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C.E.O.'S Corner

Dear Neighbors,

2022 is sure to be a transformative year for MFCDC as we make progress on critical projects to increase housing stability and promote neighborhood revitalization in our community. This year, with the support of our generous funders and neighborhood partners, we are tackling an ambitious agenda that will guide our activities for the next few years to:

- Develop new multi-family housing
- Renovate existing owner-occupied housing
- Increase access to healthy foods
- Build capacity in the early childhood education infrastructure

These projects will require the collaborative efforts of many institutional partners and community members whom we look forward to working alongside in 2022 and beyond.

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Owner-Occupied Repair Program



MFCDC is accepting applications for its Owner-Occupied Repair (OOR) Program. The OOR Program provides assistance to eligible homeowners to help finance deferred maintenance repairs that, if left unattended, would create an issue with the integrity of the home or become a detriment to the resident's quality of life. Homeowners must be income-qualifying and have the property covered by homeowner's insurance, among other requirements.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying to the program, please contact Allegra Maldonado, Grant & Program Coordinator, at allegra@mfcfdc.org or 317-973-4090.

Individual Development Account Program



MFCDC is accepting applications for its Individual Development Account (IDA) Program. An IDA is an asset building tool designed to enable low-income individuals to save for homeownership, secondary education or training, small business ownership, and other major asset purchases. Participants in the program are eligible to receive state match funds, financial education, and one-on-one counseling.

317-973-4090.

Community Resources



The [Utility Moratorium](#) went into effect on December 1, 2021 and will remain in place through March 15, 2022. The moratorium means that utility companies cannot disconnect low-income households based on lack of payment during the winter months. To receive full protection under the moratorium, households should apply for [the Low-Income Household Energy Assistance and Water Assistance Programs](#). You can access the online application for utility assistance [here](#). For assistance and/or questions about LIHEAP/LIHWAP, please contact your local service provider, or call 2-1-1.

Other resources available to low-income households include:

- [The Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program](#)

Households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) that have experienced a reduction in earned income and are at risk of housing instability are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to households below 50% AMI or who have been unemployed for 90 days or longer at the time of application. Households are eligible to receive up to 12 months of assistance; assistance received in 2020 does not count towards the 12 month maximum.

- [Marion County Energy Assistance Program](#)

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during the winter heating season. This 2021-2022 program will include assistance with electric, heating, and water.

- [Winter Assistance Fund](#)

Administered by the United Way, the Winter Assistance Fund (WAF), is a heating and electric bills assistance program for households who fall just above the qualifications for the federal Energy Assistance Program (EAP). For information, or assistance applying, you may dial Connect2Help's 2-1-1 referral line.

- [Warm Heart Warm Home](#)

Warm Heart Warm Home Foundation™ is a local nonprofit that has provided financial assistance to thousands of Hoosiers and their families since its inception in 1994. When combined with other forms of assistance, Warm Heart Warm Home grants can help customers maintain their utility service. To learn more, please contact 317-924-3311.



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Because we believe we are stronger together, we partner with local, statewide, and national organizations to serve our community. Our partners share resources, donate time and money, and support our neighborhoods. We thank these organizations and many others.

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