government officials should

visit www.877GetHope.org/blight to learn more and apply.

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For more information on IHCDA please visit www.ihcda.in.gov or www.in.gov/myihcda.
For updates from Lt. Governor Ellspermann and the agencies she oversees, sign up at www.lg.in.gov.