



Piece of the PI: Newsletter

A monthly publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

January 2019

Executive Director's Letter

Write about engagement, I'm told. Focus on the summit and membership, I'm told. And so, I will. Eventually. But first, I want to talk about Unity.

Just ahead of the holiday where we honor the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr, and in advance of our [Summit](#)(summit ... check!), which will have sessions that talk about equity – both the deal-making and deal-breaking kind – and a keynote speaker who will discuss bridging the racial wealth divide, Unity is top of mind for me.



It's a funny thing being from Selma, Alabama. When people ask where I'm from, I usually just say Alabama. When they say where in Alabama, I tell them. I often add, "I'm actually a seventh generation Selmian, for all the good and bad that entails." I think I add this because I'm actually proud to be from Selma, where people probably think I shouldn't be. But I can't help but think I've probably learned more about Unity because I'm from Selma than if I'd grown up anywhere else.

When I tell them where I'm from, some people act like they've never heard of it. But I have a hard time believing there's anyone who hasn't heard of Selma, so I take this as a sign that they don't want to talk about it. To these people, I usually respond with, "it's a small town about an hour west of Montgomery," and then let them pick up with an acknowledgment of Montgomery or something that they know about it, and we move on. But I especially brace myself for reaction when I enter into this conversation with a person of color.

The other day, I met someone new, a person of color, who responded so coolly about it, I was actually a little surprised. When I added my "seventh generation, for good or for bad" thing, I realized she wasn't that cool about it after all. She made a joke about it, telling me how she was actively thinking, "Do not judge Jessica, do not judge Jessica ..." I appreciated her intentionality around doing that. She, in that moment, was committing to Unity – with a person she did not yet really know. And honestly, isn't that what Unity is really about? Assuming the best about someone. Not allowing yourself to decide you know them because of where they're from or what they look like or the kind of accent they have or, or, or...

This is what I know about all people, including the ones that I don't know. I hope we can agree (Unity) on most, if not all of these: 1) They're human, like me. 2) They're flawed, like me. 3) They were created by God*, like me. 4) They have value, like me. 5) They are meant to have purpose, like me. 6) To fulfill their life's purpose to the

Upcoming Events

[January 22: Release of first draft QAP](#)

[January 25: UrbanPlan Interactive Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 29: Prosperity Indiana Statehouse Day \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 29: QAP first draft public hearing](#)

[January 30: Prosperity Indiana Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 30: A&O Network Breakfast \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 31: Opportunity Zones Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[February 5: End of comment period for first draft QAP](#)

[February 7: Grantwriting 101 \(Webinar\)](#)

[February 8: Training - Working with Difficult Clients \(Online\)](#)

[February 26: QAP second draft public hearing](#)

[March 4: End of comment period for second draft QAP](#)

[March 27-29: 2019 NLIHC Housing Policy Forum \(Washington, DC\)](#)

greatest extent possible, they need opportunities to survive and thrive – opportunities for advancement – to be made available to them.

But #6 is that sticking point, isn't it? While our organization does a lot of lobbying, I actually hate to talk politics. It's not because I don't have ideas about them. I don't talk politics because it divides us, and that's not what I'm about. I'm about what unites us. But #6, although it should be just as easy to acknowledge as one through five (with maybe a debate about three), seems to be part of the dividing line between Democrats and Republicans. Because #6 changes who is responsible for providing those opportunities. #6 changes what we have to admit about how we got ahead. And maybe, just maybe, those of us who are bootstrappers need to acknowledge that someone gave us that boot and we should probably be thankful it came with a strap.

And while I absolutely would not put that job singularly on the government, I honestly can't say I believe it's solely the role of the private market or the charitable/religious sector's responsibility. I think it has to be all of our jobs. Your job. My job. And everyone who's sort of figured things out's job. Somewhere along the way, something or someone inspired you to do more, be more or make a difference. And what if, you could be that person for someone else, if you could just get your opinions about them out of the way. Can you just imagine what might happen if everyone got the chances you did? It's almost inconceivable. So, if I could ask just one thing of you this month, it would be this: to think about what role you have in helping everyone around you to succeed.

