

AT A GLANCE



AGENCY OVERVIEW

Since 1950, the Inkster Housing Commission (IHC) has been a champion for the availability of low-income public housing in our community. After becoming a fully independent and self-sustaining nonprofit agency in 2004, IHC's resources, commitment, and capabilities expanded exponentially. Today, under the leadership of Executive Director Aaron Cooper, IHC is taking another leap forward to exceed the needs of our community with more robust housing, safety, health and wellness and self-sufficiency initiatives.

Accessibility Is Our Responsibility

In addition to serving in multiple capacities with Toledo's Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH), Mr. Cooper's history as the Director of Asset Management for the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) in Cleveland, OH, where he implemented programs including the Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH), Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, Multi-Family Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Rental Demonstration Program (RAD) is inspiring the future of IHC—and, more importantly, the residents we serve. The shining example of this expansion is our groundbreaking Envision Center, a HUD-funded space that assists residents with job training and health and wellness while also serving as a community center. Inkster Housing Commission (IHC) is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor of Inkster, Michigan, to 5-year staggered terms.

IHC MISSION

Enriching lives by building inclusive communities and empowering families for long-term economic success.

IHC VISION

To be the premier affordable housing provider locally, regionally, and nationally that fosters diverse and vibrant communities including housing, education, and economic growth.

IHC VALUES

A keen sense of what to do or say in order to maintain good relations with others by these values:

- ▶ Tempered
- ▶ Accountable
- ▶ Compassionate
- ▶ Trusted

RESIDENTS

Residents are the cornerstone of our community. And as stewards of their best interest, IHC is constantly building to give that cornerstone the support to flourish and prosper with the objective of stand-alone self-sufficiency in mind.

Making Residents Feel Right At Home

EnVision Center - EnVision Centers improve the economic sustainability of individuals by empowering them with opportunities to improve their economic outlook through programs focused around four basic objectives—economic empowerment, educational advancement, health and wellness, and character and leadership. Inkster is home to one of only 100 such EnVision Centers in the U.S., giving our community rare access to a centralized hub where the resources and support needed to excel are readily available.

The Lift Zone - Comcast continued its community contributions by opening a Lift Zone—in partnership with New Step Community Development and IHC—at 29150 Carlyle St. Inkster, Michigan. Lift Zones provide students and adults alike with access to robust high-speed wireless internet, serving the integral purpose of connecting low-income residents with access to education, jobs, healthcare, and public assistance.

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program - The ultimate goal of IHC is to serve as a guiding light, helping each family achieve their own self-sufficiency. To that end, in 2021 we began a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program with the express purpose of identifying and assisting with the specific, immediate needs of our residents. The program has already found success even in such a short period of time, as it has already been used for:

- ▶ Access to educational and credentialing programs to encourage
- ▶ Skill development
- ▶ Worker readiness, job training, job placement, and job retention services
- ▶ Access to affordable daycare facilities
- ▶ Financial literacy and planning services
- ▶ Mobility counseling and housing search assistance for voucher holders
- ▶ More affordable housing in safe neighborhoods that also have employment
- ▶ Opportunities and community amenities

REVENUE

Inkster Housing Commission operates on a \$10 million budget. In 2021, \$2,136,080 of Capital Dollars was awarded to Inkster Housing Commission and \$7,449,672.48 was paid out to vendors for goods and services. Of this amount, approximately \$4.1 million was paid to local vendors, including approximately \$1 million to Inkster-based vendors. Of the more than \$7 million paid out to vendors in total, approximately 19% (\$1,408,404.99) was paid out to 15 minority-owned business enterprises (MBEs) and two women-owned business enterprises. \$4 million a year is paid out in Housing Assistance Payments to landlords in Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

PROGRAMS

Affordable Public Housing was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public housing comes in all sizes and types, from scattered single-family houses to high-rise apartments for elderly families. There are approximately 970,000 households living in public housing units, managed by some 3,300 HAs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers Federal aid to local housing agencies (HAs) that manage the housing for low-income residents at rents they can afford. IHC has 734 public housing units.

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. IHC currently has 751 Housing Choice Vouchers in use.

Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) -

Residents of Inkster Housing Commission communities have access to an on-site ROSS Service Coordinator—the most powerful resource for achieving self-sufficiency. The ROSS Service Coordinator is the link to the no-cost, critical programs, coaching, and skills that residents shape their own future.

VENDORS

Are you interested in doing business with the Inkster Housing Commission? Do you wish to build your capacity as a vendor? Can you provide quality service to our residents and community? If your answer is "yes" to all three questions, become partners with the Inkster Housing Commission. We have been in service since 1950 and provide a wide array of services for our residents and property portfolio. Join us by registering your business.

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HOURS

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Tue 8:30 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.	Sat Closed
Wed 8:30 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.	Sun Closed
Thu 8:30 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.	



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