



## Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition 2023 Policy Priorities

Indiana's housing stability and affordability crisis has been exacerbated by ongoing economic disruptions and increased costs, and continues to threaten hundreds of thousands of vulnerable Hoosier households. And while Indiana's housing crisis affects rural, urban, and suburban communities statewide, Black and brown Hoosiers, low-income renters, and families with children remain disproportionately at risk.

In 2023, the Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition will prioritize support for policies that strengthen habitability standards and protections for safe and stable housing for all; increase the supply of affordable housing for Hoosier communities who most need it, and ensure existing housing is more affordable and accessible for all Hoosiers.

Strengthen habitability standards and protections for safe and stable housing for all.

- Create a Housing Stability Pilot Fund to serve as a bridge to a flexible permanent emergency rental assistance and homelessness diversion program with federal, state, local, and public-private resources
- Catch Indiana up with the 45 states that allow renters living in housing facing severe health and safety violations to put rent into escrow or repair issues & deduct incurred costs from rent
- Increase resources for court-based eviction diversion programs and adopt a statute outlining the eviction process in the Indiana court system

Increase the supply of affordable housing for Hoosier communities who most need it.

- Support building new affordable housing and rental units and preserving existing units for the lowest-income Hoosiers with the highest housing cost burdens
- Increase the number of community-based organizations and nonprofits participating in federal and state Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs
- Empower local communities to shape the development of new affordable housing and strengthen habitability standards

Ensure existing housing is more affordable and accessible for those communities.

- Transform Indiana's renter deduction into a refundable renter's credit so that no low-income Hoosier is left out, and increase the amount to reflect current costs
- Support opportunities, programs, or policies for those seeking the American dream of homeownership by addressing barriers to fair lending, ensuring fair value of homes, and counteracting risks of displacement

- Create a Governor-appointed Indiana Commission on Housing & Homelessness with multi-agency and community members empowered to coordinate available resources and restructure services to improve housing affordability and stability, and to direct the Housing Stability Pilot program
- Address unaccountable out-of-state and corporate investors who neglect existing housing stock

**About the [Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition](#)**

The Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition (HHNC) was formed by members of Indiana’s housing advocacy community in April 2020, to support advocacy and education related to housing and homelessness prevention. HHNC convenes partners from across Indiana to conduct education and research and advocate for federal, state, and local policies to achieve equitable short-and long-term housing affordability and stability solutions.

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