

PRO HOUSING

Pathways to Removing Obstacles



Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing

**Webinar 5: Environment, Disaster Recovery, and
Resilience Considerations**

Welcome and Agenda

Housekeeping

- Everyone is muted during the presentation
- Use the Chat feature for all questions to the presenters
- The Chat feature also may be used for general comments

Agenda

- PRO Housing NOFO Refresh
- Environment elements in the NOFO
- Resilience elements in the NOFO
- Q&A



PRO Housing NOFO Webinar Series

- PRO Housing NOFO Walkthrough – Recording online
- NOFO Appendix/Regulations Webinar – Recording online
- NOFO Data Resources and Tools Webinar – Recording coming soon
- NOFO FAQs Webinar – Recording coming soon
- **TODAY: Environment, Disaster Recovery and Resilience Considerations**
- Next Week: Fair Housing Considerations

Visit the PRO Housing web page for webinar links, recordings, and updated FAQs:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/pro_housing



PRO Housing NOFO Refresh



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Caveat: This presentation does not include all the material in the NOFO. Please read the NOFO for definitive, detailed instructions.



What are PRO Housing grants for?

- Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing, or PRO Housing, is an \$85M competitive grant being administered by HUD.
- PRO Housing seeks to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation
- PRO Housing is a component of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
- Submission deadline is October 30, 2023. See NOFO for details.



What activities are eligible?

Each proposed activity must be an eligible CDBG activity

- Each proposed activity must be eligible pursuant to section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and applicable program regulations at 24 CFR part 570 or
- Receive an eligibility waiver for the activity, requested in the application



What activities are eligible?

Eligible activities include:

- Planning and policy activities
- Development activities
- Infrastructure activities, and
- Preservation activities

For specific examples, please see Section III.F.2.c of the PRO Housing NOFO.



What is the definition of resilience?

- Resilience is a community's ability to minimize damage and recover quickly from extreme events and changing conditions.



What are the rating factors?

- Need (35 points)
- Soundness of Approach (35 points)
- Capacity (10 points)
- Leverage (10 points)
- Long-term Effect (10 points)

You can review the complete prompts at Section V.A.1 of the NOFO. **This presentation does not include all text for all factor prompts.**



Long-term Effect

What permanent, long-term effects will your proposal have?
What outcomes do you expect? (10 points)

- HUD seeks to ensure that funded activities enable the production and preservation of affordable housing units long after the grant's period of performance.
- Describe how your approach seeks to permanently remove key barriers to producing and preserving affordable housing and the measurable outcomes you expect to achieve.
- Be sure to address how the removal of barriers will result in more resilient housing and sustained production.



Long-term Effect

- Describe what you will have achieved upon completion of grant-funded activities, including the specific work product(s), deliverable(s), or completed projects you will produce and any implementation actions that follow.
 - Be sure to address how these achievements will have a permanent, long-term effect.
- Describe what roadblocks your proposal might be facing. What are the most likely ways in which the barriers might persist despite your proposed activities, and how does the proposal account for and counteract this?
- Do you anticipate your proposal will result in reducing housing cost burden for residents without increasing other costs, such as transportation costs?
- Describe how your proposal represents a model for other communities.
- Describe the community's most significant environmental risks and how the proposal is aligned with them to efficiently promote community resiliency.



Long-term Effect

- What do you consider success to look like at the end of the period of performance or beyond?
 - How would you anticipate the proposal to enable the production and preservation of affordable housing? Explain how the targeted outcomes will remedy the identified Need [prompt (a)].
 - If possible, propose metrics (the quantifiable topic area you will measure) and target outcomes (a quantified goal for each metric which you will strive to achieve) \
 - HUD will rate applicants more highly for metrics and outcomes that have an evidence-based connection to the proposed activities and the barriers being addressed.
 - Please be aware that HUD will not score on the basis of high target outcomes, and HUD encourages applicants to set target outcomes that they believe to be realistically achievable.



Environmental Requirements, Considerations, and Resources



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What does the NOFO say about Environment?



What are the environmental requirements?

