

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HOUSING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PRO HOUSING APPLICATION \$10 MILLION

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Housing Act) as amended and implemented through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR 91, requires local governments to create a Five-Year Local Strategic Planning document, the HUD Consolidated Plan (Plan), and submit One-Year Action Plans. We have recently received a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) from HUD for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) plan. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) supports HUD's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026 to accomplish HUD's mission and vision.

Across the United States, regulatory and other barriers have made it difficult to produce, preserve, and access affordable housing. Constrained supply drives up housing costs and this reduces affordability over the long term. Communities nationwide are suffering from a lack of affordable housing, and housing production is not meeting the increasing demand for accessible and available units in many urban and rural areas, particularly areas of high opportunity. Affordability challenges and the lack of affordable housing supply further increase eviction pressures and likelihood of homelessness for low-income people. Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) empowers communities that are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing and seeking to increase housing production and lower housing costs for families over the long term.

HUD is issuing this NOFO under the authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022) (Appropriations Act), which appropriates \$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. Under this NOFO, HUD will provide PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Grantees may use awards to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation. Eligible applicants are local and state governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities.

Notice is hereby given that the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development will host a Public Hearing Session regarding the Pro Housing Plan on **Wednesday October 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the County Headquarters Building 2079 East 9th Street Floor 7 Room 301 Cleveland OH 44115**. This meeting is open to all who wish to learn about the new initiative and proposed application. The meeting will be held in-person and virtually.

This notice of the Public Hearing Session and draft of the Pro Housing Application will be available on the department's website at <https://cuyahogacounty.us/housing-and-community-development> and also published in the Plain Dealer in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to attend and review the PRO Housing information and proposed application.

To join the meeting Virtually, by Call-In, or In-Person, the information below will also be posted on the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development webpage:

Call-In (Audio Only) Tel:+14404622064,714169715# United States, Cleveland

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 278 432 074 788 Passcode: goqyxb

In-Person: Cuyahoga County Headquarters 2079 East 9th Street 7th Floor Room 301 Cleveland, OH 44115

Interested persons may also submit comments in writing or by email. Comments should be directed to Sara Parks Jackson, Director, Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development, 2079 East 9th Street, 7th Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, to (216) 443-8160, or at spjackson@cuyahogacounty.us.

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