



# PRO HOUSING

## Pathways to Removing Obstacles

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ROUND 2  
\$100 MILLION

Through competitive grants, round two of the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) competition will provide \$100 million in funding for communities across the country to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

This unique funding opportunity 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.

### 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.
- 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.

### Quick Facts

- **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:** \$7 million
- **Maximum number of awards:** 30
- **Application deadline:** October 15, 2024 at 11:59pm ET (8:59pm PT) on Grants.gov

### New in Round 2 (FY24)

Significant changes from Round 1 (FY23) to Round 2 (FY24) include an updated need rating factor to reflect the FY24 Appropriations Act directive to prioritize applicants who can demonstrate progress and commitment to overcoming local barriers, primarily by having enacted improved laws and regulations. The overall funding for Round 2 (FY24) increased to \$100 million from \$85 million, and the maximum award amount was changed to \$7 million. The number of expected awards increased for Round 2 (FY24) to 30 awards.





## 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 approved by HUD 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

To support PRO Housing:

- HUD held a webinar series on identifying and addressing barriers to housing production and preservation.
- There is also webinar series to guide potential PRO-Housing applicants through the application process.

Both series are available on HUD.gov.



- 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

### Statutory Provisions

Per the Appropriations Act, 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 will provide an easy-to-use data resource for jurisdictions to review acute housing demand factors.

Priority will also be given to applicants who can demonstrate progress and commitment to overcoming local barriers, primarily by having enacted improved laws and regulations.

## For More Information

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