

Home for Good Fact Sheet



The problem: Stable housing and support services help people achieve a successful reentry. However, people leaving prison face **barriers in accessing stable housing**, including discrimination, stigma, & low affordable housing supply.



70% of people in IDOC were homeless or unstably housed before incarceration.

People leaving prison don't qualify for existing homelessness supports upon release.



45% of people leaving IDOC are unemployed for at least 3 years.

Only 34 affordable & available homes exist for every 100 extremely low-income IL renters.



15,000 people are released from IL state prisons every year. Almost **40%** of them return to prison within 3 years. Each recidivism event costs over **\$200,000**.

The solution: Home for Good, a public investment in housing & support services that meet the needs of returning residents to improve successful reentry outcomes.

Home for Good recommends \$317 million for the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to grant to community organizations for supporting returning residents through housing and support services. An IHDA-ICJIA coordinating body oversees the implementation of Home for Good's 4 main elements, two of which meet people's immediate needs, and two that address the housing shortage, all working to support people's safety and stability.

Increase affordable housing stock (\$48M)

- Distribute grants for organizations to acquire, rehabilitate, & build transitional and permanent units to house people leaving prison

Continues & expands IHDA's Housing for Justice-Involved Individuals Program (HJIIP)

Subsidize housing for people (\$180M)

- Provide long-term rental subsidies to returning residents where recipients pay up to 30% of their income

Continues & expands IHDA's Re-Entry Rental Assistance Program

Establish the Home for Good Institute (\$3M)

- Provide cohort-based training & technical assistance to reentry providers interested in housing development

Connect people with services (\$81M)

- Provide wraparound supports, including reentry navigators, to returning residents

Home for Good Is Cost-Effective

Home for Good builds on evaluated reentry housing program models that saw recidivism decrease by up to 68% of the statewide average. By reducing recidivism, increasing employment rates and earnings, improving the state's housing stock, and creating construction jobs, every \$1 invested in Home for Good will lead to \$4 saved and earned over 3 years. Home for Good will create & maintain strong & safe communities, to support people's integration into them, & save taxpayers money.

People leaving prison have paid their debt to society. They deserve the appropriate supports for a fresh start.

For more information: www.homeforgoodillinois.com or Isabel Kennon (isabel@iljp.org, 312-332-8130)

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Home for Good is a public investment in housing & support services designed to support successful reentry outcomes by meeting the needs of people leaving prison.

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