

NEW YORK, NY

ROUND 1 AWARD: \$3,996,956



Overview : To expand housing supply and lower housing costs, HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development awarded **\$3.99 million to the City of New York**. This grant funding will be used to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

53% of renter households in the City of New York are cost-burdened. The City has created a blueprint for housing, updated local regulations and land use policies, adopted mixed-income development strategies, and invested in housing development.

PRO Housing funding will enable New York to streamline the review process, update neighborhood specific plans, and expand housing choice for families of modest means.

Permitting Procedures

- The building permit processes, land use approval, and environmental review are often unpredictable, lengthy, and costly for housing developers.

Prohibitive Building Codes

- Building requirements at both the state and local level make commercial-to-residential conversion projects challenging.

Local Regulations and Land Use Controls

- The City has identified a need for updated land use policies and neighborhood plans to meet the demand for housing.

LOCAL BARRIERS TO HOUSING IDENTIFIED BY NEW YORK

RECENT ACTIONS TO BOOST HOUSING SUPPLY LOCALLY

The City of New York

- Issued the Housing Blueprint which incorporates citywide feedback to address housing inequities.
- Launched pro-housing reforms to local regulations with the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity initiative, facilitating housing development in high opportunity areas.
- Created a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) program that requires a share of new housing to be permanently affordable through regulatory actions.
- Developed a Neighborhood Planning Playbook that provides a set of tools for City agencies to partner more effectively in neighborhood planning studies.
- Implemented neighborhood planning studies to foster diverse, livable neighborhoods with mixed-income housing and supporting services.



ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF PRO HOUSING FUNDING

as contemplated in grant application

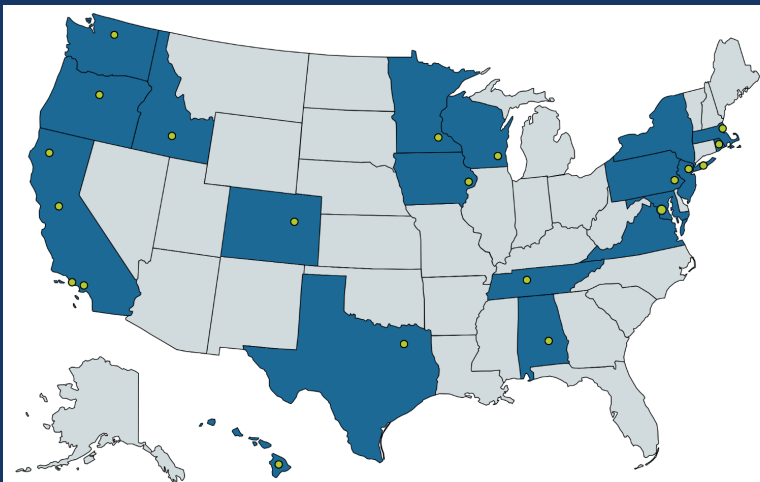
Build Capacity to Support Environmental Reviews

- Through PRO Housing, the City will update the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Application and create a collection of digital tools and data resources designed to automate and streamline the preparation of environmental review materials.
- The City plans to extend the list of CEQR Type II projects, which allows for exemptions from extensive environmental review to save time and expenses for applicants.
- Efforts to update the environmental review process will reduce errors, reduce time in approvals, and add flexibility to run a variety of scenarios to maximize development potential.

Neighborhood Plans

- Through PRO Housing Funding, New York City will develop long-term neighborhood plans for land use and housing growth for Jamaica, Queens, and Richmond Terrace, Staten Island. The updates will advance housing choice, prevent displacement, and increase transparency in the development process.
- The Jamaica Neighborhood Plan includes updates to enable the development of more permanently affordable multifamily buildings.
- The Richmond Terrace Corridor Plan includes updates to existing land use policies to allow for more apartments and multi-family homes. The Plan will also enable new mixed-income housing construction.
- PRO Housing funds would support staff to develop and implement the community engagement, local regulations, environmental review, and zoning actions.

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.