

PRO HOUSING

Pathways to Removing Obstacles



Through competitive grants, Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) will provide \$85 million in funding for communities across the country to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

This first-of-its-kind funding supports the Biden-Harris Administration's Housing Supply Action Plan, and highlights the efforts of communities who have committed to housing-forward policies and practices. Consult the PRO Housing NOFO for specific application criteria and instructions.

Recognizing that every community has unique housing needs and community development challenges, HUD requires jurisdictions who receive annual formula grant funding to identify barriers to affordable housing as part of their Consolidated Plan. Barriers might include restrictive regulatory, zoning, or land use policies; outdated procedures or permitting processes; inadequate or deteriorating infrastructure; lack of financial resources, capacity, or economic investment; threats from environmental or natural hazards; or other impediments to affordable housing. PRO Housing provides funding explicitly for addressing these types of barriers and advancing local housing strategies.

Competition Goals and Objectives

- Elevate and enable promising practices for identifying and removing barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, while preventing displacement.
- Institutionalize state and local analysis and implementation of effective, equitable, and resilient approaches to affordable housing production and preservation.
- Provide technical assistance to help communities fulfill the Consolidated Plan's requirement of identifying barriers to affordable housing and to implement solutions.
- Facilitate collaboration and harness innovative approaches from jurisdictions, researchers, advocates, and stakeholders to further the national conversation on affordable housing.

Quick Summary

- **Grant Purpose:** Identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation
 - **Eligible Applicants:** States and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities
 - **Eligible Uses:** Activities that further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation
 - **Minimum Grant Size:** \$1 million
 - **Maximum Grant Size:** \$10 million
 - **Estimated Number of Awards:** 20
 - **NOFO Preview Publication:** July 27, 2023 on www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/pro_housing.
 - **Application Deadline:** October 30, 2023 at 11:59pm ET (8:59pm PT) on Grants.gov
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- Affirmatively further fair housing by addressing and removing barriers that perpetuate segregation, inhibit access to areas of opportunity for protected class groups and vulnerable populations, and concentrate affordable housing in under-resourced areas.



Eligible Uses

PRO Housing incentivizes housing-forward actions to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans; address restrictive zoning or land use; improve housing strategies; and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation, including:

- Developing, updating, or advancing housing and community plans
- Creating transit-oriented development zones
- Incentivizing the development of vacant lots or the conversion of commercial properties to residential and mixed-use development
- Streamlining permitting processes and expanding by-right development
- Reducing barriers to development such as residential property height limitations, off-street parking requirements, density restrictions, and minimum lot sizes

Eligible Applicants

- Local governments, States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities may apply for PRO Housing
- Urban, suburban, and rural applicants are encouraged to apply
- Each applicant should identify its barriers based on local context and propose an approach to address those specific barriers to increase the supply of affordable housing

Additional Resources

HUD is hosting two webinar series in support of PRO Housing.

- The first series targeted current Community Development Block Grant recipients and focused on identifying and addressing barriers to affordable housing production and preservation (available via recording on HUD's [Barriers to Affordable Housing](#) webpage).
- The second series guides potential applicants through the PRO Housing application process.



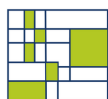
- Allowing accessory dwelling units on lots with single family homes
- Adopting strategies to preserve and revitalize affordable housing
- Building capacity of local nonprofit organizations to increase housing supply
- Increasing community resilience and mitigating environmental/natural hazards

Addressing Acute Housing Demand

Priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate a commitment to and progress toward overcoming local barriers to affordable housing and have an acute demand for affordable housing.

HUD is providing an easy-to-use data resource that identifies jurisdictions with acute housing demand factors, which are:

- affordable housing not keeping pace with population growth;
- insufficient affordable housing; or
- widespread housing cost burden.



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Materials found at: www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/pro_housing
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