



Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing Notice of Funding Opportunity

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HUD PRO HOUSING

Overview

- Communities nationwide are suffering from a lack of affordable housing, and housing production is not meeting the increasing demand for accessible and available units in many urban and rural areas, particularly areas of high opportunity..
- HUD is issuing this second PRO Housing NOFO under the authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024.
- HUD will provide PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Grantees may use awards to for sustainable actions to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation.
- Eligible applicants are State and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities.

Project

- The BoCC approved the purchase of the Sunrise Inn on August 13, 2024.
- This grant will support renovations of Sunrise Inn.

PRO Housing

Supports communities who are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing, such as:

- Barriers caused by outdated zoning, land use policies, or regulations;
- Inefficient procedures;
- Gaps in available resources for development;
- Deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure;
- Lack of neighborhood amenities;
- Challenges to preserving existing housing stock such as increasing threats from natural hazards, redevelopment pressures, or expiration of affordability requirements

Public Hearing

- Before submitting to HUD, applicants must publish their PRO Housing application or amendment in its entirety for public comment.
- The streamlined requirements mandate at least one public hearing at the Applicant's level of government for the application and for each substantial amendment and require providing a reasonable notice of the hearing.
- The Applicant must publish the application for public comment for 15 days and provide ongoing public access to information about the use of grant funds.
- Application posted on Housing and Strategic Development website on October 1, 2024.

Recommendation

Direct staff to apply for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing application and authorize the County Manager, or designee to sign the application, certification forms, and all documents related to this HUD grant.