So, yes, by all means – [join in membership](#) (membership ... check!) and [come to our Summit](#) (checked that one off earlier!). But do it because we're about Unity and engaging with others (engagement ... check!) who also care about Unity and see their role in providing opportunities to others. And I won't say engaging with others who are "like-minded" because that implies we have to all think the same approaches must be taken to solve problems. I don't think that makes us better. In fact, I think we do better work when we're surrounded by people who are not like-minded, who force us to compromise and to come up with the best solutions possible for the most people possible. Because that's how we'll change the world around us! That's how we're strengthening our communities.

Thank you, as always for being a Piece of the PI Network!



Jessica Love

[April 3: FHCCI's 7th Annual Fair Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[April 9-12: Preserving Historic Places Conference \(Evansville\)](#)

[April 29-30: IHEDA Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[April 30-May 2: Supportive Housing Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

Social Media Recap

[We need YOU! We want to present lawmakers with a letter of community members and organizers who support establishing a 36 percent APR cap on small loans in Indiana before a hearing on Wed. 1/23. Help us stop the debt trap in the Hoosier State by signing on in support of this measure!](#)

[Excited to see this leadership and collaboration around solutions for urgent affordable housing needs, particularly in the Hoosier state! Thank you, @SenToddYoung and @karenaboutgary](#)

[In Indiana, there are renters who live without heat or plumbing for months and cannot afford to move. There](#)

Executive Director

This month's Piece of the PI: ENGAGEMENT



We provide platforms for peer-to-peer learning and support.

The Prosperity Indiana Summit is our biggest convening of the year, and it is coming up at the end of this month! We hope to see you there!

Last Chance to Register for the 2019 Prosperity Indiana Summit!

The [2019 Prosperity Indiana Summit](#) is just around the corner on January 30, 2019! [Be sure to register](#) so you don't miss this opportunity to connect with peers and explore diverse strategies to build individual, organizational and community wealth!



The day is packed full with experts and innovators from the field presenting sessions such as *Advancing Equity in Community Development through Collective Impact*, *Creating a Vibrant Community through the Arts*, and *Evictions: Causes, Consequences and Community Solutions*. Plus, you won't want to miss the exciting announcement of how Prosperity Indiana is Sowing New Opportunities and REAPing Prosperity in the upcoming year!

SCHOLARSHIPS are available! Thanks to our generous sponsors, Prosperity Indiana has a limited number of scholarships available for the 2019 Summit. Interested individuals should [complete this form](#).

[Click here for the full program, including the itinerary for the day, session descriptions, and speaker biographies.](#)

[are 31,767 renters evicted each year - that's 86 a day. Thank you, @SenEddieMelton for working towards solutions that protect these Hoosiers! #SB524](#)

[Are we allowed to have a mascot? If so, meet Prosperity Pup, Emmy! ED Jessica Love's husband stopped by the office to bring some New Year cheer! How are you starting off the year right? If you can't say you've joined the PI Network and registered for the 2019 Summit yet, then please take action today and keep Prosperity Pup's spirits up!](#)

[Don't forget to check out the A&O Network Breakfast just before the 2019 Prosperity Indiana Summit on January 30!](#)

[Today marks the first day of the 2019 General Assembly and @INCommDev is working with legislators to expand affordable housing as well as renter and consumer protections. Join us in supporting these priorities on Jan. 29 for our Statehouse Day! #INLegis](#)

[Was so great to catch up with former ED @andy_fraizer while he was in town from New Jersey!](#)

[Congratulations to Kaytlin on her well](#)

THIS FRIDAY, January 18, is the LAST DAY to reserve a room at the group rate of \$132! [Follow this link to book your room.](#) If you have already booked a room and your reservation cost more than our block rate of \$132 (before tax), please contact Connor Worley (317-322-3716 ext. 1117) or Nathan Burt (317-322-3716 ext. 1202) to get your rate adjusted.



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2018 Membership Benefits Expire February 1 - Renew Yours Today!

