

IHCDA Info- March 2013

A monthly e-newsletter from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to help our partners stay informed of program changes, announcements, trainings, and events.



Important Dates:

- April 4th- 1:00- 3:00pm [Community Development Day Open House](#)
- April 25th- IHCDA Board of Directors Meeting
- IHCDA Listening Sessions throughout April (See right column)

Upcoming Trainings:

Funds Management Trainings:

- April 16th- 1:00- 2:00pm [HOME Training](#)
- April 17th- 1:00- 2:00pm [CDBG-D](#)

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.



Lt. Governor Ellspermann Announces 2013 Stellar Communities Finalists

In February, Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann requested Letters of Interest from communities interested in the 2013 round of the Stellar Communities program.

In its third year, Stellar Communities is a joint endeavor 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).

24 Letters of Interest were submitted and on March 18th, Lt. Governor Ellspermann announced the six finalists:

- Angola
- Bedford

RED Notices:

RED 13-1: [2013 Tax Credit Rent and Income Limits](#)

RED 13-2: Replaced- see [RED 13-09](#)

RED 13-3: [2013 Tax Credit Compliance Trainings](#)

RED 13-4: [2013-2014 NAP Application- Draft for Public Comment](#)

RED 13-5: [2013 Income Limits- Neighborhood Stabilization Program](#)

RED 13-6: [2013 Tentative Monitoring/Inspection List](#)

RED 13-7: [2013 Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual](#)

13-8: [Production Department Tentative 2013 Application Dates](#)

13-9: [2013 Federal Program Income Limits](#)

13-10: [Change to 2013 Live Training Schedule](#)

13-11: [2013 Housing First Set-Aside](#)

[Training](#)

- April 18th-
[1:00-2:00pm CDBG Training](#)

Tax Credit Compliance Training Workshops in Batesville:

- April 30th-
[Advanced Tax Credit Compliance](#)
- May 1st-
[Qualifying Households](#)

Tax Credit Compliance Training Workshops in Terre Haute:

- July 16th-
[Qualifying Households](#)
- July 17th-
[Managing Multiple Programs with RHTC](#)



In Case You Missed It

IHCDA Launches Two New Websites

You may have noticed a change in the IHCDA homepage.

In our efforts to ensure the most up to date and relevant

- Frankfort
- Petersburg
- Richmond
- Wabash

“Our Stellar Community finalists are working hard to create effective community and economic development,” said Lt. Governor Ellspermann. “Their intense planning and collaborative efforts strive to attract additional investments and improve the quality of life for their hometown residents.”

In May 2013 each of the six finalists, will receive a site visit before the two awards are made early this summer.

Previous Stellar Community designations have been awarded to Greencastle and North Vernon in 2011 along with Princeton and Delphi in 2012.

Around the Board in 60 Seconds

In 2010, IHCDA adopted the Strategic Investment Process (SIP) as the application and allocation method for its HOME, CDBG, CDBG-D and Development Fund funding sources. IHCDA anticipates the availability of fewer federal funding dollars in the future.

The Real Estate Production Department began the process of updating the allocation policy and application forms for IHCDA’s CDBG and CDBG-D Owner-Occupied Repair (CDBG OOR) application, the HOME program and the IHCDA Development Fund in January of this year.

Changes to the CDBG OOR program is the first step in creating an allocation method that is both competitive for the limited funding available while still allowing IHCDA to be a flexible partner in the proposed developments. To this end, the draft of the new CDBG OOR application policy and forms will be available in the [Public Notices](#) section of IHCDA’s website for public comment by close of business April 1, 2013.



IHCDA Listening Sessions 2013

IHCDA is excited to announce that during the month of April IHCDA is teaming up with partner organizations throughout Indiana to bring you *Listening Sessions 2013*.

Over the course of the month, IHCDA’s Executive Director [Jake Sipe](#) and General Counsel and Deputy Executive Director [Mark Wuellner](#) will be traveling across the state attending listening sessions as a way for our partners and collaborators to provide us with feedback, share ideas, and hear about IHCDA’s strategic priorities for the next year.

All IHCDA partner agencies, their local associates, and any organization that benefits from IHCDA funding are invited and encouraged to attend one of the sessions listed below.

Any questions may be sent to [Emily Duncan](#).

Listening Sessions 2013 Details:

- April 8th 10:00-11:30am
Hoosier Upland offices
1 College Hill Street,
Paoli INCAA/Hoosier Uplands hosting

information is available to our partners and the general public, IHCDCA has been working hard to create two fresh and user-friendly websites: one for **consumers** and one for our **partners**.

The **Consumer Site** is for someone in the general public to access and learn about what IHCDCA does, populations served, etc. This will be the primary page and has replaced the current address of www.ihcda.in.gov.

The **Partner Site** is intended for IHCDCA's current, active partners, as well as entities that are interested in partnering on projects in the future. It houses more detailed programmatic information and is driven by what would be sought out by a recipient and/or program administrator. That address is www.in.gov/myihcda.

If you have any questions, need assistance navigating or have feedback regarding the new IHCDCA websites, please contact any [IHCDCA staff member](#) or [Brian Philips](#), Special Projects Manager

The following tentative schedule for updating the CDBG OOR policy and application forms was presented at the IHCDCA Board of Director's Meeting held on Thursday, March 28th.

CDBG OOR Program Timeline:

- April 1st: CDBG OOR draft application forms and policy available on IHCDCA website for public comment
- April 8th-12th: Regional public meeting regarding CDBG forms and policy
- May 3rd: CDBG OOR final application and policy posted on IHCDCA website; Application round begins
- June 28th: CDBG applications due
- August 22nd: CDBG awards announced

The Production Department will also make changes to the allocation process for the HOME and Development Fund programs during 2013.

April is Fair Housing Month



Join IHCDCA as we celebrate Fair Housing Month.

Once again IHCDCA has partnered with the [Indiana Civil Rights Commission](#) (ICRC), [the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD), the [Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana](#) (FHCCI), the [Back Home in Indiana Alliance](#) (Back Home), and [accessABILITY](#) to bring greater awareness and understanding regarding the rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act with the 2013 conference titled "**Equal Housing is STILL the Issue**" taking place on Thursday, April 18th at the [Indiana Government Center South](#) Conference Center.

- April 11th 10:00-11:30am [The Honeywell Center's](#) Nixon Room 275 West Market Street, Wabash INCAA/Area Five hosting
- April 15th 10:00am-12:00pm (CST) [Red Bank Branch's](#) Howard Room 120 South Red Bank Road, Evansville, IAC ED hosting
- April 18th 12:30-1:30pm [ICRC Fair Housing Conference](#) Panel Discussion w/ICRC & Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana Government Center, Indianapolis
- April 23rd 1:00-3:00pm Ball State campus, Muncie AHAIN hosting

For more information or to register for the one day event, please visit the [ICRC website](#) or contact [Brian Philips](#).

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