INDIANA EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IERA2): HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES

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AGENDA

IERA Housing Stability Services: Where did the funding originate? What is Housing Stability Counseling?

What Legal Services are available?

What is IERA 2?

Questions.





EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING

Section 501 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, Pub. L. No 116-260 (December 2020)

• \$25B to states, territories, tribes, & local governments with pop. 200,000+

American Rescue Plan (March 2021)

• \$21.55B to states, territories, & local governments with pop. 200,000+

US Dept of Treasury ERA webpage

https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program

US Dept of Treasury ERA FAQs

- Treasury permits up to 10% of ERA2 funding to be used for "Housing Stability Services"
- IHCDA used it maximum allocation to fund needed services
 - Services were funded through Indiana Community Action Association
 - Services were funded through the Indiana Bar Foundation



HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES

- ERA Grantees allowed to use up to 10% of ERA 2 award for Housing Stability Services
- Housing Stability Services vary greatly between programs

Indiana Bar Foundation

• \$13.1M allocated for legal services statewide

Indiana Community Action Association (INCAA)

 \$15.4 million allocated for family development counseling statewide



HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES FAMILY DEVELOPMENT COUNSELING



PRIMARY HOUSING COUNSELING GOAL

- Assist clients in achieving housing stability
- The program's financial assistance is multi-faceted (Rent, utilities, moving costs, etc...)
- To maximize the affect of the program the goal is to improve the client's current situation



COUNSELING TARGET AUDIENCE

- Counseling process focuses on family not individuals
- Both immediate and extended family networks are taken into consideration
- No man is an island



HOUSING COUNSELING PROCESS

- Presentation and Enrollment
 - Counselor establishes rapport with client
 - Counselor must internalize and exude qualities such as
 - Knowledge
 - Trust
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Integrity
- This foundation is critical



ASSESSMENT

- Family Strengths
- Family patterns and trends
- Family vision and future
- Barriers to reaching their vision
- Family resource to support that vision



FAMILY DEVELOPMENT MATRIX

- Rubric that assess 12 major life areas
- Income
- **Adult Education**
- **Employment**
- Housing

- Food
- Childcare
- Phys/mental health care
 Family Interactions
- Transportation

- Utilities
- Support Systems
- Addictions



FAMILY DEVELOPMENT MATRIX

Each life area is assigned a score based on answers provided by the applicant during the intake process

Utilities

Criteria	Points	
Bills in household members'		
name and consistently paid on	10	
time. Home is efficient.		
Bills in household members'		
name and consistently paid.	8	
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	6	
disconnect		
Due for disconnect or utilities		
in someone else's name	4	
Utilities disconnected	0	
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ACTION PLAN

- An Action plan will be created after the assessment
- Counselors will inform client of helpful resources
- Help the client create and plot a course for improving life areas
- Counselor will schedule monthly follow ups w/client
- Every 3 months the counselor will update the matrix to track progress



INCENTIVE COMPENSATION

- Housing Counseling provides clients the opportunity to receive additional rental assistance
- Clients may receive a 1-time additional IERA2 payment:
 - They have been approved for IERA assistance
 - Participate in Housing Counseling
 - · Raise 1 of their 12 life scores to Self-Sufficient or Thriving
- Original score must have been lower to qualify



ACHIEVING HOUSING STABILITY

- A client will continue to receive counseling to achieve stability
- A client is deemed as Housing Stable if client scores
 - Self Sufficient/Thriving in Housing
 - In addition to scoring Self-Sufficient/Thriving in Income or Employment



OVERALL PROCESS

- Presentation/Enrollment
- Assessment
- Guidance
- Coaching
- Prioritize
- Incentivize
- Stabilize



ATTENTION INDIANA RENTERS

If you are a current renter in Indiana you now qualify for FREE Housing Counseling.







