



MANAGEMENT BULLETIN #549

DATE: 10/12/2022
TO: Owners and Agents of IHDA Assisted Properties
CC: IHDA Asset Management Staff
FROM: IHDA Asset Management Department
RE: **URGENT CALL TO ACTION** - Asylum Seekers Housing Needs

SUMMARY:

Governor J.B. Pritzker issued an [emergency disaster proclamation](#) on September 14, 2022, to assist asylum seekers arriving to Chicago from the state of Texas. A copy of the press release is available [here](#).

In coordination with the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) seek assistance in its humanitarian effort to support these numerous individuals, including families and children. While the number of people in need of housing and specific information regarding space/services needs are unknown, we are contacting you as a valued partner and provider of affordable rental housing to connect you and ask you to consider sharing information regarding the number of available units you may have to serve this population with IDHS.

Please note, assisting this population is an approved use of your tenant selection plan (TSP) in making housing available for emergency purposes as needed and permitted by state mandated waitlist preferences where eligible applicants may have been displaced as a result of governmental action in accordance with applicable regulations in [20 ILCS 3805](#). While there are currently no monetary resources available, IDHS is actively exploring sources for rental subsidy to support this effort. More information may be forthcoming.

You can support this critical initiative and asylum seekers in two ways:

- Contacting Nikita Robinson, Administrative Assistant with the Illinois Office to Prevent & End Homelessness at IDHS to provide direct, real-time information regarding available housing units and any available services/support including basic furnishings. She can be reached at (312) 793-3922 or via email at Nikita.Robinson@Illinois.gov
- Updating your property listings available for rent in the [IL Housing Search](#) tool

Thank you in advance for your partnership.

ATTENTION:

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