



Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

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Member Networking Refresh

Greetings,

In case you missed our announcement that went out last week, we're excited to present you with this new set of opportunities to connect and learn with Prosperity Indiana:



On the last Thursday of each month, dial in at 1pm EST to join an informal conversation with an expert and your peers about the challenges and successes of your work. Themes for each month will rotate through the affinity group focus areas. [Click here to register for the first Connection Point call on March 30.](#) The call will focus on rental housing production, specifically tax credit prioritization and allocation. We want your feedback before Indiana Housing and Community

Upcoming Events

[Mar 21: Mid-Session Statewide Policy Update \(Webinar\)](#)

[Mar 21: Crowdfunding for Community Development \(Conference Call\)](#)

[Mar 30: Connection Point - LIHTC QAP \(Conference Call\)](#)

[Apr 4-5: Universal Design/Build \(Indianapolis\)](#)

Partners' Events

March

[Mar 16: FHLBI Affordable Housing Program and Community Investment Workshops \(South Bend\)](#)

[Mar 20: Serve Indiana Day of Service Mini-Grant Application Due](#)

[Mar 23: Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative & Cardiovascular and Diabetes](#)

Development Authority (IHCD) releases its draft 2018-2019 Qualified Allocation Plan.



Online forums are a great way to connect with peers throughout the year. Available [through the member portal](#), affinity group members can post questions, share resources and start conversations online. Click on the "subscribe" button in each affinity group forum to get updates sent directly to your inbox.



This summer, Prosperity Indiana staff will be traveling around the state to meet with you, present valuable content for your work and share updates from this year's state legislative session. Regional Member Meetings also provide an opportunity to network and collaborate with your peers. Stay tuned for more details.



We'll be expanding our webinar schedule this year to provide you with more resources and information to help you in your work. [Click here to register for the upcoming Statewide](#)

[**Coalition of Indiana Regional Session \(Muncie\)**](#)

[**Mar 24: IHCD Central Regional Strategic Plan Listening Session \(Fishers\)**](#)

[**INDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program \(STIP\) district meeting**](#)

[**Mar 28: \(Seymour\)**](#)

[**Mar 29: \(Vincennes\)**](#)

[**Mar 30: \(Crawfordsville\)**](#)

[**Mar 30: IHCD Public Hearings for 2017 State Annual Action Plan \(5 Locations: Indianapolis, Vincennes, Scottsburg, Huntington, & Rensselaer\)**](#)

April

[**Apr 4: IPA Measuring Results Deep Dive Day \(Indianapolis\)**](#)

[**Apr 6: FHCCI Fair Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)**](#)

[**Apr 6: Council on Foundations Community and Economic Development for Community Foundations \(Indianapolis\)**](#)

[**Apr 7: OCRA CDBG Round 1 Programs & Hometown Collaboration Initiative \(HCI\) Applications Due**](#)

[**Apr 11: IHCD HOME Rental Guide \(Webinar\)**](#)

[**INDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program \(STIP\) district meeting**](#)

[**Apr 11: \(LaPorte\)**](#)

[**Apr 12: \(Fort Wayne\)**](#)

[**Apr 13: \(Indianapolis\)**](#)

[**Apr 18-20: AHAIN Conquering Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Compliance: Training & HCCP Exam \(Indianapolis\)**](#)

[**Apr 21: IHCD Neighborhood Assistance Program \(NAP\) Funding Application Due**](#)

[**Apr 25-28: Indiana Landmarks Statewide**](#)

[Policy Update webinar on Tuesday, March 21](#). Organizational members can also access recordings and slides from previous webinars [on the member portal](#).

If you have any questions about these or other member benefits, please do not hesitate to contact me by [email](#) or phone (317-454-8538). I look forward to connecting with you as you take advantage of these opportunities to connect and learn with Prosperity Indiana this year!

Best wishes,

[Faith Musgrove](#)
Member Services Manager



2017 Training Schedule

Dates have been set and registration is now open for our 2017 training courses. [Click here to find this year's training schedule and register today](#).

Interested in presenting at a Prosperity Indiana training? [Respond to one of our RFPs](#) by March 22.