Ask your housing counselor about:

- · How much rent you can afford
- · Your rental "wants" vs "needs"
- · your current and future living expenses
- · Budgeting for your lifestyle

HOUSING STABILITY COUNSELING SERVICE PROVIDERS

Organization	Address	Phone	Website	Counties Served
Area 4 Agency on Aging and	660 N. 36th Street Lafayette, IN 47903	(765) 447-7683	areaivagency.org	Carroll, Clinton, Tippecanoe*, White
Community Service				*Tippecanoe County Zip Codes: 47901, 47902, 47903, 47904, 47905
Area 5 Agency on Aging and	1801 Smith Street Logansport, IN 46947	(574) 772-4451	areafive.com	Cass, Fulton, Howard, *Madison, Miami, Tipton, Wabash, Pulaski
Community Service				*Madison County Zip Codes: 46001 (Alexandria), 46011, 46012, 46013 (Anderson), 46015 (Orestes), 46064 (Pendleton), 46070 (Summitville)
Brightpoint	227 E Washington Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46853	(260) 423-3546	mybrightpoint.org	Adams, Allen, Blackford, Dekalb, Huntington, Jay, LaGrange, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Wells, Whitley
Community Action Program of Evansville and Vanderburgh (CAPE)	401 SE 6th Street, Suite 001 Evansville, IN 47713	(812) 492-3952	capeevansville.org	Gibson, Lawrence, Martin, Posey, Vanderburgh, Washington
Community Action of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI)	3266 N. Meridian Street, Suite 200 Indianapolis, IN 46208	(317) 396-1800	cagi-in.org	Hendricks, Marion
Community Action Program of Western Indiana (CAPWI)	418 Washington Street Covington, IN 47932	(765) 793-4884	<u>capwi.org</u>	Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Vermillion, Warren
Dubois-Pike-Warrick Economic Development Corporation (TRI-CAP)	607 3rd Avenue Jasper, IN 47547	(812) 482-2233	<u>tri-cap.net</u>	Daviess, Dubois, Knox, Pike, Vanderburgh, Warrick
Human Services	4355 E. 600 North Columbus, IN 47203	(812) 372-8407	hsi-indiana.com	Bartholomew, Decatur, Johnson, Shelby, Jackson
Interlocal Community Action Program	615 SR 38 West New Castle, IN 47362	(765) 529-4403	icap.org	Hancock, Henry, Wayne
Interlocal Community Action	420 West 24th Street Connersville, IN	(765) 529-2510	icap.org	Fayette, Rush, Wayne
Program (Fayette, Rush, and Wayne)	47331			
Interlocal Community Action	407 West Main Street Muncie, IN	(765) 529-2510	icap.org	Delaware and *Madison
Program (Delaware and *Madison)	47305			*Madison County Zip Codes: 46016, 46017, 46018 (Anderson), 46036 (Elwood), 46044 (Frankton), 46048 (Ingalls), 46051 (Lapel), 46056 (Markleville), 46063 (Orestes), 47356 (Middletown)



HOUSING STABILITY COUNSELING SERVICE PROVIDERS

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Lincoln Hills Development Corporation	302 Main Street Tell City, IN 47586	(800) 467-1435	<u>Ihdc.org</u>	Crawford, Perry, Spencer
NW Indiana Community Action	5240 Fountain Drive Crown Point, IN	(219) 794-1829	nwi-ca.com	Jasper, Lake, Newton, Porter
Corporation	46307			
New Hope Services	725 Wall Street Jeffersonville, IN 47130	(812) 288-8248	newhopeservices.org	Jefferson, Jennings, Scott
REAL Services	2526 S. Michigan Street South Bend, IN 46601	(574) 233-8205	realservices.org	Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall, St. Joseph
SE Indiana Economic Opportunity	110 Importing Street Aurora, IN 47001	(812) 926-1585	sieoc.org	Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, Union, Switzerland
Corporation				
South Central Community Action	1500 W 15th Street Bloomington, IN	(812) 339-3447	insccap.org	Brown, Greene, Monroe, Morgan, Owen
Program	47404			
Western Indiana Community Action	705 S. 5th Street Terre Haute, IN 47807	(812) 232-1264	wicaa.org	Clay, Putnam, Vigo
Agency				
FBGN Center	2990 W. 71st Street Indianapolis, IN	(317) 293-2600	faybiccardglickcenter.org	Boone, Hamilton
	46268			
Homeless Coalition of Southern	1218 E. Oak Street New Albany, IN	(812) 202-6589	soinhomeless.org	Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Orange
Indiana	47150			
Affordable Housing and Community	812 S. Washington Street Marion, IN	(765) 662-1574	ahcgrantcounty.com	Grant
Development Corporation	46953			
Homestead	671 N 36th Street Lafayette, IN 47905	(765) 423-7949	homesteadcs.org	Тірресапое
Housing Opportunities	2001 Calumet Avenue Valparaiso, IN	(219) 286-3310	<u>hoi.help</u>	LaPorte
	46383			