- Environmental justice requirements as set forth in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR parts 50 and 58, which implement the policies of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental requirements.
- Grantees who are States or units of general local government (UGLGs) are considered the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR part 58 and are responsible for completing their own environmental review.
- For grantees who are not States or units of general local government (UGLGs) or are not recipients of funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 58.2(a)(5), HUD will perform the environmental review in accordance with 24 CFR part 50.
- For more about environmental requirements, see Sections IV.G.2.c and VI.E of the NOFO.



Avoiding Choice Limiting Actions

- The recipient, its project partners, and their contractors may not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, lease, repair, dispose of, demolish, or construct property for a project under this NOFO, or commit or expend HUD or non-HUD funds for such activities under this NOFO, until
 - The RE has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) have been approved; or
 - HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the project.



Identifying Barriers: Natural Hazards and Climate Change

- Natural disasters, exacerbated by climate change, disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color.
- Natural Hazards Frequency and Severity Impacted by Climate Change
 - Flooding
 - Sea level rise
 - Hurricanes and extreme storms
 - Drought
 - Extreme heat
 - Landslides
 - Extreme cold
- Site Suitability Impacted by Climate Change
 - Air quality
 - Urban heat island effect
 - Soil stability
 - Water resources
 - Groundwater availability
 - Excessive stormwater runoff and site flooding
 - Wastewater control systems and water treatment facilities



Resources for Analysis Techniques

- [HUD Community Resilience Toolkit](#)
 - Identify climate-related natural hazard risks
 - Consider actions to enhance the resilience of housing, infrastructure, and residents to those hazards; and
 - Implement resilience actions based on available resources
- [U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit](#)
 - Consider climate change impacts at the local level
- [Climate Change Adaptation Resource Center \(EPA\)](#)
 - Adaptation Strategies
- [Climate Change and Social Vulnerability in the United States \(EPA\)](#)
 - Social vulnerability of the project's residents and surroundings



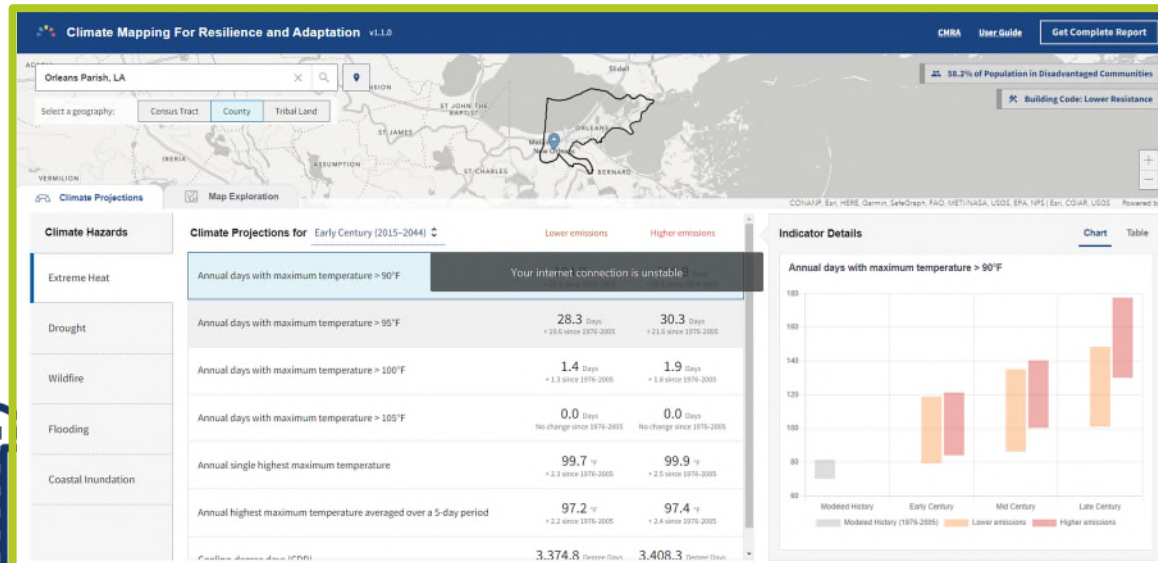
Publicly Available Mapping Resources

[NOAA Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding Impacts](#)