Outcomes Platform Update

Prosperity Indiana is still seeking funds to drive down the costs associated with roll-out of a new member benefit this year, the Outcomes Platform: a new data collection, tracking and outcomes reporting solution. But we've been talking about it with potential partners and already have organizations committed to a pilot of the program. So, we wanted to more broadly communicate the intent of the endeavor. [Click here to learn more](#).

Mid-Session Policy Roundup

The General Assembly just crossed its midpoint, and we have updates for you on this year's priority legislation for the Prosperity Indiana network. [Attend next Tuesday's webinar](#) to hear the latest news from the Statehouse and get your questions answered.

[Preservation Conference \(Wabash\)](#)

[Apr 28: Stellar Communities Designation Program LOI Due](#)

May & Beyond

[May 18: Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative Annual Meeting "Striving for Healthy Communities" \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 24-26: CSH Supportive Housing Summit 2017 \(Denver, CO -- Early Bird ends today\)](#)

[May 31-Jun 2: People & Places Conference 2017 \(Arlington, VA\)](#)

[Jun 8-9: Indiana Arts Commission From the Ground Up: A Creative Placemaking Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 15-16: Indiana Affordable Housing Council & IHCD Indiana Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Sep 13-15: National Walking Summit \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)

Job Opportunities

[Prosperity Indiana - AmeriCorps*VISTA Positions](#)

[National Development Council - East Regional Team Field Director](#)

Volunteer Opportunity

[accessABILITY - Board of Directors](#)

New Podcast Episodes

[Storytelling: Sharing our Individual and Collective Stories](#)

For more details on specific policies, read the following blog posts:

- [SB 154: Senate Votes to Advance Bill to Increase Asset Limits for SNAP](#)
- [SB 227: Senate Votes to Approve Foreclosure Filing Fee Extension](#)
- [SB 559: Property Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Affordable Housing Bill Advances Out of Senate](#)
- [SB 309: Passes Senate, Prosperity Indiana to Continue Advocacy Against Measure in House](#)
- [SB 245: Predatory Lending Expansion Bill Defeated in Committee](#)

From the Ground Up: A Creative Placemaking Workshop



The Indiana Arts Commission, a Prosperity Indiana member, is hosting a creative placemaking workshop on June 8-9. Director of Capacity Building, Rose Scovel, who has been involved in planning the event, said, "This workshop will offer an opportunity for those new to placemaking - and those with a strong sense of the topic - to engage with others, learn from experts, and consider the creative aspect of placemaking." [Click here to learn more and to register.](#)

Creative Placemaking Funds

Prosperity Indiana member [Harrison Center for the Arts](#) recently funded its Pre-enactment Theater Project through crowdfunding and matching funds from IHCD's CreatINg Places initiative. [Click here to learn more](#) and dial in on March 21 to hear about [crowdfunding for community development](#). Interested to learn more about receiving similar matching funds through IHCD's CreatINg Places initiative? [Click here to find a recording of our CreatINg Places webinar.](#)

[Achieving Vision: Breaking the Dream Down into Doable Pieces](#)

Subscribe to Prosperity Indiana's *Ways and Means* podcast on the [iTunes store](#) and [Google Play Music](#).

Social Media Recap

[Congrats to the Prosperity Indiana members who received 10 of the 16 tax credits awards from IHCD!](#)

[Our policy team is monitoring these reports & advocating against severe cuts to/elimination of critical HUD programs](#)

[Grid-connected #solar +battery storage is coming. Can utilities & communities make wise decisions now? @RockyMtnInst](#)

[Graph of impact of policies on reducing child poverty reveals tax credits to be the most effective.](#)

[140 reports from the Foundation Center on reconnecting #disconnectedyouth.](#)

[Congrats to Prosperity Indiana member, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, for the "Communities Against Hate" rapid-response grant award by the Open Society Foundations!](#)



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Need more hands on deck for a new project or program?

Prosperity Indiana is currently recruiting two AmeriCorps*VISTAs to serve as Member Capacity Builders. These AmeriCorps members will work alongside member organizations to reach new goals. If you're interested in having a Member Capacity Builder placement or know someone who would be a great VISTA, please contact Associate Executive Director [Jessica Love](#). Read about our current VISTA's experience and learn more about the open positions by [clicking here](#).



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