^{*}Please note, individuals in Sullivan county should contact 211 for more information.



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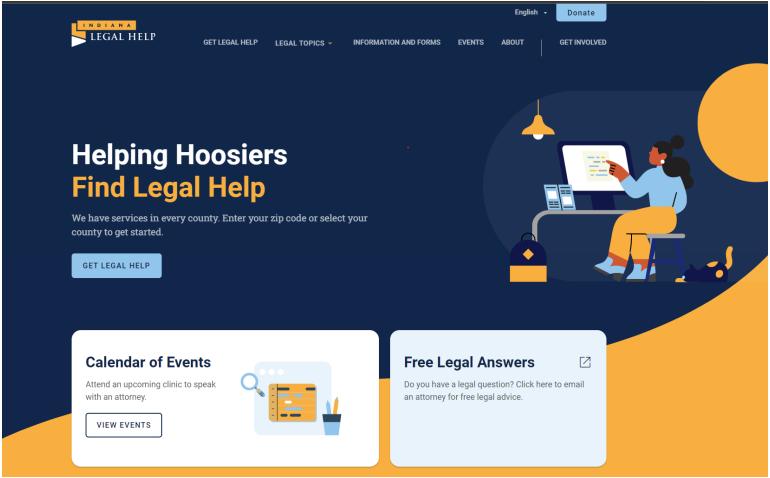
QUESTIONS ABOUT FAMILY DEVELOPMENT COUNSELING?



HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES LEGAL SERVICES: INDIANALEGALHELP.ORG



Indiana Legal Help



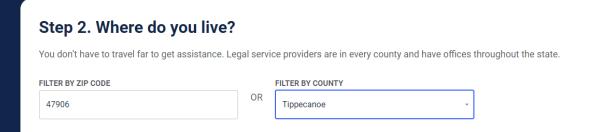


FINDING EVENTS ON INDIANALEGALHELP.ORG

- 1) Click Get Legal Help
- 2) Enter the Zip Code or County
- 3) Scroll down and click "Get Results"



Free and low cost legal help near you

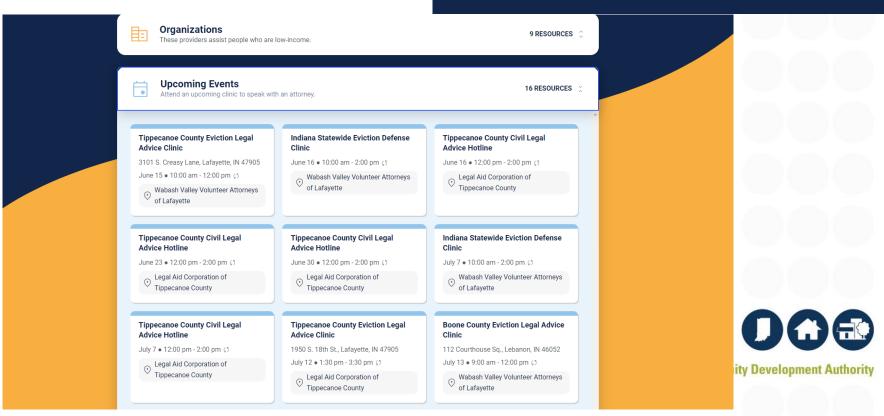




FINDING EVENTS ON INDIANALEGALHELP.ORG

- 1) See Organizations that can assist
- 2) See the Calendar of Events
- 3) Click on the event that meets your needs





