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STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ROUND 1 APPLICATION TUTORIAL WEBINAR

September 1, 2020

*Application submission deadline is **September 28, 2020 at 3:00pm CST***



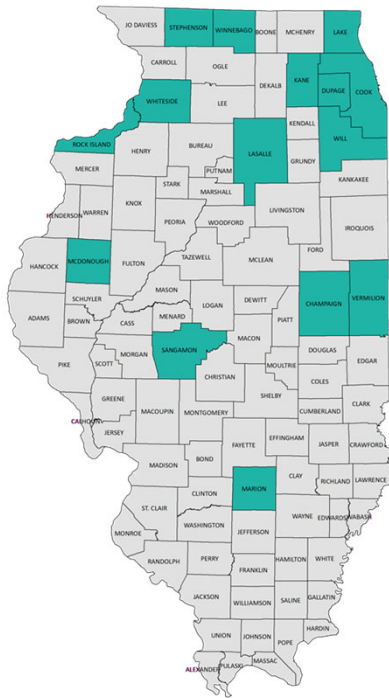
STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT AND BACKGROUND



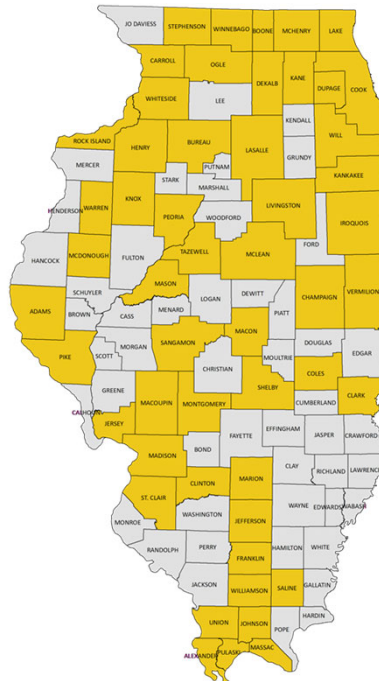
- Established by Rebuild Illinois capital plan (funded through Build Illinois Bonds)
- \$10 million available for this round, IHDA anticipates three rounds of this Program
- The purpose of the Program is to use funding from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to make grants to municipalities, counties, and land banks to assist with their costs incurred for the acquisition, maintenance, rehabilitation and demolition of abandoned residential property in their jurisdiction.