Make sure to renew your organization's membership and get one **FREE REGISTRATION** to the 2019 Prosperity Indiana Summit.

[Click here to renew and learn more about this special offer!](#)

Prosperity Indiana Urges Members to Help Advance Critical State Priorities

With work at the Statehouse well underway early in this long budget session, Prosperity Indiana is working to advance key member priorities, as outlined in our [2019 State Policy Priorities](#).

Our network is pushing for an ambitious agenda and we hope our members will [register to attend our Statehouse Day on Tuesday, January 29](#), as we urge lawmakers to take action on critical community development legislation. Registration is free,

[deserved laser tag victory. Hope everyone is finding fun ways to celebrate the holidays as a tem! #pieceofthepi](#)

Welcome New & Returning Members!

1st Source Bank

A. M. Hardee & Associates, LLC

AARP Indiana

Anderson Indiana Main Street (AIMS)

ARa/SIH CDC

Asset Funders Network

Associated Churches

Back Home in Indiana Alliance

Ball State University

Ball State University

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and Prosperity Indiana will make the process as simple as possible by setting up legislator meetings for members and providing key talking points.

[Check out this blog post to learn about the key bills and updates!](#)



Shutdown Jeopardizes Housing for 1,578 Low-Income Hoosier Households

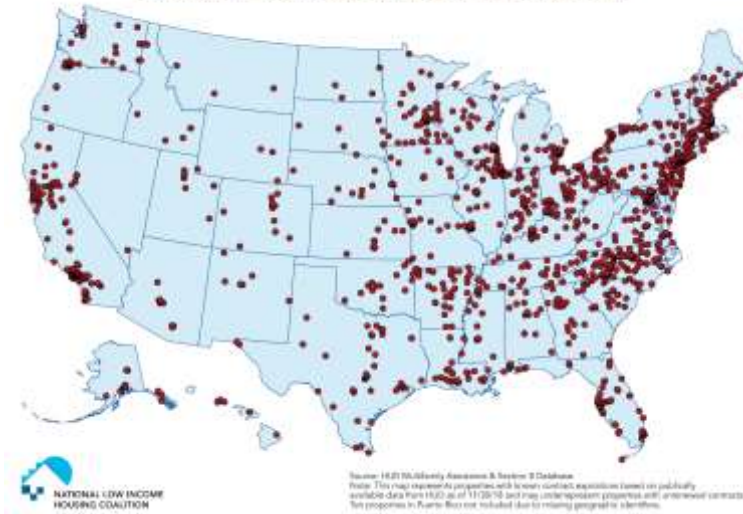
As the longest government shutdown in U.S. history continues, more than 1,500 units of federally assisted housing supporting low-income seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children throughout Indiana are in jeopardy. Prosperity Indiana has obtained a list of the 1,578 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) contracts that expired in December or stand to expire this month or next, as the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is unable to renew them and is scrambling to fund rental assistance in the short-term without an end in sight to the federal shutdown.



Prosperity Indiana's Policy Director, Kathleen Lara, breaks down how we got here and what you can do in [this blog post](#).

- Brightpoint
- CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions
- City of Bloomington
- City of Columbus
- City of Goshen
- City of Indianapolis - DMD
- City of Jeffersonville
- City of LaPorte
- City Of Shelbyville
- Crooked Creek CDC
- D.C. Economic Development Foundation, Inc.
- Edna Martin Christian Center
- Englewood CDC
- Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana

EXPIRED OR EXPIRING HUD PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE
CONTRACTS (DECEMBER 2018 TO FEBRUARY 2019)



Learn About Opportunity Zones with Prosperity Indiana and the OIC

The [Opportunity Investment Consortium of Indiana's online portal](#) aids in matching projects in need of funding in Opportunity Zone neighborhoods to potential investors in efforts to intentionally champion the transformation of these areas into vibrant places for residents and businesses.

[Click here for more information on the Consortium.](#)

Federal Home
Loan Bank of
Indianapolis

First Financial
Bank

Gabriel's Horn
Shelter

Habitat for
Humanity of
Greater
Indianapolis

Hamilton County
Area
Neighborhood
Development

Health By Design

HomesteadCS

Hoosier Uplands
Economic
Development
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of City of
Bloomington

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Directions, LLC

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Partnerships, Inc.

