



# Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

A publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

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## Make sure you have renewed your Prosperity Indiana membership for 2018!

Prosperity Indiana has many initiatives underway to support our members' work in 2018, and we don't want you to miss out! If you haven't already, we invite you to renew your membership to enjoy benefits such as: Opportunities to **convene with colleagues** through regional member meetings and Connection Point Calls, Access to our staff's expertise through **technical assistance** at a special discounted rate, Discounts on **diverse trainings** throughout the year, Access to **funding** from the Prosperity Indiana Fund LLC, Significant savings on the **InsightVision performance management system**, and Information on the current status of the community economic development field through this **member-exclusive newsletter!**

[Join](#) or [Renew your membership today!](#)



Advocacy



Connecting



Capacity Building



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## Member Service Highlight - Advocacy

### *Partners' Events*

[Mar. 1: APA-IN Spring Conference \(Muncie\)](#)

[Mar. 2: Prosperity Now Midwest Region Virtual Listening & Strategy Session \(Webinar\)](#)

[Mar. 3: INRC Neighbor Power Indy \(Marian University\)](#)

[Mar. 7: FHLBI Affordable Housing and Community Investment Program Workshop \(Evansville\)](#)

[Mar. 8: FHLBI Affordable Housing and Community Investment Program Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Mar. 11: Spirit & Place Presents: Powerful Conversations on Race \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Mar. 15: FHLBI Affordable Housing and Community Investment Program Workshop \(South Bend\)](#)

[Mar. 20-22: INARF 2018 Annual Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)



This month Prosperity Indiana is focused on raising members' voices through our advocacy work. We have more than 30 years of experience successfully working with policymakers and advocating for strong, innovative policies that support the work of our members. Policy Director Kathleen Lara has been hard at work at the Indiana Statehouse pushing Prosperity Indiana's legislative priorities. [Read her mid-session update here.](#)

[Click here](#) to learn more about how Prosperity Indiana can help your organization engage in advocacy and make your voice heard.

## Thank you to everyone who made the 2018 Prosperity Indiana Summit and Statehouse Day a success!

On January 23, a host of Prosperity Indiana members gathered at the Indiana Statehouse to meet with legislators and network with peers. Then, on January 24, members from community development organizations and local governments, along with representatives from the health care community, convened in downtown Indianapolis to connect, share ideas, and learn together about the intersection between health and community development.



[Mar. 23: Coburn Place Blue & Gold Breakfast \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Apr. 4: FHCCI Annual Fair Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Apr. 10-13: NALCAB 2018 National Conference \(Orlando, FL\)](#)

[Apr. 17-20: Indiana Landmarks Statewide Preservation Conference \(Columbus\)](#)

[June 7-8: IPA 2018 Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

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## Prosperity Indiana Summit & Statehouse Day

January 23-24, 2018  
Sheraton City Centre, Indianapolis



Special thanks to each of our presenters, our sponsors, and everyone who attended these events!

### Weren't able to attend the Summit?

You can access presentations and other materials from the conference [here](#), read live updates from the event by searching the hashtag [#ProsperitySummit](#) on Twitter, and [Click here](#) to read the highlights and view pictures from Prosperity Indiana Annual Awards.

## Raise Your Organization's Voice through the Nonprofit Finance Fund State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey

The Nonprofit Finance Fund State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey - the biggest national sampling of its kind - collects data about US nonprofits' health and challenges into an accessible, evidence-based illustration of our ability to help the communities we all serve. It's a powerful platform for nonprofits large and small, urban and rural, across sub-sectors and geographies, and its findings are widely used and cited by nonprofit leaders and boards, funders, advocates, policy advisors, media, researchers, and many others.

Take the [Survey](#) and raise your organization's voice.

[Prosperity Indiana -  
Resource Development](#)

### Social Media Recap

[Dr. Lisa Harris, CEO  
@EskenaziHealth](#) "excited  
to be here and help kick  
healthcare in the pants" to  
connect with the community  
development.

