

State of Indiana

# 2023 Action Plan Public Hearing #1

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- 2023 Action Plan Hearing
- Public comments and input 
- Fair Housing Information Session
- Public comments and input 



# Introductions

## How to reach the presenters:

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- Kristin Garvey, [KriGarvey@ihada.IN.gov](mailto:KriGarvey@ihada.IN.gov). Contact Kristin about ESG and HOPWA.
- Julia Jones, Root Policy Research, [julia@rootpolicy.com](mailto:julia@rootpolicy.com), (970) 880-1415 x106. Contact Julia with public comments.

# Introductions

**To ensure that everyone in attendance has a chance to voice their opinion and to make sure we can hear all comments:**

- We will call on all attendees to see if they have any comments after the presentation.
- Please hold your comments to 3 minutes at a time. This will give everyone an equal chance to make comments.
- If you have more to say, or have very detailed comments about programs, please contact one of us later (contact information is also on the last slide).

# 2023 Action Plan Public Hearing

2023 Action Plan to be submitted in May pertains to specific HUD funding programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Housing Trust Fund (HTF)



# Funds Covered

# What is the State expected to receive from HUD in 2023?

\*\*Based on 2022 allocations

CDBG	\$31,325,031
HOME	\$16,239,186
ESG	\$3,955,447
HOPWA	\$1,940,337
Nat'l Housing Trust Fund	\$11,745,382
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,205,383</b>

# Consolidated Plan - Five Year Goals

**Will guide annual allocations in program years 2020-2024**

- **Goal 1.** Broaden housing choices in Indiana by facilitating the development of affordable rental and ownership housing and preserving existing affordable homes.
- **Goal 2.** Reduce homelessness and increase housing stability for special needs populations.
- **Goal 3.** Equip Indiana's cities and towns with the infrastructure needed to stimulate and maintain thriving economies.
- **Goal 4.** Address gaps in public infrastructure and services that arise as the needs of residents' change.
- **Goal 5.** Build capacity of rural leadership.





# Engagement Plan



## Focus Groups

PHAs  
Local Governments  
Economic Development  
General

December 2022



## Stakeholder Interviews

Typically, ~20  
Organizations that have received or have experience with CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA, or HTF  
PHAs  
Mainstreet Orgs

Ongoing



## Stakeholder Survey

Organizations that have received or have experience with CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA, or HTF  
PHAs  
Mainstreet Orgs

Closes March 3rd



## Public Hearings

Hybrid virtual and in person public hearings

Next hearing March 7<sup>th</sup>



# What we are Hearing

- Consistent funding to build and maintain affordable housing stock;
- Development of housing for all income levels;
- Increased rehabilitation funding for owner-occupied housing, public housing, and commercial spaces;
- A targeted effort to attract and retain city staff;
- More efficiency between private development and public management;
- Ensuring low-income families can pay for and access internet;
- Need for infrastructure in rural communities to accommodate new housing development;
- Project limits for HOME funds in Indiana are too restrictive;
- Mobile home parks need improved living conditions and long-term alternative.



# How to Access the Draft Plan

- Public comment period begins February 15<sup>th</sup> and continues through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Access the draft Plan starting February 15<sup>th</sup> online at  
<https://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg/consolidated-and-action-plans/>  
<https://www.in.gov/ihcda/newsroom/action-plans/>
- Access the draft plan in person starting February 15<sup>th</sup> at  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs,  
One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.



# How to Comment on the Plan

- Attend the next Public Hearing on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am:

Email [Julia@rootpolicy.com](mailto:Julia@rootpolicy.com) for the Zoom link

In person at Indiana Government Center South (IGCS)

302 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Conference Room D

- Through March 31<sup>st</sup> you may send email to:

[SEnz@ihcda.IN.gov](mailto:SEnz@ihcda.IN.gov) or [CHudgens@ocra.IN.gov](mailto:CHudgens@ocra.IN.gov) or [Julia@rootpolicy.com](mailto:Julia@rootpolicy.com)

- Send a letter to:

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 600

Indianapolis, IN 46204-22288

Attn: 2023 Action Plan Comments



# How to Participate in the Survey

- Take the survey at:  
<https://www.research.net/r/StakeholderSurvey23>
- The survey will remain open until March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023



# Your Input

## **Tell us what you think of the 2023 Action Plan:**

- What do you hope the plan will address?
- In your area of the state, what are the top housing and community development needs?
- Do you have questions about how to get involved, access the plan, or comment?



Now Open for Public Comment

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*Contact Julia with questions about the Action  
Plan process and to provide comments on  
the Action Plan*



# 2023 Fair Housing Information Session

# 2023 Fair Housing Proposed Rule

- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) was last updated in 2016
- An updated process is presented in a proposed rule released by HUD in January 2023
  - 60-day comment period on the proposed rule
- Based on the proposal, Indiana's AI/Fair Housing Plan would be due one year before the Consolidated Plan—May of 2024

# Components of the Fair Housing Plan

- Demographics
- Segregation and Integration
- Racially and/or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty
- Access to Community Assets
- Access to Affordable Housing Opportunities
- Access to Homeownership and Economic Opportunity
- State Policies and Practices Impacting Fair Housing
- Fair Housing Issues
- Fair Housing Goals

# Proposed Engagement Plan



## Resident Focus Groups

Individuals with lived experience  
Individuals that are part of protected class

Spring/Summer 2023



## Resident Survey

Individuals with lived experience  
Individuals that are part of protected class

Spring 2023



## Public Hearings

Hybrid virtual and in person public hearings

Summer 2023

# Focus Group Approach

- Work with organizations that have an established relationship with people with lived experience
- Provide stipends to host organizations to host virtually or in person
- Provide food, childcare, gift cards for participants, interpretation, and other accommodations as needed
- Host organizations inform the methods and format of engagement to best engage with their constituents



# Your Input

## **Tell us what you think of the Fair Housing approach:**

- What organizations would you recommend we work with to host resident focus groups?
- Do you have any ideas about how to best promote the resident survey?



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