

IHCDA Info- September 2014



The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, works to provide housing opportunities, promote self-sufficiency and strengthen communities, in order to build an Indiana with a sustainable quality of life for all Hoosiers in the community of their choice.

PLEASE NOTE

[Notice of Filing - 2013 Combined Annual Performance Report](#)

Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority will file their 2013 Combined Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) on or about September 30, 2014. These programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

The legal notice for this report was published to the [OCRA website](#) in mid-September.

Members of the public are invited to review the Combined Annual Performance Evaluation Report prior to its submission during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through Monday, September 29, 2014, at the Indiana Office of

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.

[First Demolitions from BEP Program Brighten Neighborhoods in Indianapolis and Gary](#)



After months of planning and paperwork, wrecking crews began demolishing abandoned and derelict properties in Indianapolis and Gary through awards from the state's [Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program](#).



[Important Dates](#)

- September 29th- [IHCDA Golf Tournament](#)
- September 30th & October 1st- [Statewide Conference on Housing & Community Economic Development \(Indianapolis\)](#)
- October- Energy Awareness Month
- October 1st- [BEP Division Two, Round Two applications due](#)
- October 2nd- [OCRA Regional Conference \(Valparaiso\)](#)

Community & Rural Affairs, One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Information regarding the Combined Annual Performance Evaluation Report can be obtained by writing to coscott@ocra.IN.gov or by phone at 1-800-824-2476.



Blight Elimination Program Notices

- [BEP Notice 14-14](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-15](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-16](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-17](#)
- [BEP Notice 14-18](#)
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For the complete list of BEP Notices, click [here](#).

Conference is almost here!



We are looking forward to seeing you all at the 2014 Indiana Statewide Conference on Housing & Community Economic

On September 8th, local and state officials watched an excavator demolish a blighted property at [906 N. Beville Ave.](#) in the St. Clair Place neighborhood on the Near-Eastside of Indianapolis. One week later in Gary, local, state and federal officials cheered as two additional structures located at [832 and 836 Virginia Street](#) on the city's east side were brought down.

In May, officials from Indianapolis, Gary and Lawrence received notification that they were recipients of the first awards allocated from the Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program, totaling about \$15 million. Overall, the Hardest Hit Fund will make a total of \$75 million available statewide for blight elimination to reduce foreclosures and stabilize property values. So far, the state has allocated more than \$38 million to 28 communities in Indiana.

The goal of the program is not simply to demolish abandoned homes and improve blighted properties, but to prevent avoidable foreclosures and stabilize property values in Indiana communities. Projects in Indianapolis and Gary are the first of what IHCD estimates to be close to 4,000 blighted and/or abandoned homes that will be eliminated through the Blight Elimination Program.

- October 7th- [OCRA Regional Conference \(New Castle\)](#)
- October 8th- [OCRA Regional Conference \(Scottsburg\)](#)
- October 10th- [OCRA Regional Conference \(Bloomington\)](#)
- October 14th- [OCRA Regional Conference \(Jasper\)](#)
- October 16th- [CKIW Kick-off Meeting \(Lawrence\)](#)
- October 23rd- [IHCD Board of Directors Meeting](#)
- October 23rd- [BEP Division 5 & 6 Funding Awards Announced](#)
- October 23rd- [OCRA Regional Conference \(Kendallville\)](#)
- October 28th- [OCRA Regional Conference \(Crawfordsville\)](#)
- October 30th- [OCRA Regional Conference \(Peru\)](#)
- November 3rd- [BEP Division Three, Round Two applications due](#)

Development. This year the theme is **Empower! Cultivating Prosperity for Indiana Communities**. We look forward to hearing how the discussion will help our attendees build resilient families and vibrant communities.

Onsite registration is still available!



Coming soon: Coalition to Keep Indiana Warm Kick-off Meeting



Join CKIW for a community discussion about low income community based programs and energy needs on:

Thursday, October 16

from 9:00 to 4:00.

The event will be held in the Garrison Restaurant at Fort Harrison State Park.

Registration is required for this free event.

Congratulations to the "My Community, My Vision" Awardees



On September 18, Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann **announced** the five teams that will participate in the "**My Community, My Vision**" program to engage high school students in planning for the future of their local rural communities.

Student leaders from the communities of Hanover, Pekin, Rushville, Vevay and Lawrence County will continue to the next step of the program and develop more formal and detailed plans with assistance of graduate students from the Ball State University School of Urban Planning and IHCDA. Each team will receive a \$500 award for their sponsoring organizations.

The My Community, My Vision program is sponsored by Lt. Governor Ellspermann and is being administered by IHCDA with assistance from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

- November 3rd- **Energy Assistance Winter Heating Program begins**
- November 11th & 12th **Compliance For Property Managers Training (Portage)**

Upcoming Events

- September 26th- **Grand Opening: The Randall Lofts (Ft. Wayne)**
- September 29th- **IHCDA Golf Tournament**
- September 30th & October 1st- **Statewide Conference on Housing & Community Economic Development (Indianapolis)**

To submit event information to be featured in the IHCDA Info and IHCDA's websites, email **Amber Kent**, Public Information Officer.



RED Notices



September Press Releases

- September 18th- [Lt. Governor Ellspermann Announces Participants in the First My Community, My Vision Program](#)
- September 16th- [Lt. Governor Joins City and State Officials for Gary Kickoff of Blight Elimination Program](#)
- Media Advisory: September 15th- [Demolition of First Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program Property in Gary](#)
- September 9th- [Lt. Governor Joined City and State Officials for the First Blight Elimination Program Demolition](#)
- Media Advisory: September 5th- [Demolition of Indiana's First Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program Property](#)

■ **Round Four of the Blight Elimination Program Announced August 28**



On [August 28](#), Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced seven additional Indiana municipalities have been awarded over \$6 million in funding from the [Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program](#). Successful applicants receiving awards include:

Bartholomew County

- Columbus \$ 760,000

Grant County

- Marion \$ 1,022,000

Howard County

- Kokomo \$ 1,330,000

Kosciusko County

- Silver Lake \$ 61,000

Wayne County

- Cambridge City \$ 54,000

- Richmond \$ 1,931,000

Dearborn County \$ 218,000

Warrick County \$ 1,142,000

- 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 OOR 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](#)
- 14-34: [HOME Preservation Round](#)

Job Openings!

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

[Homeownership Analyst](#)



[Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc.](#), located in South Bend, is seeking an Executive Director for their community development corporation.

Interested candidates should [read the detailed information and qualifications](#) and submit a [cover letter, writing sample, resume, and references](#) by 5pm EST October 17, 2014.

These local governments and their non-profit partners are the successful applicants in the fourth of six rounds of funding that will make a total of \$75 million available for blight elimination to reduce foreclosures and stabilize property values.

The Blight Elimination Program provides an opportunity for local units of government in all 92 Indiana counties to compete for funding to prevent avoidable foreclosures through the elimination of blighted, vacant and abandoned homes.

The Blight Elimination Program funds are drawn from the \$221.7 million in Hardest Hit Funds allocated to Indiana. The partnership between IHCDA and Treasury allows for funding to eliminate blighted properties and offer a variety of end uses for the newly cleared parcels, such as green space or redevelopment.

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

- 14-35: [2014 Utility Allowances](#)

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



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