[For too long organizations  
have been engaged in  
parallel play - in the same  
sandbox but not engaged in  
mutually reinforcing activities  
#collectiveimpact  
#ProsperitySummit  
@DERicksonSF](#)

[We've had a busy week  
w/our Summit, Statehouse  
Day, Midwest Caucus, &  
Farewell Celebration for  
outgoing ED Andy Fraizer.  
Thanks to all sponsors,  
including those for the  
farewell fundraiser event. If  
you haven't had a chance to  
donate yet, here's the link:  
\[prosperityindiana.org/donate\]\(http://prosperityindiana.org/donate\)](#)

[Our former intern Aniyah  
has made it to the #INLegis.  
Congratulations!](#)



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## New Interactive Tool from Prosperity Now

Earlier this month, Prosperity Now launched their 2018 Scorecard. The Scorecard is a comprehensive resource for data on household financial health and policy recommendations to help put everyone in our country on a path toward prosperity. Check out this [blog post](#) from the Indiana Assets and Opportunities Network, which summarizes the Scorecard's findings for Indiana, and visit Prosperity Now's [website](#) to learn more about the Scorecard and utilize its interactive tools.



## New Grant Opportunities from FHLBI and Wells Fargo

FHLBank Indianapolis has announced a new grant program specifically designed to support small businesses. This grant will provide FHLBI members' customers with the tools they need to succeed and create economic opportunities that may not have existed before.

To learn more about how this and other FHLBI programs can help your community, plan on attending one of the [Affordable](#)

[Housing and Community Investment Program Workshops](#)this spring.



The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and Wells Fargo have announced the 2018 CommunityWINS grant program, a \$3 million commitment over the next three years aimed at accelerating neighborhood revitalization, economic development and job creation in municipalities across the country. [Click here](#) to read more about this grant opportunity.

The CommunityWINS grant program is administered by [USCM](#) and funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation. Grant requirements, application details, application checklists and the online application forms are available now at [www.usmayors.org/communitywins/](http://www.usmayors.org/communitywins/). Applications must be submitted by March 16, 2018.

## New Program Offering with Ball State University

A new year can inspire us to make improvements. What inspires you? Are you ready to make a change this year?

Earning a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration at Ball State University can launch your career into new heights! This 12-credit hour program builds your knowledge of government and non-profit structure, administrative management, fiscal budgeting, community dynamics, and public policy. Offered in an executive blended format - allows public sector professionals to complete the majority of the coursework online and meeting face-to-face once each month at our Fishers Center.

**Don't miss out - Apply today!**



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## Providing Technical Assistance in Rural Indiana

Prosperity Indiana has recently begun working with the City of Rushville and Ginn Farms, a small Agricultural Education Nonprofit, on two different and exciting technical assistance projects. The work on both projects is financially supported by the [National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders \(NALCAB\)](#) using US Department of Housing and Urban Development Rural Technical Assistance grants.

Learn more about these projects [here](#).

Are you serving a rural area in Indiana? Are there projects where you could use technical assistance to advance your work? You could be eligible for participation in the HUD Rural TA program through NALCAB and Prosperity Indiana. Contact Director of Planning Services, Rose Scovel ([rscovel@prosperityindiana.org](mailto:rscovel@prosperityindiana.org)), for more information.

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## Need more hands on deck for an upcoming project?

Did you know that Prosperity Indiana members can access FREE short-term technical assistance from our Member Capacity Builder AmeriCorps VISTA? We can help with research, event planning, social media and marketing, survey tools, outcomes measurement support, and a variety of other short-term projects.



If you are interested in this free, short-term technical assistance, fill out a [request for assistance](#) or contact Kaytlin Eastes, Member Capacity Builder AmeriCorps VISTA, at [keastes@prosperityindiana.org](mailto:keastes@prosperityindiana.org).

## Prosperity Indiana is seeking new board members!

Prosperity Indiana's board members are the volunteer energy and the generative leadership that keeps us moving forward and connected to members. If you are interested in helping to guide Prosperity Indiana's efforts to build prosperous Indiana communities, please consider applying to serve on the board of directors. [Click here](#) to read the full board member job description and to submit your application.

## Let us help you share your success stories!

If you have a success story, an upcoming event, or a job opening let us know! Prosperity Indiana is seeking guest bloggers and success stories from our membership to broadcast across the network.

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