

FAR EASTSIDE



THE CITY'S 7TH LIFT INDY NEIGHBORHOOD

What is Lift Indy?

Lift Indy is Mayor Joe Hogsett's comprehensive community development program that promotes equitable neighborhood revitalization through affordable housing, economic development, and placemaking. Each year, the City of Indianapolis selects at least one strategic, focused area with market potential and makes a multi-year commitment of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to achieve goals of the neighborhood's plan. Given the scale and complexity of the COVID crisis, as well as the rapid change in the real estate market, this application process pivoted to focus on issues of equity and building capacity within the community development system. The Far Eastside area joins six other Lift Indy designations: Monon16, Old Southside, East 10th Street, Near North, Martindale-Brightwood, and Mid-North.

Lift Indy + The American Rescue Plan

In 2021, the City of Indianapolis expanded its Lift Indy targeted investment program to two neighborhoods, with priority given to neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding allows the program to designate two neighborhoods for 2022 with the same COVID-19 impact priority still given.

About the Far Eastside Neighborhood

Indianapolis' Far Eastside is a working-class community eleven miles from downtown. The neighborhood has transformed over the years to an urban community, densely populated, culturally diverse, and predominantly residential. In addition to the Lift Indy announcement, the Far Eastside has collaborated with DMD on the Oaktree Revitalization Plan, and will also be home to IndyGo's Purple Line.

Far Eastside Applicant Group Organizations

Community Alliance of the Far Eastside (CAFE), HOPE CDC & Mt. Paran Church, and Renew Indianapolis

Lift Indy-Supported Projects and Programs

- **Wrap-around services** at CAFE using a two-generational approach, and programming based on best practices to lift Far Eastside families out of poverty and improve their quality of life. CAFE projects it will service nearly 3,800 clients over the next three years.
- Creation of the **Orchard Trail**, developing walkable, ADA, pedestrian friendly-space that leads to 38th St. and has access points to adjacent neighborhoods. In effort to address food access gaps, this public space will also have vegetable garden beds and fruit for growing fresh produce, open to the community.
- **Owner-occupied repair programs** through HOPE CDC that serves 27 homes in Census track 3604.
- **Edge Fund HomeSmart Affordable Home Mortgage Program**, making affordable housing accessible to 10 low-to moderate-income homebuyers on the Far Eastside.
- **HomeMATTERS Rehab-Homeownership** through Renew Indianapolis, Inc., stabilizing the neighborhood with 10 new homeownership opportunities through rehabbing existing homes.