OTHER IHDA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS –BRP, APP, LBCP

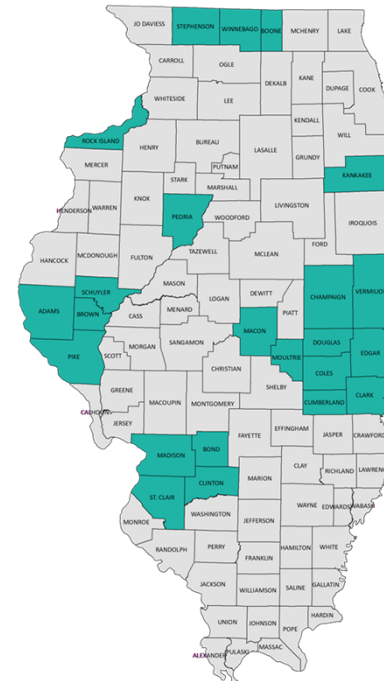
Blight Reduction Program



Abandoned Property Program

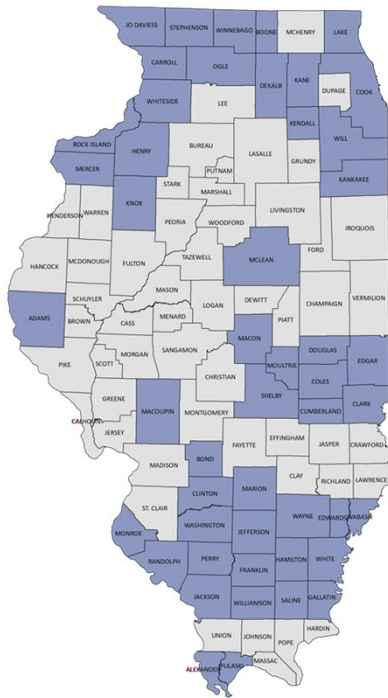


Land Bank Capacity Program

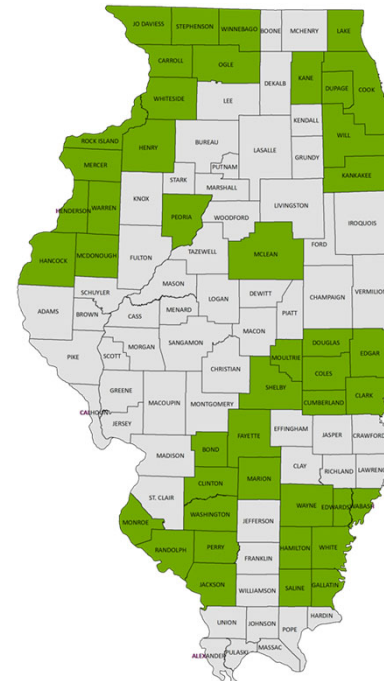


OTHER IHDA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS SFR AND HAP

Single Family Rehabilitation Program



Home Accessibility Program





ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Eligible Applicants for the Program must be either:
 - A County or Municipality
 - A Land Bank
 - A Regional Planning Commission on behalf of the governments (i.e. counties or municipalities) they serve

A county or municipality may join with other counties/municipalities and together submit a single application; however, each county/municipality may only apply once per funding round. Regional Planning Commissions are also able to apply on behalf of the governments they serve.



ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

- 1-6-unit residential properties in the State of Illinois
- Properties must meet the definition of Abandoned Residential Property under the Program (see this in the Application Guide)
- Manufactured homes taxed as real property with a foundation, but no hitch or wheels are eligible, if they also meet the definition of Abandoned Residential Property

*****Commercial properties are not eligible under this Program*****

*****Mixed-use properties are not eligible under this Program*****





ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

Grant funds may be used for acquisition, demolition, or rehabilitation of vacant and abandoned residential properties. A list of specific activities is included below. **Maximum costs per individual PIN for all eligible uses cannot exceed \$40,000.**

*****To be eligible, the main activity on the PIN must be either demolition or rehabilitation.*****

- **Acquisition** (not to exceed \$5,000 per property to allow for abandonment petition for Judicial Deed, tax sale purchase and legal costs, etc.)
- **Rehabilitation** (can include interior and exterior rehab activities)
- **Demolition** (note that exceptions to the maximum per property cost of \$40,000 may be considered on a case-by-case basis for remediation requirements, and strategic demolition aligned with local planning efforts)
- **Tree, Shrub and Debris Removal (excluding grass cutting)**
- **Grass Cutting** (not to exceed 5% of grant amount)
- **Lot Treatment and Greening** (i.e. sod, level and grading, shrubs, native plantings, community gardens, stormwater management projects)
- **All reasonable hard and soft construction costs** related to the activities listed above, which may be approved or denied in IHDA's sole and absolute discretion
- **Administrative costs** (maximum general admin fees consist of 5% of the total grant for admin costs related to general management, oversight, and coordination, including staff and overhead)



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FILING YOUR APPLICATION

APPLICATION

<https://df7gosnywqs6g.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SCP-R1-Application-FINAL.pdf>

- Program information is included in the Application Guide. Please review this section in full, before completing your application.
- Review the application in its entirety before completing your submission.
- IHDA intends to provide an FAQ for the Program later this week.
- Send any questions to SCPinfo@ihda.org



APPLICATION

- Applicant Information (including Grant Request)
- Jurisdictional Information
- Criteria Questions #6 - 34
- Exhibit Checklist
- Standard Requirements and Certifications

The maximum funding request per applicant is \$250,000.

The minimum funding request per applicant is \$40,000.



STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (SCP)
ROUND 1 GRANT APPLICATION

DUE ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 3:00 P.M. CST

Submit completed application and attachments
electronically to SCPinfo@ihda.org

Please zip all PDF documents in your application submission
E-mail attachments cannot exceed 35MB
Important Note: no .exe or similar extensions on any files or sub-files

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APPLICATION FORMAT

- Application is in a fillable PDF format.
- Mix of data entries, and short narrative responses.
- Narrative response questions are character limited.
- Please fill out the document electronically and submit in **PDF fillable format.**
- The document can be signed electronically. If you are unable to provide an electronic signature, please print, sign, and scan the signature page and provide as an additional attachment to your application materials.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

- Please include contact information for your organization

In addition to entering information on this page, please also complete the Application Jotform Link. This will ensure IHDA has the correct contact information for your organization.

<https://form.jotform.com/92393539417971>

- Include your Grant Request Amount

- Maximum request: \$ 250,000
- Minimum request: \$ 40,000

- Include the specific census tracts and geographies you intend to cover with this grant. If there are specific target areas, please include a description. Note that this field is limited to 1500 characters.

STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ROUND 1 GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

County/Municipality Name Application Jotform Link (must be submitted for application to be reviewed)

**You must provide certification of municipality/county/land bank status*

Main Office Street Address, Line 1 Street Address, Line 2

City State Zip Code County

Website

Primary Contact Name Title

**Individual to be the primary recipient of all grant correspondence*

Telephone Number E-mail Address

Secondary Contact Name Title

Telephone Number E-mail Address

Grant Request Amount

Geographies to be covered by this grant – provide all census tracts you intend to be covered by this grant. Provide target area, neighborhood or community area names, -. If applicable, state entire city/county. If you are targeting a specific area within your community, please explain why (identified in revitalization planning process, comprehensive plan, aligns with other local efforts, etc.)



JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

- Please include some basic information about your jurisdiction.
 - For many areas, information on population and housing units can be found by using the U.S. Census QuickFacts Tool
<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/resources/data-tools/quickfacts.html?#>

- For questions 2 and 4 please reference the definition of abandoned residential property in the Application Guide.
 - Vacant Residential Lots should be a subset of abandoned residential properties.
 - % Abandoned and % Vacant will automatically calculate from the data entered in questions 1-4

- In Question 5, indicate the activities you intend to perform, and the number of properties you estimate to be affected under each expense category.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

Please report the following information for your jurisdiction. Figures should be gathered from the most recent U.S. Census Bureau information when possible (we recommend using the [U.S. Census QuickFacts Tool](#)). Your application will not be evaluated based on the information reported below. Please contact SCInfo@ihda.org if you need additional support gathering this information.

1. Population of your Jurisdiction <input type="text"/>	2. Number of abandoned residential properties* <i>*As defined above in the Application Guide</i> <input type="text"/>	% Abandoned <input type="text"/>
3. Number of Housing Units <input type="text"/>	4. Number of Vacant Residential Lots <input type="text"/>	% Vacant <input type="text"/>

5. Complete the chart below showing the number of abandoned residential properties that you plan to address under each of the eligible program uses. Note that costs cannot exceed \$40,000 for activities on each individual PIN. Also note that 5% of your award will be reserved for administrative costs.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSE CATEGORY	DO YOU PLAN TO PERFORM THIS ACTIVITY UNDER YOUR AWARD?	IF SO, HOW MANY PROPERTIES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE AFFECTED?
Property Acquisition (not to exceed \$5,000 per property)	(Select) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Demolition (including all reasonable hard and soft construction costs)	(Select) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Rehabilitation (exterior rehab work i.e. roof, window, door repairs)	(Select) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Rehabilitation (interior work)	(Select) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tree, Shrub and Debris Removal (excluding grass cutting)	(Select) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Grass Cutting (not to Exceed 5% of total grant amount)	(Select) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be ranked against others submitted to determine points to be awarded in the following categories:

Strong Communities Program

Need	<i>Maximum 20 Points</i>
Capacity	<i>Maximum 20 Points</i>
Impact	<i>Maximum 20 Points</i>
Budget and Cost Reasonableness	<i>Maximum 20 Points</i>
Readiness to Proceed	<i><u>Maximum 20 Points</u></i>
	<i>Total: 100 points</i>



SCORING CATEGORY 1: NEED (20 POINTS)

- Foreclosure activity and abandoned residential properties
- Time and resources expended on maintaining and demolishing abandoned residential properties
- Financial burden placed on your jurisdiction
- Specific areas within jurisdiction most affected by foreclosures and abandoned properties
- Narrative responses in Question 8 are limited to 500 characters
- Question 9 allows space to provide a narrative to address any additional information that has not been included in responses to the previous questions.



