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INDY DMD INVITES HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY FOR ACCESS TO \$11M IN FEDERAL FUNDS

Applications to connect local organizations with funding and resources for enhancing affordable housing, community development, and social services

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, September 13, 2024, the Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) announces the 2025 Community Investments Application is open. Local organizations focused on housing and community development have the opportunity to receive funding through four distinct grant programs. Two of these programs, the [Community Development Block Grant](#) (CDBG) and the [HOME Investment Partnerships](#) programs, focus on affordable housing and community building. The other two, the [Emergency Solutions Grant](#) (ESG) and the [Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS](#) (HOPWA) programs, support emergency housing and services.

"We are excited to announce another round of Community Development grant applications to bring additional dollars to Indianapolis," said DMD Director Megan Vukusich. "These applications provide local stakeholders and organizations access to federal funding sources to help bolster critical investments in areas such as affordable housing and social services."

DMD administers a number of federal grant programs through its Division of Community Investments. DMD has released two applications offering local organizations and nonprofits access to more than \$11 million in housing and community development grants from the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD). See below for funding priorities, timelines, and eligibility for both applications.

CDBG AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

CDBG, a federal entitlement grant from HUD, supports community development activities to build stronger and more resilient communities by providing decent, safe, affordable housing and expanding economic opportunities – principally for persons of low and moderate incomes. CDBG funds are allocated to organizations addressing the city's most serious community challenges through efforts such as homeowner-occupied repair, public facility construction and rehabilitation, demolition of unsafe structures, employment training, and summer youth programs.

“The CDBG loan saved me a lot of money and turmoil; it was able to help me complete repairs to my home without breaking the bank,” said Marian-Cold Springs resident Abner Hutchison, who closed on a CDBG loan with the [Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership](#) (INHP) in 2023 along with his wife, Klayta. “It’s a good option to have when you’re in dire need of having something fixed or replaced around the home.”

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is a federal entitlement grant from HUD which helps create safe, affordable housing options for low-income persons.

DMD anticipates nearly \$9 million will be available across CDBG, HOME, and HOME-ARP from HUD in 2025. [Click here](#) for this year’s funding priorities, timeline, and eligibility. To facilitate the creation of affordable housing opportunities with these dollars, DMD also is allowing applicants the option to purchase City-owned properties. Prospective buyers can refer to [this list](#) of currently available City-owned lots. Eligible applicants include nonprofit or for-profit organizations, local Community Development Corporations (CDCs), and real estate developers. Applicants must adhere to specific submission guidelines and address the funding priorities outlined in the application.

“As a longtime partner with the City of Indianapolis and a recipient of federal grant funding, [Southeast Neighborhood Development \(SEND\)](#) has witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of investment in affordable housing,” said SEND President Kelli Mirgeaux. “Leveraging more than \$4 million in federal support over the last five years, we’ve been able to invest more than \$6 million to create, maintain and sustain affordable housing in Southeast Indy. These funds are crucial for ensuring that all residents of Southeast Indy, regardless of income, have access to safe, affordable housing, strengthening our neighborhoods and building a more equitable city for all.”

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS APPLICATION

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is an entitlement grant that provides emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, street outreach, homelessness prevention and diversion, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) services to the Indianapolis community.

“ESG funding helps advance our community goals to expand housing and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness through critical interventions like diversion, street outreach, rapid rehousing, and data collection through the Homeless Management Information System,” said [Coalition For Homelessness Intervention & Prevention](#) (CHIP) Executive Director Chelsea Haring-Cozzi. “ESG has been a vital resource for supporting veterans who may not qualify for other federal resources, for dedicated street outreach teams who play a critical role in connecting those living unsheltered to resources and housing, and for improving our data quality and compliance.”

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program is the only federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Under the HOPWA Program, HUD makes grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

DMD anticipates more than \$3 million will be available across ESG and HOPWA funds throughout 2025. [Click here](#) for more information.

“HOPWA is a critical resource to help prevent and end homelessness among people living with HIV/AIDS,” said [Damien Center](#) President & CEO Alan Witchey. “HIV rates continue to grow in Marion County, and our partnership with the City of Indianapolis helps us address a critical health crisis by creating housing stability for those who need it the most. The HOPWA funds will prevent or end homelessness for hundreds of people living with HIV this year.”

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For access to applications, application resources, or more information on CDBG, HOME, HOME-ARP, HTF, ESG, or HOPWA funds, please visit <https://www.indy.gov/activity/community-development-grants>

Please send 2025 Community Investment Application responses to victoria.jennings@indy.gov and marykate.shanahan@indy.gov and 2025 ESG & HOPWA responses to amber.hayes@indy.gov. Applications must be received by noon EST on October 7th, 2024. Late applications will not be reviewed.

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