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To: Real Estate Department Partners **Notice: RED-23-43**  
From: Real Estate Department  
Date: September 6, 2023  
Re: **2023 Indiana Housing First Program Manual and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Release**

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The Indiana Housing First Program was established 2017 to increase housing stability for individuals and households with a serious and persistent mental illness, a chronic chemical addiction, or a serious and persistent mental illness with a co-occurring chronic chemical addiction, who are also facing a housing crisis, exiting a residential treatment program, or could exit a residential treatment program with access to affordable housing and supportive services. The Program offers rental assistance and supportive services to eligible households for up to 24 months. Program regulations may be found in [Indiana Code 5-20-9](#).

IHCDA has released an updated [Administration Manual](#) for the Housing First Program and a [Request for Qualifications](#) ("RFQ") for organizations interested in receiving funding under the 2023 Housing First Program. Eligible applicants are nonprofit corporations recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, public housing agencies, or local units of government. Responses to the RFQ are due by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday, October 9, 2023.

IHCDA will host an informational webinar to explain the policies and RFQ on September 13, 2023, at 3:00 PM Eastern Time. Please join the Microsoft Teams meeting at the time of the event using one of the following join options. Registration is not required in advance.

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