Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) U.S. Housing and Urban Development Grant Application

The City Planning Commission (CPC) and the Department of Safety and Permits (DSP) Zoning Division are preparing an application to submit for a funding opportunity provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant invites municipalities to submit applications for the removal of barriers to the development and preservation of affordable housing. HUD is expecting to award $85 million to approximately 20 awardees in the $1 million to $10 million range.

CPC and DSP are seeking funding for planning activities related to the development and preservation of affordable housing. CPC plans to engage expertise for the completion of the Housing Opportunities Study. New Orleans has a rich housing history and is facing pressing affordable housing needs. While a study is ongoing from CPC, the completion would be improved with more skillful data collection, robust citizen engagement, and nationwide expertise on land use policy and equity. The City Planning Commission intends to seek support from the PRO Housing grant to bolster the existing work and complete the study.

The DSP intends to seek funding to create a tenant and landlord diversion program for the Healthy Homes Program, and to establish an affordable housing office.

Public Hearings

The City Planning Commission will host two public hearings to allow members of the community to learn about the proposed activities for funding and provide feedback at 1:30PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

October 10, 2023 – General information regarding the grant proposal

October 24, 2023 – Collection of public feedback concerning the posted application

Application

The application will be made available for public comment on the City Planning Commission website beginning October 11, 2023.

Public Comment

For comments to be considered as staff finalizes the application, comments must be submitted **before the end of the day on October 25, 2023**.

Comments may be submitted by mail, hand-delivered, or electronically to the addresses below:

City of New Orleans
City Planning Commission
1300 Perdido Street, 7th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70112

cpcinfo@nola.gov using the subject line "HUD PRO Housing Grant Comments"

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