Home for Good
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The problem:

70% of people in IDOC were unstably housed or homeless before prison. After release, they face greater barriers to find stable housing, including discrimination, stigma, & low affordable housing supply.

The current system is expensive

- 37% of people return to Illinois prisons within 3 years of release, costing $199,011 every time.
- Annual cost of recidivism to taxpayers & society is $1.1 billion.

People leaving prison need affordable housing, but cannot get it

- Discriminatory policies in the public rental market & homelessness system block people leaving prison.
- 45% of people leaving IDOC are unemployed for at least 3 years.
- Only 34 affordable homes are available for every 100 extremely low-income IL renters.

Illinois currently has no statewide strategy to address this problem

The solution: Home for Good

A coordinated, statewide reentry housing program. Administered by the IL Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) & the IL Housing Development Authority (IHDA), collaborating with the IL Department of Corrections (IDOC), Home for Good coordinates & funds community based organizations to support people leaving prison & improve reentry outcomes.

Home for Good is effective

Programs that serve as the model for Home for Good reduced recidivism by up to 68%. By pairing housing with coordinated reentry supports, people leaving prison can find and retain employment, access mental and physical health supports, & stably reintegrate into community.

Home for Good is a smart government investment

$1 invested in reentry rental subsidies and support services returns $5 over 3 years, through improved reentry employment rates, increased tax revenue, and cost avoidances from reduced recidivism and reduced reliance on public benefits.

Home for Good creates safe, strong communities

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

Home for Good's Program Design

Coordinated by an interagency ICJIA-IHDA-IDOC Division, in partnership with community entities

Subsidize housing	Connect people with services	Establish the Home for Good Institute
Provide long-term rental subsidies to people leaving incarceration	Provide wraparound supports, including reentry navigators, to people leaving prison	Provide cohort-based training & technical assistance to teach community reentry service providers how to create and operate affordable housing.

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