

MONTGOMERY, AL

ROUND 1 AWARD: \$3,581,160



Overview: To expand housing supply and lower housing costs, HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development awarded over **\$3.5 million to the City of Montgomery**. This grant funding will be used to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

70% of low-income renters in the State of Alabama are severely cost burdened. The City of Montgomery has taken considerable actions to advance housing supply through investments in housing, downpayment assistance, and strategic planning activities.

PRO Housing funding will build new energy efficient affordable housing units, invest in the installation of green infrastructure, and restore homes along the National Historic Selma to Montgomery Trail.

Historic Disinvestment

- The residential stretch along the National Historic Selma to Montgomery Trail, commemorating the Voting Rights March, experiences excessive blight and substandard housing.

Long Waitlists for Housing

- There are approximately 2,000 families in the City on the waiting list for Housing Choice Vouchers and 8,000 families on the waiting list for public housing.

Aging Housing Stock

- Approximately 74% of all homes were built between 1950 and 1990. Older homes often need repairs and upgrades.

**LOCAL BARRIERS
TO HOUSING
IDENTIFIED BY
MONTGOMERY**

**RECENT ACTIONS
TO BOOST
HOUSING SUPPLY
LOCALLY**

The City of Montgomery

- Adopted the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, prioritizing safe and affordable housing. Launched an initiative to update local regulations and land use policies to promote affordable housing and mixed-use development.
- Dedicated federal funding to support affordable housing, homeownership, and housing enabling infrastructure — using HOME Investment Partnership and Community Development Block Grant funding.
- Used \$1.5 million of CDBG funds to purchased approximately 10 acres of vacant and abandoned properties along the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. The City will create affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households on the sites.
- Developed partnerships with local organizations to build new affordable housing and advance fair housing goals.



ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF PRO HOUSING FUNDING

as contemplated in grant application

Build & Preserve Affordable Housing

- The City of Montgomery’s proposal is focused on the revitalization of the three-mile stretch along the National Historic Selma to Montgomery Trail. 60 years of disinvestment has taken a toll on the primarily residential community along the National Historic Selma to Montgomery Trail.
- Through PRO Housing funding, the City of Montgomery will rehabilitate existing homes and build new energy efficient affordable housing units for low– to moderate–income families.

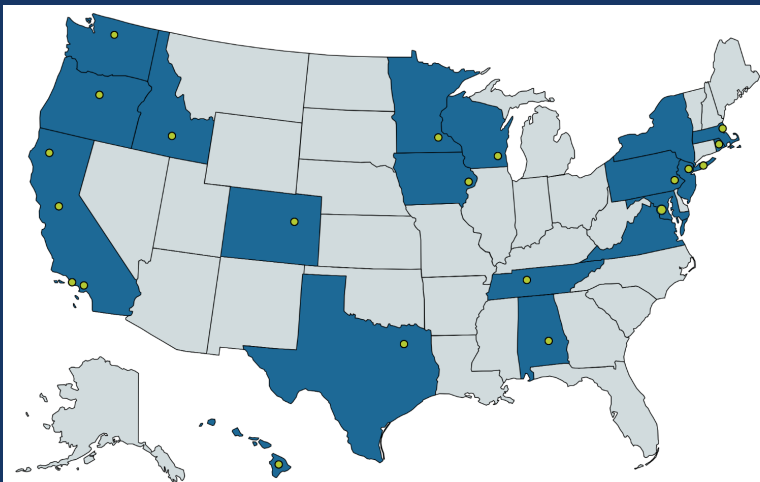
Invest in Green Infrastructure and Construction Materials

- The City will invest in the installation of traditional, smart, and green infrastructure that will promote security, access to transportation, and the transmission of on-time information. This includes sidewalks, bike lanes, tree canopies, lighting, cameras, benches, and increased internet connectivity.
- To address energy inefficiency, the City will use Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) in the construction of affordable homes. This will save an average of 60% on energy and maintenance costs. Through PRO Housing funding, the City will conduct SIPs trainings for developers and staff.

Spur Economic Opportunities for Residents

- The City’s proposal encourages social and economic reinvestment in the community — supporting rental housing, homeownership, job training, infrastructure, economic development, and initiatives to reduce vacancy and blight. The City will leverage federal funding, existing initiatives, and private investments to make transformational investments in historically underserved communities.

HUD AWARDED \$85 MILLION TO 21 APPLICANTS THROUGH ROUND 1 OF THE PRO HOUSING COMPETITION



- PRO Housing provides first-of-its-kind funding to identify and remove barriers to housing production and preservation.
- The competition prioritizes communities that demonstrate an acute need for affordable housing.
- Successful applications demonstrated local actions — such as updates to land use policies, developer incentives, financing, and innovative strategies — to address barriers and boost housing supply.