



PRO HOUSING
Pathways to Removing Obstacles

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HUD's Competitive Grant Program

PRO Housing Overview

- **\$85 million** in competitive grant funding to elevate and enable promising practices for identifying and removing barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, while preventing displacement.
- This **first-of-its-kind funding** supports the Biden-Harris Administration's Housing Supply Action Plan.



Program Goals



- Elevate and enable promising practices
- Institutionalize state and local analysis and implementation
- Provide technical assistance
- Facilitate collaboration
- Affirmatively further fair housing



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.
- This resource is available at:
www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/pro_housing.



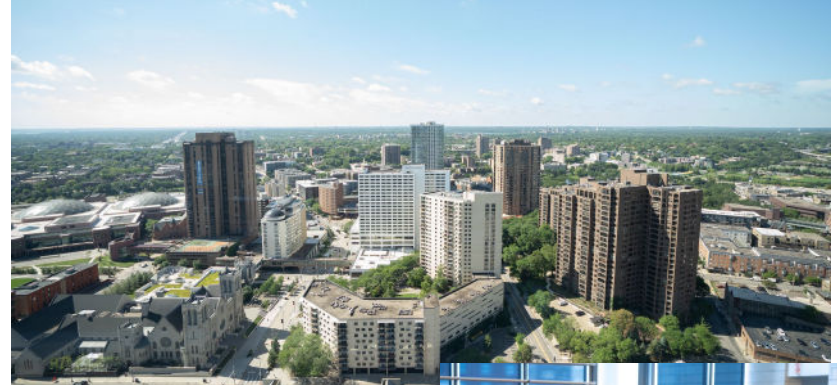
Eligible activities include...

<p>Planning and Policy Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing, updating, or advancing housing and community plans • Creating transit-oriented development zones • Reducing barriers to development such as residential property height limitations, off-street parking requirements, density restrictions, and minimum lot sizes
<p>Development Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating the conversion of commercial or other properties to new housing • Financing construction or rehabilitation projects • Providing large-scale technical assistance to affordable or non-profit developers to assist with the development of affordable housing
<p>Infrastructure Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade existing utilities to increase an area's capacity for new housing • Increasing community resilience and mitigating environmental and natural hazards • Investing in neighborhood amenities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents, like parks, community centers, and bike lanes
<p>Preservation Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing loan or grant programs to rehabilitate existing affordable units • Create anti-displacement policies and prevention measures • Providing homebuyer education, assistance, appraisal programs, and other educational programs for LMI residents



Who can apply?

- Local governments
 - City, township, and county governments
- State governments
- Metropolitan planning organizations
- Multijurisdictional entities



Support on Barriers



- Additional information on barriers and examples are available on HUD's Barriers to Affordable Housing webpage.
- HUD has also curated and recorded a four-part webinar series to help grantees understand barriers to affordable housing.

www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/affordable_housing_barriers



Resources

- HUD is offering a series of webinars with a specific focus on the PRO Housing NOFO and application requirements:

FY 23 PRO Housing NOFO Walkthrough Webinar	August 3, 2023, 3:00pm ET (12:00pm PT)
FY 23 PRO Housing NOFO Appendix/Regulations Webinar	August 10, 2023, 3:00pm ET (12:00pm PT)
FY 23 PRO Housing NOFO Data Resources and Tools Webinar	August 17, 2023, 3:00pm ET (12:00pm PT)
FY 23 PRO Housing NOFO FAQs Webinar	August 24, 2023, 3:00pm ET (12:00pm PT)

- The recordings will be available on [hud.gov](https://www.hud.gov) after the live webinar.



Questions?