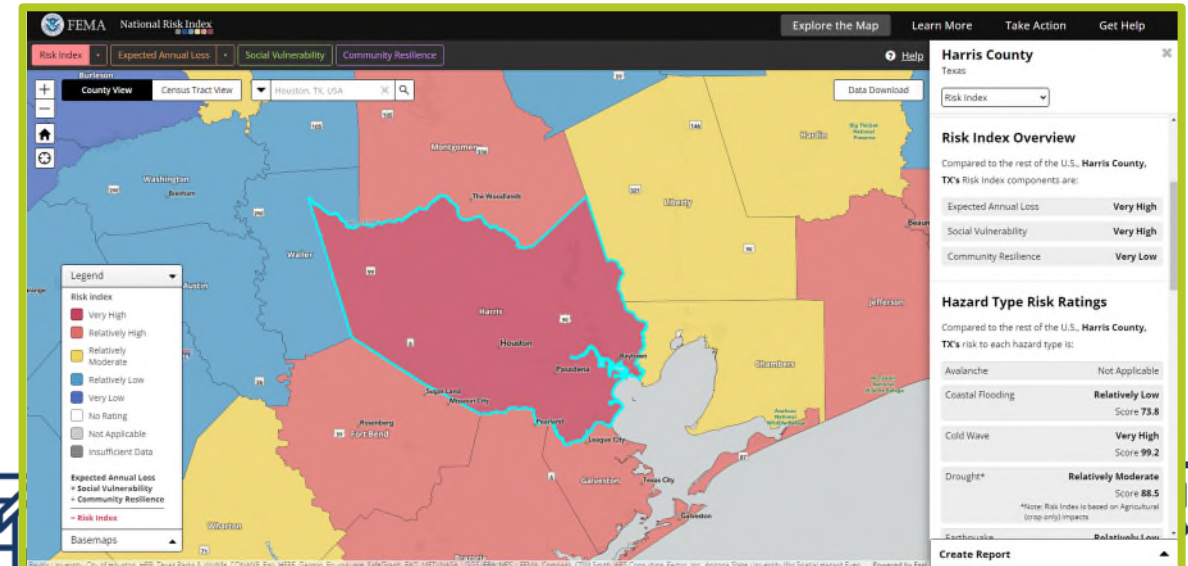
- Variety of mapping services available by:
 - Federal Agencies
 - Educational Institutions
 - State and local governments



[Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation \(CMRA\)](#)



[FEMA National Risk Index](#)



Does HUD have resources related to environmental review?

- HUD has a webpage dedicated to environmental review, maintained by the Office of Environment and Energy.
- Please visit the webpage at this link:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/>
- [Environmental Assessment Factors: Climate Change Impacts](#)



Additional Resources

- HUD Climate Resilience Implementation Guide
 - [Nature-based Solutions](#)
 - [Cool Roofs](#)
 - [Single-Family Retrofits](#)
 - [Resilient Public Facilities](#)
 - [Resilience Education and Outreach Activities](#)
- [HUD Exchange: Build for the Future](#)
- [HUD Office of Environment and Energy Staff Contacts](#)



Disaster Recovery and Resilience Considerations



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Resources related to community resilience

The NOFO provides links to two resources:

- [Climate Action Plan](#)
- [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#)
- HUD has a webpage dedicated to [community resilience](#):
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/supporting-local-climate-action/>



Resources related to disaster recovery

- [CDBG-DR: Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds - HUD Exchange](#)
- [Citizen Participation & Equitable Engagement Toolkit: Introduction - HUD Exchange](#)
- [Resilient Building Codes Toolkit](#)
- [CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT Grantee-Led Sessions - HUD Exchange](#)
- [CDBG-DR Grantee Contact Information - HUD Exchange](#)



Does HUD have resources related to removing barriers to affordable housing?

- HUD has a webpage dedicated to [barriers to affordable housing](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/affordable_housing_barriers). It features HUD's recent technical assistance webinars on this topic and links to additional resources, such as HUD's Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse.
 - Please visit the webpage at this link:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/affordable_housing_barriers



Q&A

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