We encourage and support the nation’s affirmative housing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status.

Funding for this program is made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) CARES Act funding that was awarded to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). ESG is a homeless prevention program that provides rental assistance, shelter operations, and outreach to those in need.

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) will re-open its rental assistance portal on **October 13, 2020 at 9:00 am Eastern Standard Time (EST)**. The portal will be used to accept applications for the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) rental assistance program.

The program can provide eligible renters with up to 6 months in rental assistance to help cover past due and ongoing monthly rent payments.

To receive assistance, the renter’s landlord must agree to participate in the program. The assistance payments will be provided to the landlord on behalf of the renter that applied. A staff member from IHCDA will reach out to confirm this and provide additional information prior to sending your client on to pre-approval.

To participate in the program, you will need to work with a local service provider (HUB) and your tenant to complete a payment plan, lease addendum, and submit all requested documentation in a timely fashion.

**What should you do now?**

**STEP 1**
Speak with your tenants that have fallen behind on their rent and attempt to work out a payment plan. Share with them the **Coronavirus Eviction & Foreclosure Prevention Guide** which includes a variety of state resources.

**STEP 2**
Share with them our “Information for Renters” flyer and encourage them to visit **IndianaHousingNow.org** and see if they meet the program eligibility requirements.