

State of Indiana

2024 Action Plan Public Hearing #1

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Agenda

- Introductions
- 2024 Action Plan Hearing
- Fair Housing Plan
- Public comments and input



Introductions

How to reach the presenters:

- Christmas Hudgens, CHudgens@ocra.IN.gov. Contact Christmas about CDBG.
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- Kristin Garvey, KriGarvey@ihada.IN.gov. Contact Kristin about ESG and HOPWA.
- Root Policy Research, vanessa@rootpolicy.com (970) 880-1415. Contact Vanessa with public comments.

Introductions

To ensure that everyone in attendance has a chance to voice their opinion, thoughts, and comments:

- We will call on all attendees to see if they have any comments after the presentation.
- Please feel free to jump in at anytime—we may speak over one another, when that happens, we'll help facilitate.
- If you have very detailed comments about programs, or more to say, please contact one of us. This will give everyone an equal chance to voice their comments.

2024 Action Plan Public Hearing

2024 Action Plan to be submitted May 15* 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)

*Submittal may be delayed by federal budget processes.



Funds Covered

What is the State expected to receive from HUD in 2024?

**Based on 2023 allocations. 2023 allocations dropped by \$7 million from 2022

CDBG	\$30,789,752
HOME	\$16,429,054
ESG	\$3,967,121
HOPWA	\$2,160,235
Nat'l Housing Trust Fund	\$5,391,554
Total	\$58,737,716

Consolidated Plan - Five Year Goals

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.



How to Participate in the Survey

- Take the survey at:
<https://surveymonkey.com/r/IndianaResidentHousingSurvey2024>
- The survey will remain open until February 29, 2024





What we are Hearing

- Residents have had to move when they did not want to because housing costs became unaffordable;
- There is a need for rental assistance to prevent evictions;
- Utility and property tax assistance would improve housing security;
- Vouchers don't cover market rent and expire before renters find a unit;
- Survivors of domestic violence are often denied financial assistance, services, and/or admission to affordable housing; and
- High-paying job opportunities are limited in many areas of the state.



How to Access the Draft Plan

- Public comment period begins April 1 and continues through April 30, 2024
- Access the draft Plan starting April 1 online at
<https://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg/consolidated-and-action-plans/>
<https://www.in.gov/ihcda/newsroom/action-plans/>
- You can also email vanessa@rootpolicy.com to request a copy.



How to Comment on the Plan

- Attend the next Public Hearing on April 15:

Email vanessa@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 April 30 you may send email to:
SEnz@ihcda.IN.gov or CHudgens@ocra.IN.gov or vanessa@rootpolicy.com

- Send a letter to:

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204-22288

Attn: 2024 Action Plan Comments

2024 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
- That proposed rule has not been finalized
- The state will update the 2016 Plan for submission with the 2024 Action Plan

Components of the Fair Housing Plan

- Demographics, Segregation and Integration
- Access to Community Assets
- Access to Affordable Housing Opportunities
- State Policies and Practices Impacting Fair Housing
- Fair Housing Issues, Goals, and Action Plan to address Impediments



What we are Hearing

- Multi-marginalized groups (e.g., disability + LGBTQ) face significant fair housing barriers;
- There is a need to increase awareness of fair housing laws among landlords and tenants;
- Source of income protection is needed for voucher users;
- Bad credit, low incomes, and pets are top reasons for being denied housing to rent;
- Racial steering and other discriminatory real estate practices are prominent in the for-sale housing market;
- Accessing public transit easily and safely is a challenge and there is a need for more frequent public transportation options; and
- Healthy food is a challenge in some areas.
- Residents are satisfied with the resources schools have for basic school instruction.

Your Input

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

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