SCORING CATEGORY 1: NEED

MAXIMUM 20 POINTS

6. Complete the chart below to the best of your ability by providing the data requested to demonstrate the burden that vacant and abandoned residential properties have placed on your jurisdiction throughout the past 3 years.

JURISDICTIONAL DATA	2019	2018	2017
Number of residential properties in foreclosure			
Number of vacant residential lots/parcels			
Number of abandoned residential properties			
Percentage of vacant/abandoned 1-6 unit residential properties	%	%	%
Number of vacant and/or abandoned residential properties owned by jurisdiction			
Amount that the jurisdiction has expended on maintaining and demolishing abandoned residential properties			

7. What source(s) was/were used to gather the information provided in #6? Please indicate if these figures are actual or estimated.

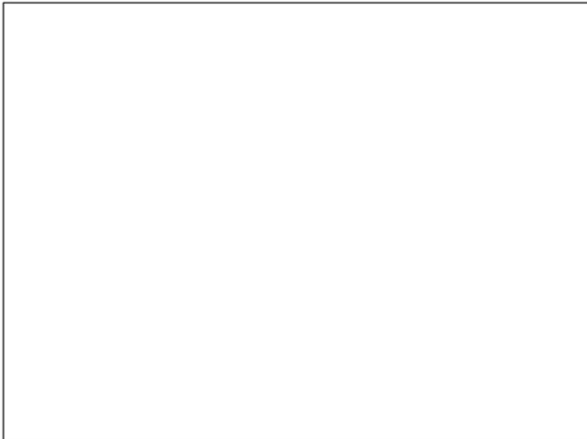
8. To better express need, complete short responses providing information for the following content areas for your jurisdiction. Provide quantifiable evidence where you are able.

CONTENT AREA	RESPONSE (LIMIT 500 CHARACTERS)
Increased crime and vandalism surrounding abandoned residential properties to be alleviated by this grant	
Decrease/increase in home values (EAV) year over year	
Declining property values resulting from proximity to abandoned residential properties	
Specific areas in your jurisdiction affected most by foreclosures and abandoned properties	
Additional financial burden that foreclosures and abandoned properties have placed on the jurisdiction (i.e. activities defunded, staff layoffs, etc.)	

SCORING CATEGORY 1: NEED (20 POINTS)

- Foreclosure activity and abandoned residential properties
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- Financial burden placed on your jurisdiction
- Specific areas within jurisdiction most affected by foreclosures and abandoned properties
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9. Please utilize this space to provide us with any additional information regarding the need of your community that you were not already able to describe in the questions above.





SCORING CATEGORY 2: CAPACITY (20 POINTS)

- Provide most recent independent financial audit (within two years, if available)
- Previous experience managing grants
- Experience managing housing grant or program
- Experience managing compliance with historical preservation, lead-based paint laws, and prevailing wage

SCORING CATEGORY 2: CAPACITY

MAXIMUM 20 POINTS

Applicants must provide a copy of their most recent independent financial audit. If a Management Letter was issued, a copy of the letter must also be attached. NOTE: Include any Management Response and/or Corrective Action Plan. The Management Response and/or Corrective Action Plan MUST be on applicant's letterhead and be signed by the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, or chief executive of the applicant. IHDA reserves the right to use lack of corrective action or lack of response to findings to determine funding. Submission of an audit dated more than two years prior to the date of this application may result in a point deduction.

10. Date that audit was performed

11. Dates which audit covered (fiscal year)

12. Summarize any audit findings, including page numbers of findings and solutions. Please provide explanation if audit is more than two years old. If no findings, indicate "N/A".

13. Page[s] containing Corrective Action Plan, if applicable. If not applicable, indicate "N/A"

14. List the staff member(s) who will be responsible for the administration of this grant, and detail their experience with similar grants and programs (whether or not staff experience is with the current unit of local government applying in this application) by completing all fields below.

