

State of Indiana

2023 Action Plan Public Hearing #2

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PRESENTED BY

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Agenda

- Introductions
- 2023 Action Plan
Proposed Program
Allocations
- Public comments
and input



Introductions

How to reach the presenters:

- Christmas Hudgens, CHudgens@ocra.IN.gov. Contact Christmas about CDBG.
- Stephen Enz, IHADA, SEnz@ihada.IN.gov. Contact Stephen about HOME and HTF.
- Kristin Garvey, KriGarvey@ihada.IN.gov. Contact Kristin about ESG and HOPWA.
- Julia Jones, Root Policy Research, 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:

- Following the presentation, we will open the floor for public comments.
- 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

2023 Allocations from HUD

Released 2/27/2023

*Estimated based on national decrease in NHTF. Allocations have not been published yet.

CDBG **\$30,789,752**

HOME **\$16,429,054**

ESG **\$3,967,121**

HOPWA **\$2,160,235**

Nat'l Housing Trust Fund **\$5,618,737***

Total **\$58,964,899**

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.

2023 Action Plan Goals and Objectives

CDBG Funds:

\$13 million for wastewater/drinking water improvements

\$3.5 million for Public Facilities

\$3 million for Blight Clearance Programs

\$4 million for Stormwater Improvements

\$3 million for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation

\$2 million for PreservINg MainStreet

\$1.5 million for Planning Grants

\$0 Stellar Regions Program

\$0 Downtown Renewal

\$200,000 for technical assistance

\$589,752 for administration

2023 Action Plan Goals and Objectives Continued

HOME Funds:

\$8.5 million for rental projects/construction

\$1.2 million for TBRA

Program income or the balance of entitlement funds can be used for rental, homebuyer, and TBRA up to \$1.2 million

\$1.75 million for homeownership projects/construction

\$850,000 for CHDOs

\$2.5 million for HOME innovation: rental housing construction

\$1.63 million for administrative uses (\$600,000 capacity building)

Balance and program income will cover projects for rental, homebuyer, and TBRA up to \$1.2 million

2023 Action Plan Goals and Objectives Continued

ESG Funds:

\$2.2 million for emergency shelters with operations and essential services

\$1.5 million for rental assistance

\$251,084 admin

HOPWA Funds:

\$871,565 in TBRA

\$435,782 for housing information activities

\$373,528 for short-term rental, utilities, and mortgage assistance

\$211,666 for subrecipient and grant admin

\$186,764 to support facility operations and supportive services

\$80,931 for permanent housing placement

2023 Action Plan Goals and Objectives Continued

HTF Funds:

\$5.6 million

- For acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of supportive housing to serve <30% AMI households and persons experiencing homelessness and persons with disabilities, and
 - To provide gap financing for RHTC and HOME-ARP developments.
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Engagement Process



Focus Groups

4 groups

PHAs

Local Governments

Economic
Development

General

December 2022



Stakeholder Interviews

17 completed

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

PHAs

Mainstreet Orgs

17 completed



Stakeholder Survey

583 responses

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ESG, HOPWA, or HTF

PHAs

Mainstreet Orgs

Closed March 3rd



Public Hearings

**2 hybrid virtual
and in person
public hearings**

Today



Survey Summary

- 583 responses
- Industries
 - Other (19%)
 - Homeless services (18%)
 - Local, state, or federal government (18%)
 - Services for people with disabilities (16%)
 - Advocacy and/ or legal services (16%)
 - Services for seniors (15%)
- Geography
 - Other (44%),
 - Muncie (12%)
 - Anderson (12%)
 - Delaware County (11%)
 - Henry County (10%)





What we are Hearing

- Rural areas: preservation of housing, infrastructure is a challenge, water supply, services are centralized in urban areas and difficult to access
- Urban areas: PSH for homeless populations, more affordable rentals, more resources for property maintenance and management
- Administration, application, and oversight of grant funds can be a challenge in smaller communities
- Inflation across the board: housing, childcare, healthcare, transportation
- Need for wrap-around services for housing stability
- Additional administrative and capacity building resources to hire additional staff
- Difficult to come up with local match for everything
- Anti-growth attitudes can be a barrier



How to Access the Draft Plan

- Public comment period began February 15th and continues through March 31st, 2023
- Access the draft Plan 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 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

- Through March 31st you may send email to:
SEnz@ihcda.IN.gov or CHudgens@ocra.IN.gov or 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

Your Input

Tell us what you think of the 2023 Action Plan:

- What do you like the best?
- What concerns you?
- What would you change?
- What comments do you have today?



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