FINDING EVENTS ON INDIANALEGALHELP.ORG

- 1) Select your event
- 2) Click the Calendar Entry for more Information
- Register Online if Needed
- Statewide Eviction Defense Clinic
 - First and Third Friday of every month
 - Guaranteed Virtual facetime with an Indiana Attorney

Indiana Statewide Eviction Defense Clinic

This is a free virtual legal advice clinic for Indiana renters. Volunteering attorneys connect remotely through zoom to provide limited scope legal advice to those who are facing an eviction or housing instability, have questions regarding the eviction process or how to seal an eviction, or understanding tenant's rights and responsibilities. Indiana Renters may register in advance. Call-ins are welcomed.

(5) Recurs on the first Friday of the month (6) Virtual Event

VIRTUAL MEETING DETAILS

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88167209757

Meeting ID: 881 6720 9757

DATE

July 7, 2023

TIME

10:00 am - 2:00 pm ET

PHONE NUMBER

(312) 626-6799

ORGANIZER

Wabash Valley Volunteer Attorneys of Lafayette

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This Clinic is on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each Month, 10:00am to 2:00pm via phone or Zoom only. To register in advance, you may visit: https://calendly.com/pbi-evictions/edc. You may join us the day of clinic by clicking the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88167209757 or may call in at (312) 626-6799 and enter the meeting I.D. 881 6720 9757. Phone line and Zoom Link are active during clinic hours only. For more information, text "eviction clinic" to (765) 421-6558 to receive eviction clinic resources

COUNTIES SERVED

Blackford Adams Allen Bartholomew Benton Boone Brown Carroll Cass Clark

ASSISTANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING LEGAL ISSUES

Rent and Eviction



FINDING EVENTS ON INDIANALEGALHELP.ORG

- 1) Select your event
- 2) Review Providers
- 3) What Provider Meets your Needs
- 4) Select a Provider and Review the Information
- 5) If this Provider does NOT meet your Needs, Select Another



Organizations

These providers assist people who are low-income

9 RESOURCES X

Wabash Valley Volunteer Attorneys of Lafayette

101 Foundry Drive, Suite 1200, West Lafayette, IN, 47906

(765) 421-6558

Legal Aid Corporation of Tippecanoe County

300 Main Street, Suite 101, Lafayette, IN, 47901

(765) 742-1068

Spanish Speaking Available

Indiana Legal Services - Lafayette

8 N. Third Street, Suite 102, Lafayette, IN, 47901

(765) 423-5327

Spanish Speaking Available

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

(317) 917-3685

Indianapolis Legal Aid Society

615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 122, Indianapolis, IN, 46204

(317) 635-9538

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

3333 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46208

(317) 429-4131

Child Advocates, Inc.

8200 Haverstick Road, Suite 240, Indianapolis, IN, 46240

(317) 205-3055

Indiana Disability Rights

4701 N Keystone Ave., Ste. 222, Indianapolis, IN, 46205

Indiana Parenting Time Helpline



Contracted Legal Service Providers

State-wide Coverage:

- Indiana Legal Services
- Pro Bono Indiana
- Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Local Coverage:

- Indianapolis Legal Aid Society
- Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
- Legal Aid Corporation of Tippecanoe County
- Legal Aid Society of Evansville