NAME	TITLE	EXPERIENCE ADMINISTERING GRANTS?	EXPERIENCE WITH HOUSING-RELATED PROGRAMS?	DETAILS (PLEASE LIST GRANTS/PROGRAMS)
		(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
		(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
		(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
		(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
		(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	



SCORING CATEGORY 2: CAPACITY (20 POINTS)

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15. Complete the chart below by detailing housing-related grants and programs managed by the unit of local government applying for this grant throughout the past 3 years. Be certain to include all grants and programs that you have participated in through IHDA. If you intend to have an outside administrator assist with this grant, their experience must be detailed below as well. Indicate the name of the group under "Who Administered?"

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME	WHO ADMINISTERED?	SOURCE OF FUNDING	DATES OF GRANT/PROGRAM	AMOUNT AWARDED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN	QUANTIFIED OUTCOMES

16. If applicable, complete the chart below to detail any compliance findings or concerns regarding the grants/programs above. If not applicable, indicate "N/A"

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME	COMPLIANCE FINDING OR CONCERN	SOLUTION (IMPLEMENTED OR PROPOSED)



SCORING CATEGORY 2: CAPACITY (20 POINTS)

- Provide most recent independent financial audit (within two years, if available)
- Previous experience managing grants
- Experience managing housing grant or program
- Experience managing compliance with historical preservation, lead-based paint laws, and prevailing wage

17. Answer whether or not your organization has experience managing compliance in the following areas:

Historical Preservation	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Lead-based Paint Laws	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>
Prevailing Wage	<input type="text" value="[Select]"/>

18. Please utilize this space to provide us with any additional information regarding the capacity of your organization to manage this grant that you were not already able to describe in the questions above.



SCORING CATEGORY 3: IMPACT (20 POINTS)

- Existing or planned local revitalization efforts (include these with application, if applicable)
 - For large Comprehensive Plan or other files, please indicate relevant pages to your proposed activities under this Program.
 - If Plans are too large to attach to an email, but are publicly available on your website, please provide a link.
- Quantified positive effects of past and current revitalization efforts

SCORING CATEGORY 3: IMPACT MAXIMUM 20 POINTS

Utilize the section below to detail any active or planned revitalization efforts within your jurisdiction to mitigate vacant and abandoned properties. Specifically address efforts that include revitalizing or demolishing abandoned residential properties. Include all plans/documents listed as attachments with your application submission.

REVITALIZATION EFFORT	CURRENTLY IN-PLACE?	If "NO", PLANNED?	HOW WILL SCP FUNDS COMPLEMENT THIS EFFORT?
19. Local Legislation <i>*I.E. weeds ordinance</i>	(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
20. Vacant Property Registry	(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
21. Revitalization Plan	(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
22. Comprehensive Plan ¹	(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
23. <input type="text"/>	(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
24. <input type="text"/>	(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	
25. <input type="text"/>	(Select) ▾	(Select) ▾	

¹Be sure to include the date of the Comprehensive Plan. Plans that are more than 5 years old may result in a point reduction.

26. Provide any quantifiable metrics to demonstrate the positive impact(s) that past and current efforts to address revitalization have had in your community. [For example, don't simply report "we demolished ten vacant and abandoned homes". Rather, say "As a result of removing ten vacant and abandoned homes, we have seen neighboring homeowners make improvements; new development occurring as a result; increases in property values; community gardens", etc.]

SCORING CATEGORY 4: BUDGET AND COST REASONABLENESS (20 POINTS)



- Complete and reasonable budget
- Third-party vendor and in-house expected costs
- Process used to procure third-party vendors
- Process used for ensuring reasonable costs