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Prosperity Indiana, in concert with the OIC's Implementation Partners is hosting a half-day [Opportunity Zones Workshop](#) on January 31! Sessions will cover an introduction to Opportunity Zones, provide guidance on placing deals, and conclude with a more technical panel on how to pair Opportunity Zone investment with other tools and sources.

[Register here.](#)

Join the A&O Network for Breakfast

Join the [Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network](#) for breakfast January 30, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m as Network leaders will share what's in the works for 2019. The free event, sponsored by AARP, will take place immediately prior to the Prosperity Indiana Summit.

[Click here to register](#)

Indiana Arts
Commission

Indiana
Association of
Rehabilitation
Facilities

Indiana Bond Bank

Indiana Community
Action Association
(INCAA)

Indiana Housing
and Community
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Authority

Indiana Quadel
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Indiana United
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Centers

Johnson County
Development Corp.



Coburn Place Safe Haven Awarded \$2.5 Million Lilly Endowment Grant

Coburn Place Safe Haven has received a grant of \$2.5 million under Lilly Endowment Inc.'s latest round of financial stability grants to central Indiana human services agencies.

This grant is one of 10 grants totaling \$48 million that are designed to help agencies enhance their long-term impact by building stronger financial futures.

The grant to Coburn Place will ultimately increase access to services and housing options for survivors of interpersonal violence.

[Read the full press release here.](#)



Lofts @ Leeson's Receives \$100,000 Grant for Facade Renovation

New Hope Services is pleased to announce that Lofts @ Leeson's is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant to renovate and improve the facade of the building. The Lofts is a historic adaptive reuse development of the former R. L. Leeson & Sons department store, which is currently being renovated into senior affordable housing.

James Bosley, President and CEO of New Hope Services, said, "We are pleased that the project has received the funding needed to restore the facade of this historic building. Restoration will not only improve the building for its future

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Brightwood CDC

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residents, it will also add further enhancement to the heart of downtown Elwood. We appreciate our strong partnership with OCRA, the city of Elwood, and the state of Indiana."

Submit Your Nominations for the 2019 Love Thy Neighborhood Awards

LISC Indianapolis is soliciting nominations in all four award categories for the 2019 Love Thy Neighborhood Awards. An organization, individual, initiative or project can be nominated by a community member or they can self-apply. Three Nominees/Applicants will be selected as finalists in each category by a selection committee comprised of community development stakeholders.

Application deadline is Friday, January 18. [Click here for more information.](#)

The award ceremony will take place on April 18, 2019.

Scholarships Available for People & Places 2019

Scholarships are available for [NACEDA's People and Places 2019](#) in Arlington, VA on April 15-17. Interested organizations should contact Michelle Johnson (mjohnson@prosperityindiana.org) by this Friday, January 18.

People & Places 2019 will bring together community development professionals from different regions, cultures, and national networks to share what's working to strengthen places and advance racial equity.

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Alliance

Opportunity
Housing, Inc.

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Action Agency

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Housing

Pathfinder
Services, Inc.

PathStone

Riley Area
Development
Corporation



Stellar Communities Program Now Accepting Letters of Intent

The [Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs](#) (OCRA) has announced that submissions are open for communities to submit letters of intent for the [Stellar Communities Program](#).

Overseen by Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, the Stellar Communities Program is a multi-year, multi-million dollar investment initiative led by OCRA. This program works with communities in developing regional development plans, promoting local and regional partnerships and increasing economic development.

[Click here to learn more.](#) Letters of Intent are due by April 5.

2019 IEDC Annual Conference Call for Session Proposals

The International Economic Development Council will host its Annual Conference in Indianapolis, October 13-16, 2019. IEDC is seeking compelling session proposals to ensure a comprehensive program. The conference theme is "Driving Growth: the race for talent, innovation & place."

