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This month in...

2005: In Illinois, the Rental Housing Support Program goes into effect.

This rent subsidy program continues to assist 2,500 extremely low-income households afford their homes each year.

Housing Matters 2022

Conference registration is open!

Join us as we gather in person this **October 20 & 21** in Bloomington, IL for our annual [Housing Matters Conference](#). We're excited to see new and familiar faces as we gather to celebrate our 35th Anniversary, spark connections, get the latest updates, and share ideas.

In addition to our plenary sessions, keynote address, and breakout workshops, we'll be hosting a Gala Dinner to celebrate our anniversary and thanking the people who make a difference in our field with a [Wall of Housing Champions](#).

Early bird registration is open until **Friday, August 12**—sign up now to save \$50.



[Register Now](#)

Policy Focus

Last Chance: Comment on Proposed Federal CRA Rule Changes

Federal regulators have issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to modernize the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), which directs billions of dollars in bank loans, investments, and financial services toward low- and moderate-income communities.

Leaders in the [IL CRA Coalition](#), co-facilitated by Housing Action Illinois and Woodstock Institute, have analyzed the proposed changes. We're mobilizing organizations and individuals to submit comments encouraging regulators to make low-income communities and communities of color the focal point of the CRA. We'll be holding a webinar to share guidance on how you can partake in this critical process and submit your comments by the August 5 deadline.

[Join our July 26 webinar »](#)



House Prepares for Floor Vote on FY23 Appropriations “Minibus” While Reconciliation Package Continues to Dwindle

The U.S. House of Representatives is gearing up for a full floor vote on a “minibus” spending package for fiscal year (FY) 2023 this week. While timing is still uncertain, the chamber is expected to pass the six-bill spending package, which includes the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) bill responsible for funding all of HUD’s vital programs. The draft bill proposes a \$9 billion—or 17%—increase to HUD’s funding over FY22-enacted levels.

Our partners at the National Low Income Housing Coalition have been sharing detailed updates on these developments. [Learn more »](#)



Developing LGBTQ-Affirming Senior Housing

Are you a developer, property manager, or service provider interested in developing LGBTQ-affirming senior housing? Services & Advocacy for LGBTQ+ Elders (SAGE) has created a National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative to share trainings to support the development of welcoming senior housing. Videos focus on everything from Fair Housing Law, LIHTC 101, LGBTQ+ history and culture, to building trust and community buy-in and the importance of partnering with an anchor organization.

[Learn more about SAGE's work and register for trainings »](#)

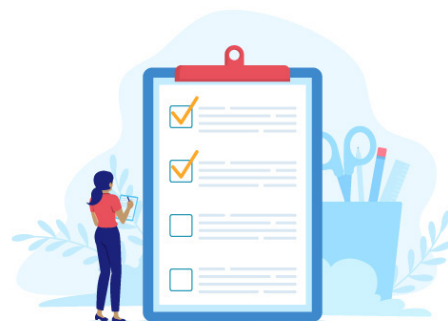


Housing Counselor Dispatch

Survey on Mortgage Delinquencies

According to mortgage technology and data provider Black Knight, mortgage delinquencies continue to hit historic lows. While hoping this is accurate, our partners at the National Housing Resource Center want to hear from housing counselors what is happening at a grass roots level and are seeking your feedback.

[Answer the survey by Friday, July 22 »](#)



Learn With Us

We have plenty of [trainings](#) lined up for the end of summer. Join us in August for:

- [Disaster Response Basics for Housing Counselors](#) (August 4)
- [Dealing with the Property of Elderly or Deceased Homeowners](#) (August 15)
- [Getting the Most Out of Credit Education](#) (August 18)
- [The Fundamentals of Rental Counseling](#) (August 24, 25)

We're also bringing a plethora of trainings in September, as well as our 2022 Housing Matters Conference in October. View our full [trainings calendar »](#)



AmeriCorps Updates

Welcome to our Summer Associates!

Housing Action Illinois would like to extend a warm welcome to our new 2022 AmeriCorps Summer Associates! This cohort is taking on a variety of direct and indirect service projects at host organizations such as Garfield Park Community Council, DuPage Habitat for Humanity, Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Smart Museum, Centro Romero, and Will County Habitat for Humanity.

Last Chance to Apply for Full-Year AmeriCorps Positions

Do you know someone who might be interested in a year of service as an AmeriCorps VISTA? Encourage them to [apply by the end of the month »](#)

Each year, we match AmeriCorps members with community-based organizations. AmeriCorps members expand the scale of programs and services, implement new projects, and build capacity to further the long-term sustainability of anti-poverty programs.



