

HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H²) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE

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PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV)¹

Currently, there are 11 PHAs in Idaho administering HCV and public housing programs. Of those, 1 administers only an HCV program, 6 administer only a public housing program, and 4 operate both.

4 of the PHAs in Idaho also administer special purpose vouchers that have been appropriated by Congress exclusively for people with disabilities. This is a statewide total of 905 vouchers through the following two programs: 1) Five-Year Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (275 vouchers) and Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities (630 “NED” Vouchers).

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM²

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is a formula grant of federal housing funds given to states and localities (referred to as “participating jurisdictions” or PJs). As of December 2014, Idaho has two participating PJs. The state of Idaho received over \$4 million in HOME funds in FY 2014 (\$595,342 to Boise, Idaho and \$3,557,582 to Idaho).

HOME funds can be used to provide rentals subsidies, as well as to build, buy and renovate rental housing, finance homeownership opportunities, and repair and renovate homes. From October 1-December 2014, Idaho PJs assisted 60 households with HOME-funded tenant-based rental assistance vouchers.

CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM³

A variety of homeless housing is funded through the Continuum of Care Program, including emergency shelter (ES), safe havens (SH), transitional housing (TH), permanent supportive housing (PSH) and rapid rehousing (RRH). Idaho has two active Continuums of Care. As of January 2014, Idaho had a total of **2,822 beds** dedicated for homeless persons year-round.

Continuum of Care	2014 Homeless Housing Inventory			Permanent Housing Inventory		
	Total Year-Round Beds (ES, SH, TH)	Inventory by Type		Total (PSH, RRH)	Inventory by Type	
		Emergency Shelter/Safe Haven	Transitional Housing		Permanent Supportive Housing	Rapid Rehousing
ID-500	772	448	324	473	351	122
ID-501	996	585	411	581	484	97
State Total	1768	859	909	1054	835	219

¹ <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/id.cfm> and <http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/vouchers-database/?state=ID>

² https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/home-dashboard-reports/?filter_DateYearEach=2014-12-31&filter_State=ID&filter_Granttee=&program=HOME&group=Dash. Data from <https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/home-dashboard-reports/>.

³ 2014 HIC Count, available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3031/pit-and-hic-data-since-2007/>

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EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)⁴

The ESG Program provides grants to states and localities for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing for the homeless. ESG funds can be used for street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and HMIS, as well as administrative activities. ESG funds may also be used to fund Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs (HPRP).

In 2014, Idaho was awarded ESG grants totaling \$913,026.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)⁵

HOPWA funds are awarded through the Consolidated Plan as a block grant to states and larger metropolitan areas based on their incidences of AIDS and competitively through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. In 2014, Idaho has one HOPWA competitive recipient totaling \$1.3M.

	Households Served	HOPWA Expenditures
State of Idaho		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	81	\$297,973.81
Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	N/A
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	N/A
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	42	\$28,399.83
Permanent Housing Placement Services	0	N/A
TOTAL	123	\$326,373.64

VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM (HUD-VASH)⁶

HUD-VASH is a joint project between the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which offers a housing voucher from HUD and intensive case management services provided by the VA for five years. In 2014, Idaho was awarded 45 VASH vouchers administered by 3 different PHAs.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)⁷

The SSVF Program funds supportive services which promote housing stability for very low-income Veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. In 2014, two state organizations in Idaho received SSVF Awards totaling nearly \$500,000.

⁴ https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/?filter_year=2014&filter_program=6&filter_state=ID&filter_coc

⁵ <https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/>

⁶ http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash

⁷ Data from http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/2014_SSVF_Award_List.pdf

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Idaho Housing Trust Fund Program⁸

The Idaho Housing Trust Fund was established in 1992 but does not yet have a dedicated source of revenue. It is administered by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA)⁹

IHFA is a uniquely created and organized financial institution and administrator of affordable housing resources. Its mission is to provide funding for affordable housing opportunities in Idaho communities where they are most needed when it is economically feasible. It functions as an agent for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and performs a wide variety of tasks associated with financing, developing or managing affordable housing.

IHFA is a self-supporting corporation that covers the cost of its operations through fees for work performed and by raising millions of dollars in the national capital markets. It also forms partnerships with banking and lending institutions throughout the state. It does not use any state-appropriated funds for its operations.

Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program¹⁰

The federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program is one of the most important affordable housing programs available in Idaho for supportive housing development. The LIHTC program is administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The program provides competitive awards of federal tax credits to developers to assist in the creation of affordable rental housing including supportive housing. In Idaho, IHFA administers the LIHTC program. The LIHTC program income targeting requires that 20 percent of LIHTC units be made available for households at or below 50 percent of area median income (AMI) or that 40 percent of LIHTC units be made available for households at or below 60 percent of AMI.

IHFA receives an annual Housing Tax Credit authority on behalf of the state. This annual credit authority is allocated through a competitive application process according to the Qualified Allocation Plan. Recipients of Housing Tax Credit allocations may claim the annual credit each year for 10 years.

A development's annual Housing Tax Credit eligibility is based upon depreciable real property costs applicable to the units designated for low-income tenants. The amount of credit allocated to a development is based upon either the lesser of credit eligibility, the amount necessary to fill the funding gap or the amount necessary to generate a reasonable return to the investor.

Supportive Housing Program¹¹

IHFA's Supportive Housing Program (SHP) promotes the development of supportive housing and services. The program helps homeless persons transition from homelessness to living as

⁸ <http://nlihc.org/rental-programs/catalog/idaho-housing-trust-fund> and <http://housingtrustfundproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/State-HTFunds-Date-Admin-2013.pdf>

⁹ <http://www.idahohousing.com/ihfa/idaho-housing-and-finance-association.aspx>

¹⁰ <http://www.idahohousing.com/ihfa/multifamily-housing/low-income-housing-tax-credits-lihtc.aspx>

¹¹ <http://www.idahohousing.com/portals/0/media/grant%20programs/hapcombined.pdf>

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independently as possible. SHP includes Transitional Housing, which eases the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months. The program also includes Permanent Housing for Chronically Homeless Individuals and Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities. SHP housing is combined with supportive services to promote residential stability, increase skills and/or income, and achieve greater self-determination.

Charitable Assistance to Community's Homeless, Inc. (CATCH)¹²

CATCH is an agency that blends resources from regional government, area congregations of faith, local businesses, and charitable organizations to provide families with the support they need to quickly exit homelessness and achieve stable housing and employment, using a rapid re-housing model. The program currently operates in two communities in Southwest Idaho. A new partnership between CATCH and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), the state agency responsible for administering the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, will allow CATCH to offer rapid re-housing assistance to homeless families statewide.

¹² <http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/promising-strategy-idaho-department-of-health-and-welfare-and-the-catch-pro>