

PRO HOUSING

Pathways to Removing Obstacles



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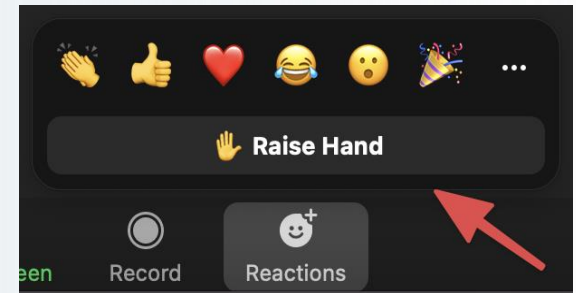
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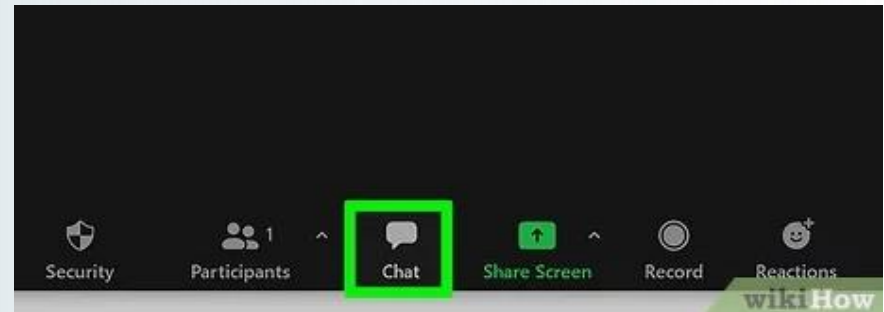
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General Information

- Overview of the PRO Housing grant application
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Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing)

HUD has allocated \$85 million for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Congress has directed HUD to undertake a competition using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) statutory and regulatory framework. HUD will be accepting applications for PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

The State of Nebraska is applying to request \$7,342,500 in funding to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation.

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Need Within the State

The partnership between DED and NIFA produced the 2022 Statewide Housing Needs Assessment (“Needs Assessment”), which identified two primary deficits in the Nebraska housing market:

- An alarming rate of housing-cost burden among low- and moderate-income households, and;
- An insufficient number of affordable housing units across the state.

According to the Needs Assessment, Nebraska is experiencing an acute shortage of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income renter households. The fact that homeowners and renters across income levels experience housing cost burden highlights an overall shortage of affordable housing stock in Nebraska.

Eligible Uses

- All eligible uses can be found here: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/pro_housing
- The NIFA/NDED proposed application relates to the following eligible uses:
 - Developing or updating housing plans, community development strategies, and zoning and land use policies such as overlays to encourage multifamily and mixed-use development or access to affordable housing
 - Developing or updating housing plans, community development strategies, and zoning and land use policies to simplify, streamline, or change overlays that create a barrier to affordable housing development or preservation.

Proposed PRO Housing Project

The proposed PRO Housing project articulates three objectives, representing phases of the project, to support communities in addressing the need for affordable housing.

1. **Identify Barriers** will provide communities with educational resources, technical assistance, and funding for housing studies to assess needs and pinpoint challenges to housing production and preservation of existing stock.
2. **Build Toolkits** will design and develop toolkits of zoning and design standards, including affordable housing designs for a range of building and lot characteristics. The toolkit resources will encourage more density, smaller and more affordable housing units, and energy-efficient and resilient construction.
3. **Implement in Nebraska** will incentivize communities to adopt toolkit resources and take action steps most appropriate for their needs.

Proposed PRO Housing Budget

	PRO Housing Grant	Cost Match	Total Project Cost
IDENTIFY BARRIERS			
Housing Study	\$ 500,000	\$ 734,250	\$ 1,234,250
BUILD TOOLKITS			
Research/Consultant	\$ 1,275,000		\$ 1,275,000
Engagement	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000
Model Plans	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000
IMPLEMENT IN COMMUNITIES			
Community Investment	\$ 2,500,000		\$ 2,500,000
Project Coordination	\$ 650,000		\$ 650,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 6,675,000	\$ 734,250	\$ 7,409,250
Administrative Costs	\$ 667,500		
TOTAL COST BY SOURCE	\$ 7,342,500	\$ 734,250	\$ 8,076,750

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