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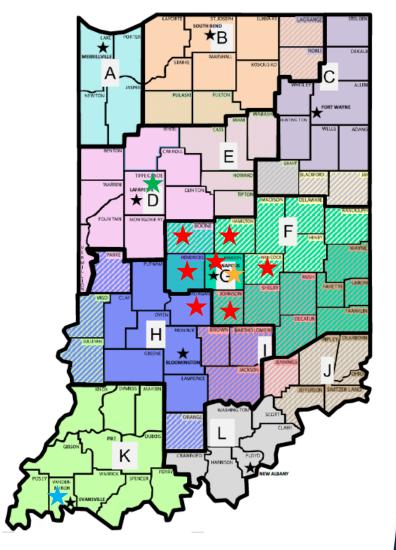
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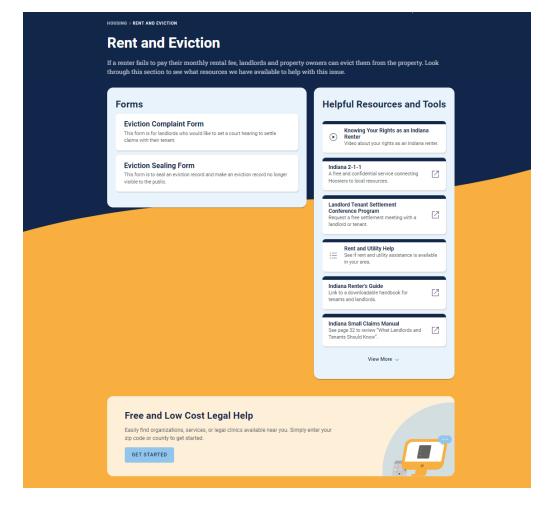




QUESTIONS ABOUT FINDING LEGAL CLINICS OR PROVIDERS?



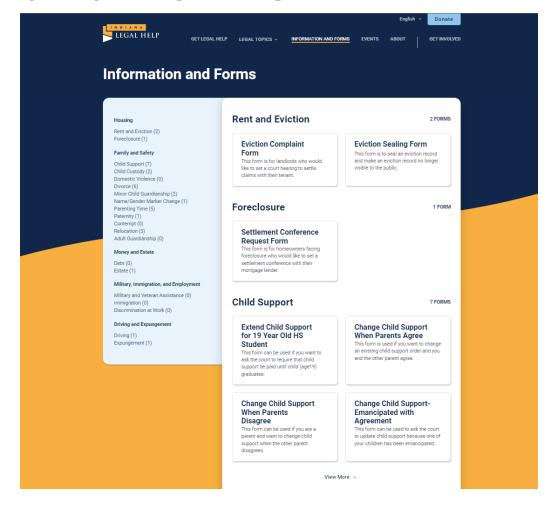
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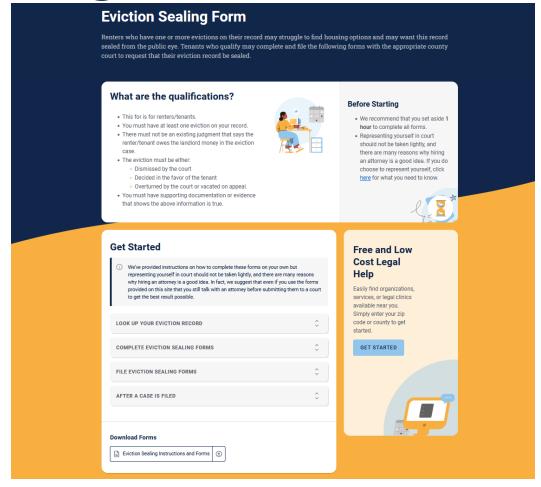
Information and Forms





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Eviction Sealing Form





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QUESTIONS ABOUT FINDING FORMS?



HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES LEGAL SERVICES: LEGAL KIOSKS



Indiana Legal Help Kiosks

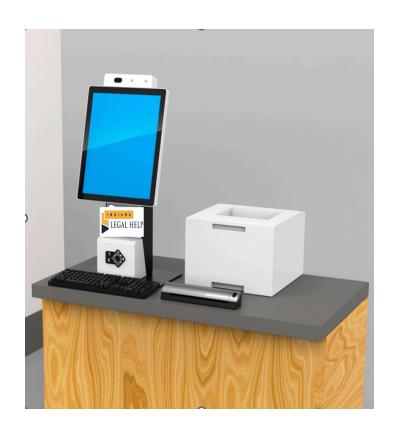
- Currently we have 150 kiosks in 92 counties
 - Courts, libraries and community-based organizations throughout Indiana
- Kiosks have all the housing resources available at IndianaLegalHelp.org
- Include customer service feature inviting Hoosiers to talk to a legal navigator via chat, text, or email
- Have printers to assist parties in completing court related forms such as the eviction sealing forms
- Have an available headphone jack for privacy
- Interactive Kiosk Location Map coming soon to IndianaLegalHelp.org