SCORING CATEGORY 4: BUDGET AND COST REASONABLENESS

MAXIMUM 20 POINTS

Total grant request amount as reported above:	\$ 0.00
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27. Please provide an estimated budget for each of the following eligible activities under the Program. It is acceptable to submit previous eligible activities occurring after January 1, 2020. Your grant request amount should equal your total budget amount. Maximum costs per individual PIN for all eligible uses \$40,000.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSE CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES/ OCCURRENCES	BUDGET	AVERAGE AMOUNT PER OCCURRENCE
Property Acquisition (not to exceed 55,000 per property)			
Demolition (including all reasonable hard and soft construction costs)			
Rehabilitation (exterior rehab work i.e. roof, window, door repairs)			
Rehabilitation (interior work)			
Tree, Shrub and Debris Removal (excluding grass cutting)			
Grass Cutting (not to Exceed 5% of total grant amount)			
Administrative Expenses (automatically calculated at 5% of total award)			
TOTALS	0	\$ 0.00	---

28. List what percentages of work/expenses under this grant that you estimate to be undertaken by the following parties:

Third-Party Vendors		%
In-House Staff		%
TOTAL	0.00	%

29. List what work/expenses you intend to be undertaken by in-house staff, if applicable.



SCORING CATEGORY 4: BUDGET AND COST REASONABLENESS (20 POINTS)

- Complete and reasonable budget
- Third-party vendor and in-house expected costs
- Process used to procure third-party vendors
- Process used for ensuring reasonable costs

30. Describe your process(es) for procuring third-party vendors for work under this grant, if applicable.

31. Describe the specific steps that you will take to ensure that all costs under this grant are reasonable.



SCORING CATEGORY 5: READINESS TO PROCEED (20 POINTS)

- Reasonable work plan for expeditious completion of proposed activities
- Properties identified that you either have or intend to perform work on with this grant
- Reimbursement for documented, previously-performed eligible activities will be considered (January 1, 2020 to present)

SCORING CATEGORY 5: READINESS TO PROCEED
MAXIMUM 20 POINTS

32. To demonstrate your reasonable work plan and timeline, please complete the following chart, detailing the activities that you have already undertaken (after January 1, 2020) or plan to undertake with this grant. Estimate to the best of your ability and provide as much information as possible (and as applicable) to illustrate that this grant would be expended in a timely manner, thereby maximizing the immediate impact.

Grantees may submit eligible expenses that occurred on or after January 1, 2020 for reimbursement under Round 1

ACTIVITY ¹	DATE RANGE TO PERFORM ACTIVITY ²	EXPECTED DOLLARS EXPENDED	NUMBER OF PROPERTIES AFFECTED	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need to report more activities, duplicate this page

¹Activities include, for example, posting bids, selecting 3rd party contractors, performing eligible activities, submitting proof of payment to IHDA
²Include activities that occurred on or after January 1st, 2020.

SCORING CATEGORY 5: READINESS TO PROCEED (20 POINTS)



- Reasonable work plan for expeditious completion of proposed activities
- Properties identified that you either have or intend to perform work on with this grant
- Reimbursement for documented, previously-performed eligible activities will be considered (January 1, 2020 to present)

33. Please complete the following chart, detailing what specific properties you intend to perform or have already performed eligible grant activities on under this grant. Indicate whether or not you have already performed activities that you will seek reimbursement for on the properties listed.

Grantees may submit eligible expenses that occurred on or after January 1, 2020 for reimbursement.

#	ADDRESS	PIN NUMBER	CITY	ZIP CODE	PAST ACTIVITIES?
1					[Select] ▼
2					[Select] ▼
3					[Select] ▼
4					[Select] ▼
5					[Select] ▼
6					[Select] ▼
7					[Select] ▼
8					[Select] ▼
9					[Select] ▼
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If you need to report more properties, duplicate this page

34. Please utilize this space to provide us with any additional information regarding your organization's readiness to proceed in carrying out this grant that you were not already able to describe in the questions above.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application
2. Most recent independent financial audit
3. Revitalization plan(s), if applicable
4. Certification of municipality, county, or land bank status
5. Any other appropriate document to support your proposal

Name each exhibit as stated in the application, and electronically submit all documents as PDFs contained within a single zipped folder, if possible, to SCPinfo@ihda.org.

(email attachments cannot exceed 35MB)

EXHIBIT CHECKLIST

Submit your completed application and all supporting attachments to the Authority via email at SCPinfo@ihda.org. All materials must be digital; no hard copies will be accepted. Each exhibit must be submitted as an individual PDF document; please follow the naming conventions indicated below. Please submit all pdf documents as zipped files; attachments cannot exceed 35MB. (Important Note: no .exe files should be included in your submission) Email one copy of your completed application package to SCPinfo@ihda.org.

