

IHFA Housing Roundtable Updates

The following is a summary document with updates on IHFA's affordable housing activities across Idaho.

Homelessness

CoC Competition: Due to the need to focus on the COVID-19 pandemic response, HUD is forgoing the 2020 CoC grant competition. All 2019 grants will be renewed for the 2020 program year. Grant agreements should be forthcoming as soon as we get final renewal amounts from HUD. These grants begin July 1, 2021.

COVID Response: In addition to the annual \$1 million in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding, IHFA received approximately \$15 million of ESG COVID relief funds. These funds are being used by agencies across Idaho to help prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID.

ESG: The application for Idaho's regular ESG grants is undergoing a substantial update. Interested parties are invited to contact IHFA to request a copy of the draft and provide feedback.

Agencies interested in applying for regular ESG funding must provide their notice of intent to apply by June 7, 2021. The open application period will run from June 14, 2021 through July 30, 2021. Agencies receiving awards will be notified by August 31, 2021 and grants will begin October 1, 2021. ESG program funding can be used for homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing and shelters.

HOPWA: IHFA is seeking agencies interested in administering the Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) program in Southern and Eastern Idaho.

Information about any of these programs can be found [here](#), or by contacting SNAP@IHFA.org.

Project Finance

For an updated list of income-based or subsidized properties across Idaho within IHFA's Compliance portfolio, click [here](#).

Also, for a current report on the impact of IHFA's Collateral Support program for small businesses, click [here](#).

Rental Assistance

HUD awarded IHFA 75 new Mainstream vouchers for non-elderly disabled persons aged 18 to 61 years of age, which were effective February 1, 2021. This award brings IHFA's Mainstream program to 265 vouchers. Some of these Mainstream vouchers are dedicated to non-elderly disabled who are coming out of institutions or are currently homeless or at risk of homelessness, and others are dedicated to non-elderly disabled who are exiting permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing projects who were previously homeless, while 125 are targeted to non-elderly disabled applicants. The qualifying disabled household member may be any member of the assisted household. In addition to the Mainstream program, IHFA administers another 3,644 vouchers, which includes our regular Housing Choice Voucher program and Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. IHFA's waiting lists are open in all four branch offices. IHFA is also preparing for the receipt of additional Emergency Housing Vouchers

that will be available to those who are homeless, unstably housing, were previously homeless, or a victim of abuse.

The Home Partnership Foundation

Avenues for Hope: 2021 registration will be open mid-September through October 29th for the 11th annual campaign via www.avenuesforhope.org. The 2021 campaign will be held December 9-31. We are seeking new participating nonprofits and school districts that provide housing and/or supportive services. New campaign sponsors are also needed to help fund the \$300,000+ prize and match fund. We'll have an aggressive goal to raise more than our record-breaking campaign last year that brought in nearly \$2.6M. 2020 funds supported 78 housing nonprofits and school districts throughout Idaho. Please direct any questions to Deanna Ward at deannaw@ihfa.org or 208-331-4756.

Fair Housing

IHFA has spent the past year creating fair housing educational material for landlords, renters, realtors, housing advocates, managers, owners, and other stakeholders. Visit IHFA's [Fair Housing page](#) to access protected classes videos, fair housing posters, and informational pamphlets. Free print material is available for your distribution.

COVID-19

Stay up to date on IHFA's COVID-19 response programs through our [COVID-19 page](#). Of most relevance may be IHFA's Housing Preservation Program (HPP), which supports renters experiencing a financial hardship due to the pandemic is. HPP offers emergency rent and utility assistance to renters earning less than 80% of the area median income for a period of up to 15 months. Both retroactive and prospective assistance is available. A program flyer available for distribution can be accessed [here](#).