KIOSKS









KIOSK MAP

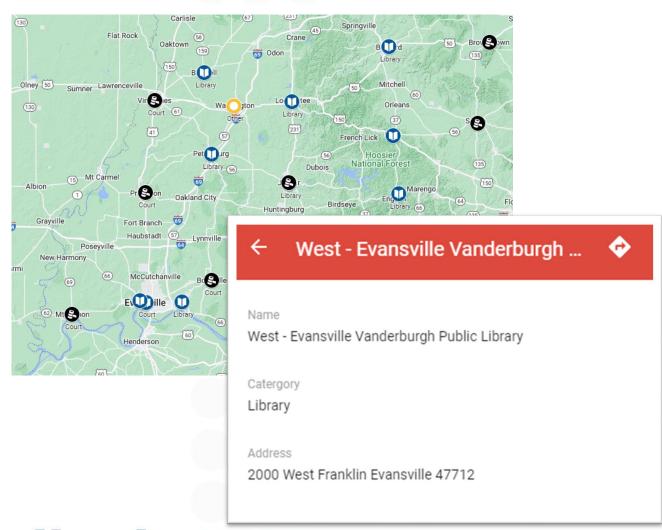
- Go to IndianaLegalHelp.org
- Scroll to the bottom of the page
- Select "Partner Resources"





KIOSK MAP

- Search by Selecting an Area of the State
- Use the curser the navigate the map
- Find the kiosk closest to you or your client





QUESTIONS ABOUT FINDING OR USING KIOSKS?



IERA2 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



IERA2: WHAT IS IT?

- What is IERA2?
 - IERA2 is a more streamlined version of IERA
 - IERA2 is for all applicants applying in March of 2023 or after
 - Applicants apply to receive UP TO 18 months of assistance
 - This includes past due rent and three months of future rent
 - Eligible households will receive one payment
 - Households may receive a second payment by successfully engaging in counseling with the INCAA Network
 - No household may receive more than two payments



ALLOWABLE RENTAL ASSISTANCE

- Below are the Rental Assistance Amounts for Applications Approved or Submitted as part of IERA2
- The table also shows the minimum payment for households CURRENT on rent and not receiving utility assistance

Number of Bedrooms	Maximum Monthly Rental Assistance	Minimum Assistance Payment	Minimum Assistance for those Receiving an ICP Payment
Efficiency/Studio	\$899	\$2,697.00	\$5,394.00
One-Bedroom	\$957	\$2,871.00	\$5,742.00
Two-Bedroom	\$1124	\$3,372.00	\$6,744.00
Three-Bedroom	\$1573	\$4,719.00	\$9,438.00
Four-Bedroom	\$1864	\$5,592.00	\$11,184.00



HOW DO PARTIES APPLY?

- Call 2-1-1 Monday-Friday 8-6pm
 - 2-1-1 Can assist with creating an applicant profile AND the question-and-answer portion of the application
 - The applicant will complete the document collection form on their own
- The IN-CAA Network
 - https://www.incap.org/Indiana-housing-stability-program
 - Call 2-1-1 for the provider serving your area
 - INCAA can assist with creating a profile AND the question-and-answer portion of the application AND the document collection form



IERA ASSISTANCE PAID AS OF 9/11/23

	Households Assisted		Total of Utility Assistance Issued	Total Assistance Paid and Obligated
Total	44,032	\$299,935,034.67	\$23,558,745.01	\$336,607,798.98

Reports can be accessed at

https://www.in.gov/ihcda/covid-19-resources/

under the COVID-19 Rental Assistance Progress Reports tab



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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

