



Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

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Connect with Prosperity Indiana at a Regional Member Meeting!

Prosperity Indiana works to connect its members - to resources and to one another. One of the best ways to connect with Prosperity Indiana and other members in the network is to attend a Regional Member Meeting.

Regional Member Meetings will be held at multiple locations across the state. Join us at a meeting near you to network with community development peers, share ideas, get the latest updates on what Prosperity Indiana is doing for you, and let us know how we can do better. We encourage you to attend and engage to ensure you are getting the most out of your Prosperity Indiana membership!

Meeting locations:

Fort Wayne - April 26

Hammond - May 8

Central IN - TBD

Southeast IN - TBD



Outcomes Measurement Training from Prosperity Indiana and Charitable Allies

Funders are increasingly asking organizations to go beyond

Upcoming Events

[Apr. 19: "The Ordinance" Screening & Panel Discussion \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Apr. 23: What It's Worth: An Asset Building Discussion \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Apr. 26: Regional Member Meeting \(Fort Wayne\)](#)

[May 7: Outcomes Measurement Training \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 8: Regional Member Meeting \(Hammond\)](#)

[May 8: Outcomes Measurement Training \(Evansville\)](#)

Partners' Events

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

[Apr. 19: New Hope Services - M. Fine on Spring Open House \(Jeffersonville\)](#)

talking about *what they do* to explain *why it matters*--what difference are these programs and services making in the community? How can funders know that their grants and donations are creating a positive change?

"Outcome measurement" is more than a buzzword, and tracking and using outcomes well is critical to the health and reputation of an organization. Unfortunately, it can also seem like one more demand on organizations that don't have systems in place or trained staff for capturing this information. Join us for a training co-led by Charitable Allies and Prosperity Indiana that will help you understand how to measure and demonstrate your effectiveness through outcome measurement. By the end of the training, you'll understand what outcomes are, their importance for improving and growing programs, and which outcomes are most important to your organization. We'll also address some of the challenges associated with outcomes measurement and tools or strategies for overcoming these in a small organization.

This training is being offered twice. Register for the time and location that fits your schedule:

[May 7 - Indianapolis](#)

[May 8 - Evansville](#)

This training is funded by the Old National Bank Foundation.



A Conversation about Housing Cooperatives - May 18

The shortage of affordable housing in the U.S. market has an enormous impact on the quality of life in cities, towns, and rural areas. As community leaders seek solutions to the affordable housing crisis, people continue to make difficult choices about where to live. Join the Indiana Cooperative Development Center, Cinnaire, and Neighborhood Development Associates, LLC to learn about housing cooperatives as an option/solution to address this crisis.

Friday, May 18 | 9:00am-3:30pm

Cost: \$25

[Apr. 20: Fighting for Fair Housing Conference \(Notre Dame\)](#)

[Apr. 25: IPA 2018 Spring Boot Camp \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Apr. 25: CFBMC Thrive By Five Giving Day](#)

[Apr. 26: LISC Love Thy Neighborhood Awards \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Apr. 28: Engaging Inclusion - Conversations for Opening Communities \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Apr. 29: Partners in Housing: Maplewood Derby 2018 \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Apr. 29-30: 2018 Indiana Bike & Walk Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 13: Spirit & Place Presents - Conversations on Race \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 15-17: Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)

[May 18: A Conversation about Housing Cooperatives" \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[June 5: MFCDC Annual Luncheon \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[June 5-7: CSH Summit 2018 \(Los Angeles\)](#)

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

Social Media Recap

[Rushville residents, area art teachers, and Mayor Mike](#)

[Register Here](#)

Payday Lending Film Screening and Panel Discussion - April 19

Join the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network for a screening of "The Ordinance," a documentary that examines the payday and auto title loan industry while also following a small Texas town fighting for change.

After the screening, members of a coalition of consumer advocates will lead a discussion about the film and answer attendees' questions about the payday industry in Indiana. Coalition members include Erin Macey, Indiana Institute for Working Families; Glen Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference; Bill Chapman, Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation, and Marie Morse, HomesteadCS.

Check out our [blog post](#) for more info & to register!



Omnibus Bill: Substantial Wins for Community Development Programs

Prosperity Indiana engaged Congressional offices in our delegation to advocate for robust community development program appropriations and program updates and we are pleased to share a summary of the progress made towards those goals in this bill.