- Application
Name: *Application for <insert applicant name>*
- Audit
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Name: *Financial Audit for <insert applicant name>*
- Revitalization plans listed in questions #19 - 25
Name: *Revitalization Plans for <insert applicant name>*
- Certification of municipality, county, or land bank status
Name: *Entity Certification for <insert applicant name>*
- Any additional and appropriate documents to support your proposal
Name: *Additional Information for <insert applicant name>*



STANDARD REQUIREMENTS & CERTIFICATIONS

1. Applicant certifies that all statement herein are true, accurate, and complete;
2. Applicant will not permit any discrimination on the basis of gender, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability in connection with its participation in the Program;
3. Applicant will ensure expenditures of grant funds are for Eligible Uses under the Program;
4. Applicant will maintain records in connection with administration of the Program for five (5) years after the date of termination of the Commitment;
5. Applicant will comply with the terms and conditions of the Program;
6. Applicant will comply with monitoring and evaluation of the Program through the full Commitment period;
7. Applicant will comply with all Illinois prevailing wage requirements;
8. Applicant will comply with all federal/state/local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to historical preservation, environmental, demolition, and lead based paint laws; Applicant agrees and acknowledges that it is its responsibility to determine which laws and regulations apply;
9. Applicant certifies that all procurements/vendor contracts comply and will continue to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including applicable municipal procurement policies and procedures;
10. Applicant certifies that they have legal authority and rights to complete the demolition for all properties proposed.
11. Neither the applicant, nor its affiliates or related entities are delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State of Illinois (or if delinquent, has entered into a deferred payment plan to pay any debt)



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

IHDA's website contains additional guides, FAQs, and presentations for your reference.

Navigate to the following website:

→ <https://www.IHDA.org>

→ *Community*

→ *Revitalization and Repair Programs*

→ *and Strong Communities Program (SCP)*

<https://www.ihda.org/my-community/revitalization-programs/#collapseSix>

Note that a Strong Communities Program FAQ is forthcoming. A document comparing SCP and the Abandoned Property Program is available for your reference.



Revitalization And Repair Programs



IHDA understands that investing in homes and communities across the state is an effective way to combat the ongoing effects of the housing crisis and assist with revitalization efforts. We work with local governments and non-profit organizations to offer programs that address vacant residential properties and the blight that usually follows to benefit communities. We also fund programs that allow homeowners to make necessary repairs and accessibility improvements, allowing residents stay in their homes while improving the quality of single-family housing and helping to create vibrancy in neighborhoods throughout Illinois.

Strong Communities Program (SCP)

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) is pleased to announce its request for applications for the **Strong Communities Program (SCP)**. SCP provides grant funds to municipalities, counties, and land banks to address affordable housing needs and community revitalization efforts. SCP will return vacant residential properties to productive and taxable use through rehabilitation and provide funds for demolition in cases where properties are beyond repair and negatively impacting neighboring residences. As a result, SCP will increase property values, create jobs, help reduce crime, generate additional tax revenue and attract further community investment. It will preserve existing affordable housing stock that is often in city centers and in proximity to community amenities (schools, parks, medical facilities, shopping, jobs and transportation). [CLICK HERE](#) for a side-by-side comparison of the APP and SCP programs to determine which is best suited for your community.

Completed **applications** will be accepted up to the deadline of **September 28, 2020 by 3:00 p.m. CDT**.

IHDA will be hosting an Application Tutorial Webinar to discuss the application process and general program details. This will include an interactive Q&A session. Registration details for the webinar are listed below.

Strong Communities Program (SCP) Application Tutorial Webinar

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Duration: 1 hour
Audio Conference Number: +1-415-655-0003
Event Number: 155 547 5838
Link to Webinar: <https://illinois2.webex.com/illinois2/onstage/j.php?MTID=eca764db4bd5dc8eb5072fc8d47ed6fa>

Please direct any questions to SCPInfo@ihda.org

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