Learning & Networking

Events from Housing Action, our [members](#), funders, and organizations to which we belong. [Submit your listing »](#)

Hosted by Forefront

Reimagining Collaborative Spaces, 7/22: [Register](#)

Hosted by Housing Authority of Cook County & Cook County Commission on Human Rights

Cook County Housing Protections, 7/27: [Register](#)

Hosted by IHC

Demystifying the Statewide Referral Network, 7/27: [Register](#)

Hosted by South Suburban Housing Center

Accessible Design for Multi-Family Buildings, 7/27: [Register](#)

Hosted by IL CRA Coalition



Last Chance: Comment on Proposed Federal CRA Rule Changes, 7/26: [Register](#)

Hosted by SHPA

2022 Resident Conference, 8/17–8/18: [Register](#)



Disaster Response Basics for Housing Counselors, 8/4: [Register](#)



Dealing with the Property of Elderly and Deceased Homeowners, 8/15: [Register](#)



2022 Housing Matters, 10/20–10/21: [Register](#)

[See all Housing Action events »](#)

What We're Sharing

[The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants](#) program supports the development of comprehensive plans to revitalize severely distressed public housing or HUD-assisted housing and the surrounding neighborhood. Apply by 7/28/22. [\(funding opportunity\)](#)

Chicago Foundation for Women's [Fall Grant Cycle](#) provides general operating and program support for both direct service and advocacy. Apply by 8/2/22. [\(funding opportunity\)](#)

[Our Town](#) is a creative placemaking grants program by the National Endowment for the Arts that supports projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts to strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, or social outcomes. Apply by 8/4/22. [\(funding opportunity\)](#)

The [Illinois Equal Justice Foundation](#) supports initiatives by nonprofit legal aid providers to increase Illinois residents' access to the legal system. Apply by 8/15/22. [\(funding opportunity\)](#)

HUD's [Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program](#) provides support to rehabilitate and modify the primary residence of veterans who are low-income and have disabilities. Grants may also be used to provide grantees' affiliates with technical, administrative, and training support. Apply by 8/24/22. [\(funding opportunity\)](#)

Chicago Funders Together to End Homelessness (CFTEH) has launched a [Housing Justice Fund](#) to support advocacy and community organizing that advances housing justice. The fund will prioritize Black-led and lived expertise-led initiatives with flexible, unrestricted grants of up to \$50,000 per year for at least two years. Apply by 8/26/22. ([funding opportunity](#))

Who's Hiring

Jobs from Housing Action, our [members](#), funders, and organizations to which we belong. [Submit your opening »](#)

Housing Action Illinois

Housing Action Illinois is seeking someone who has at least three years of experience with a nonprofit, community-based organization for our **Housing Policy Organizer** position. [Apply by August 15 »](#)

We are also seeking someone passionate about housing justice to serve as our full-year **Communications AmeriCorps VISTA**. Join us to help build public awareness and understanding about housing issues. [Apply by July 31 »](#)



360 Youth Services, [Various Positions](#)

Brightpoint, [Family Development Worker](#)

C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation, [Various Positions](#)

Dove, Inc., [Homeward Bound Program Director](#)

Facing Forward, [Development and Communications Coordinator](#)

Habitat for Humanity Chicago, [Senior Crew Leader](#)

Illinois Department of Human Services, [Various Positions](#)

Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, [Grants Finance Manager](#) & [Development and Stewardship Coordinator](#)

LUCHA, [Project Manager](#) & [Director of Finance](#)

PADS Lake County, [Grants Manager](#)

Renaissance Social Services, [Various Positions](#)

Self-Help Federal Credit Union, [Assistant Branch Manager](#), [Mortgage Loan Officer I](#), [Contact Center Specialist](#), & [Teller](#)

South Suburban Housing Center, [Fair Housing Specialist](#) & [Director of Fair Housing Enforcement](#)

Spanish Coalition for Housing, [Senior Grants and Development Coordinator](#)

Supportive Housing Providers Association, [Director of Policy & Strategy](#)

The Preservation Compact, [Program Officer](#) & [Executive Administrative Assistant](#)

Housing Action Illinois is collaborating with the National Housing Resource Center (NHRC) to expand the field of housing counseling, and NHRC has launched a jobs board to match HUD-certified housing counselors and agencies with open positions. [Find or post a housing counseling position at HousingCounselingCareer.org »](https://www.housingcounselingcareer.org)

We are stronger together. Join us in the fight to create an Illinois where everyone has a good, stable place to call home.

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