Key wins for Prosperity Indiana Members:

- 10% increase for HUD funding for this year
- Key program improvements for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, Rental Assistance Demonstration program
- Funding to renew all Housing Choice Vouchers and

[Pavey discuss strategies to engage residents in the art scene and make art part of every day life in Rushville - all part of Prosperity Indiana and Rushville's work to develop an Arts Council and Arts Master Plan for the City.](#)

[Just a few @INCommDev members/partners mobilizing for a #JustEconomy. Economic fairness and opportunity are essential to strengthening our communities and Hoosiers are here for it!](#)

[@INCommDev members ensuring their voices are heard on Capitol Hill-urging our IN delegation to strengthen the Community Reinvestment Act, stand up for consumer protection, and uphold the GSEs' affordable housing goals. #justeconomy](#)



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- new vouchers to veterans and people with disabilities
- Nearly \$1 billion in additional funding to repair and operate public housing
- Significant increases in funding for Homeless Assistance Grants, Community Development Block Grants, and the HOME Investment Partnerships program

[Click here to read the full summary.](#)

Three Indiana Cities within Top 20 Nationwide for Eviction Rankings

Princeton University's new [Eviction Lab](#) database highlights rates of individuals and families that are housing unstable due to evictions across the country. The Lab results show that three Indiana cities (Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and South Bend) rank in the top 20 large city eviction filings in the United States for 2016.



According to the data, Indianapolis had 11,570 evictions in 2016, which amounts to 31.7 households evicted every day. Further, Indiana's eviction rate of 4.07% in 2016 is 1.73% higher than the national average.

See our [blog post](#) for more highlights of the data and to view Indiana eviction ratings by city size.

Anderson event showcases plans for west side improvements

Anderson's Sweet 16 group, comprised of 17 community leaders in five groups, has spent the last 18 months working on a plan to revitalize the 46016 ZIP code. The group presented their plan at the "For the Love of Neighborhoods" event on Saturday, April 7. They introduced their goals for transportation and infrastructure, housing, health and safety, business development, and education and job training. Prosperity Indiana's own [Rose Scovel](#) coordinated the effort.

[Click here](#) to read the full article and learn about the plan's goals.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

The **AARP Community Challenge** funds projects that build momentum for local change to improve livability for all residents. These grants support actions that can spark longer-term progress. Grants can range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to several thousand for larger projects.

The program is open to nonprofits, government entities, and other types of organizations, considered on a case-by-case basis. Applications must be submitted online by May 16 at 5 p.m. (ET).



The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has announced that the **Quick Impact Placebased Grant Program (QUIP)**, a matching grant program designed to fund placemaking and transformational projects that spark community-wide conversations and creativity, is open for applications.

The project funding range is \$2,500 to \$5,000 and for every dollar in grant funds utilized, 50 cents must be matched, via cash or in-kind, by the applicant. Eligible applicants can include community or civic organizations, local units of government, or schools.

[See our blog post](#) to read more about both of these grant opportunities.

FHCCI Releases Report Showing Significant Levels of Housing Discrimination in Marion County

A report released by the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) reveals many Hoosiers continue to experience significant levels of housing discrimination 50 years after the landmark federal Fair Housing Act became law. The FHCCI conducted a total of 45 fair housing tests for the audit. In Marion County areas that are predominantly Caucasian, otherwise qualified African Americans

encountered discrimination 76% of the time. For those with disabilities, the audit demonstrated barriers to enjoying their housing like those without disabilities. If a person needed an animal to help in coping or dealing with a disability, s/he encountered discrimination, such as additional verification or policy restrictions, in 15% of the tests conducted. Read the [Press release](#) or download the [final report here](#).



Request for Qualifications - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) is seeking qualified applicants to implement and administer the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program for the 2018 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019).

Interested applicants should submit applications to IHCDA no later than May 2, 2018. [Click here](#) for more information and for directions on submitting the application.

Bill Taft Named Senior Vice- President for Economic Development for National LISC

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Indianapolis Executive Director William (Bill) Taft was recently promoted to Senior Vice-President for Economic Development for LISC National. His new role will include leading the expansion of LISC's economic and workforce development efforts nationally.



[Read the full announcement here.](#)

A search committee has been formed led by members of the LISC Indianapolis Local Advisory Board to conduct an internal and external search to fill this role.

Those interested in applying for the position should visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/603502640/>.

Join Prosperity Indiana as an AmeriCorps VISTA!

Prosperity Indiana is recruiting four AmeriCorps VISTA members. Two will replace current VISTA members Allegra Maldonado, Assets and Opportunity Network VISTA, and Kaytlin Eastes, Member Capacity Builder VISTA, and two other VISTA positions to focus on Communications & Events and Resource Development. Follow the links below for detailed position descriptions.

[Assets & Opportunity Network VISTA](#)

[Capacity Builder & Impact VISTA](#)

[Communications and Events VISTA](#)

[Resource Development VISTA](#)

[Click here](#) to read about our current VISTAs' work and experiences at Prosperity Indiana.

If you or someone you know would be a good fit for AmeriCorps VISTA service, apply today! Interested applicants can contact [Jessica Love](#) for more information.



Download the New Mobile App!

You can now access Prosperity Indiana member contacts and events on your smartphone through the new WildApricot App! Simply download **WildApricot for Members** from the App Store and log in with your Prosperity Indiana account

information. The app allows you to view and register for upcoming events, access your event registrations, and search the entire Prosperity Indiana network contact list. Log into the [member portal](#) on our website and make sure your profile information is up-to-date so that you can connect and engage with other Prosperity Indiana members!

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