South Bend
Heritage

South Central
Community Action
Program

South Central
Indiana Housing
Opportunities

South Shore
Neighborhood
Development Corp.

Southeast
Neighborhood
Development
(SEND)

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Resources, LLC

The Center for the
Homeless

Transition
Resources
Corporation

United Way of
Allen County

United Way of
Bartholomew
County

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Sessions will be organized into five tracks: (1) Livability; (2) Future Business, Future Worker; (3) Housing and Infrastructure; (4) Talent Partnerships; and (5) Business Clusters.



The deadline for submission has been extended to January 31. [Click here for more information.](#)

IEDC also offers a range of sponsorship packages and exhibit opportunities. [Click here to learn more about sponsorship](#), or visit [IEDC's website](#).

Great Places Neighborhood Resilience Grant

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), in partnership with the Indianapolis Office of Sustainability, is offering \$18,000 in grant funding for projects that demonstrate neighbors' resilience in the Maple Crossing area of Indianapolis. Project proposals should align with and support the implementation of at least one of the 16 goals of the Thrive Indianapolis Sustainability and Action Plan, align with priorities and actions in the Maple Crossing Great Places Neighborhood Strategic Plan, build community resilience, be appropriately scalable and replicable, have community support and consensus, and represent and benefit the diversity of each neighborhood. Submission deadline is February 22, 2019.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Ramp Up Indiana Grant Program Application



The Ramp Up Indiana program provides grants to selected Not-for-Profit applicants for the installation of ramps for low- to moderate-income homeowner households with accessibility needs. 2019 Ramp Up Indiana Application Policy, Application Workbook, and additional application documents have been updated and are now available on [IHCD's Ramp Up website](#).

Werner Consulting, LLC

West Indianapolis Development Corporation

Westside Community Development Corporation

Whitley Crossing Neighborhood Corporation

Woodforest National Bank

[Submit News or Events](#)

Strengthen Your Community with the Arts

Looking for funds to do a community mural, support your town's concert series or kick start a downtown festival? Then you need to check out Arts Project Support grants from the Indiana Arts Commission - city, town and county governments are eligible and encouraged to apply!

Visit [our blog](#) for more information.

LookUp: More Resources. Less Stigma. Better Mental Health.

LookUp (LookUpIndiana.org) is a free online resource providing mental and behavioral health information and resources, while also offering stigma-reducing messaging. As a webinar participant, you'll learn how to navigate the site to best find the information you need, including searching for mental health providers and support groups in Indiana nearest you, getting relevant information on specific mental health screenings, viewing up-to-date mental health news, check for upcoming trainings and events in your community and access 24/7 crisis help. LookUp is a one stop shop for mental health information for Hoosiers throughout the state. Be in the know with LookUp!

This webinar is provided through a partnership of JoAnna M. Brown & Associates, Sagamore Institute, Prosperity Indiana, and Lutheran Foundation.

[Click here to register.](#)

Complimentary Nonprofit Forum - The Energy Leadership Model: Enhancing Leadership and Interpersonal Relationships

Being an effective leader requires you to be engaging and flexible, yet also powerful enough to motivate and inspire others. This, coupled with the complexities of your environment, role and interpersonal dynamics, does not make it easy to execute your priorities and get what you want out of situations. In this session on February 13, participants will learn about the seven levels of Energy Leadership, the benefits and challenges of each and how to recognize and mitigate stress triggers. Understanding these levels

will help you hone your leadership influence, maximize relationships, communicate more effectively, get more done with less effort and focus on what really matters.

Executive Director Jessica Love has utilized this as part of her executive coaching process and can attest to its helpfulness in moving past obstacles - internal or otherwise - to get results.

[Click here to register.](#)




CSH Supportive Housing Summit 2019

CSH Supportive Housing Summit will activate cross-sector collaboration and partnerships, connecting the dots with supportive housing. Leaders from many professional fields important to supportive housing, including healthcare, education, child welfare, workforce development, IDD, justice reform, addiction, community planning and others will gather in Indianapolis, April 30 - May 2.



[Visit the CSH Summit website for details.](#)

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