NOTICE: The IHCC has been renamed as the House Idaho Collaborative (HIC). Thank you for your patience as we work through this transition across all of our platforms.

HIC Committees: Housing Idaho, Informing Idaho, Engaging Idaho
Descriptions and members of all HIC committees are now available on the website. If you are interested in joining a committee, reach out to your Regional Coalition Chair.

FY2023 CoC Application and BoS CoC Competition
The CoC Application is the sole source of funding for HIC. Idaho Housing and HIC committees are diligently working on completing the application by September 28. If your organization has questions about this year's CoC Competition, including the ranking and scoring process, review the competition description on the CoC website or the Written Standards.

Updates to HIC Written Standards
Review the changes to the Written Standards here.

LEP Feedback
The Lived Experience Panel has been providing feedback on various housing programs, HMIS systems, CE systems and grant applications. View the barriers they identified.

Jordan Downey
Grant Writer
Idaho Housing and Finance

HIC Staff Update
Jordan was recently hired as the grant writer for Idaho Housing and is currently working on applying for the ESG and CoC grants on behalf of the House Idaho Collaborative. She will also be researching potential grant opportunities and trainings for HIC partners.

If you know of a grant, please send it her way to share with HIC members, JordanDo@ihfa.org.

Resource Updates
Simply the Basics Hygiene Locator™
The Hygiene Locator helps people in need locate hygiene products or services. Donors can also use the site to find a location to donate to. If you are interested in listing your organization on the hygiene locator learn more here.

SOAR certification: Improve Your Serviceability as a Provider
SOAR provides free online training for caseworkers and homelessness service providers to learn how to assist adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder to apply for the Social Security Administration’s (SSA) disability programs, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Register for the free course.

Avenues for Hope Campaign - Fundraising opportunity
To raise funds for your organization, participate in the annual Avenues for Hope campaign! Nonprofit registration is open September 11 through November 6, 2023.

By the Numbers

2023 Point-in-Time Count
The PIT count is conducted annually on one night in January and provides a snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in sheltered and unsheltered environments. Data from the PIT count is best used to identify trends over time.

View the Balance of State and Ada County’s data.

Upcoming Events

Housing Resource Fair - Region 1 | September 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Food, music, children’s activities & community resources offering assistance with housing issues (deposits, rents, utilities) at McEuen Park, 420 E. Front Ave., CDA.

Educational Resource Session: Regional Coalition Fiscal Management Options
Strike Force Chair Marjorie Potter and consultant Wyatt Schroeder are hosting a virtual educational resource session September 21 from 3 - 4 p.m. regarding fiscal management options for regional coalitions. Email, heidis@ihfa.org to receive the meeting link.

Innovative Methods & Best Practices

Innovative Methods for Community Engagement
COFFEE HOUSE CONVERSATIONS: First Presbyterian Church in CDA has created an event inviting people to come and share coffee and stories to better understand the struggles being faced in their community. Each event focuses on a topic, such as mental health, and includes a presentation and panel discussion. The goal is to foster relationships and build community empathy through genuine human interactions.

Best Practices from the National Center for Homeless Education
PARTNER WITH SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS to address youth homelessness by expanding local homeless liaison capacity and provide wraparound services. Learn more.

USE SYSTEM NAVIGATORS to meet the needs of students experiencing homelessness and decrease barriers to their education by connecting them to resources and organizations that can provide wraparound services. Learn more.

In the News

City of Ketchum may increase incentives to build ADUs
The Ketchum Planning and Zoning commission is entertaining a series of clarifications in draft ordinance. The most significant change is offering incentives to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to a much wider range of homeowners. Read the full story.

HUD launches LGBTQI+ Youth Homelessness Initiative
HUD will partner with local communities, service providers, and directly-affected youth to address barriers to housing and shelter access. View the specifics here.

Non-Cisgender individuals face higher risk of homelessness
Federal homelessness data shows that transgender, non-binary and gender-questioning people experience a higher rate of unsheltered homelessness than cisgender individuals. Review the data.

Have suggestions?
If you know someone who would like to be added to the distribution list or want to suggest/contribute content, email snap@ihfa.org with “NEWSLETTER” in the subject line.