Housing Preservation Program

The Housing Preservation Program, which is available to renters with a current household income of 80% of Area Median Income or less, provides short-term rent and utility support for Idahoans experiencing financial hardship because of the pandemic.

The program, which was initiated by the Foundation, was launched in April with an initial investment of $250,000. The program received a significant financial boost from Governor Brad Little and the Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee, which allocated up to $15 million of the state’s CARES Act funding for the program through Idaho Housing and Finance Association. As of July 20, a total of 1,390 applications have been received. So far, $1,110,000 has been paid out to support 1,530 people, with an average assistance of $2,300 per household.

To learn more about the Housing Preservation Program and its eligibility requirements, click here.
Aid For Friends’ New Shelter Is Well Under Way

The transformation of the old Pocatello City Hall into a modern, multifunctional homeless shelter for Aid For Friends is coming along. All architectural design efforts and demolition work is finished. Currently, walls are being framed, concrete is being cut for water and sewer lines, electrical lines are being established, and the playground is being defined.

The existing Aid For Friends facility is the only emergency shelter for women, men, and families in a region that has the state’s second-highest rate of homelessness. It is in a cramped, single-family home that operates at 114% of capacity most of the year.

The renovation of this much-needed shelter is scheduled to be done in about six months. “Being able to open this coming winter, when the homeless are hit hardest, will be a real blessing,” said BJ Stensland, Aid For Friends executive director. Learn more about our financial supporters and community partners making this project possible, as well as more project details here.

Donations are still needed to get this project over the finish line. Please help by donating today. Online gifts made by Oct. 31 will be matched dollar for dollar by Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

Donate Now!
Mark Your Calendars: Dec. 10 - 31, 2020

Soon fall will be here and it will be time to ramp up for our 10th annual Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge. Mark your calendars for Dec. 10, the launch of this online giving campaign that helps Idaho nonprofits provide access to safe, stable, and affordable housing.

This unique campaign has significant prizes and matching funds, sometimes doubling donations made for your favorite nonprofit. There is no better time to help those in need!

If you know a nonprofit that provides basic shelter or housing services that can benefit from this campaign, please have them contact afh@ihfa.org.

Avenues for Hope Sponsors Needed
Thanks to dozens of sponsors, we are able to provide unprecedented prizes and matching funds to donations made during the online campaign. Sign up to become a sponsor today.

Learn more about Avenues for Hope and last year's campaign at avenuesforhope.org.