



**PRO HOUSING**

Pathways to Removing Obstacles



# **PRO Housing NOFO**

**Webinar 7: FAQs and Office Hours**

# Welcome and Agenda

- Housekeeping

- This webinar will consist of preselected questions from past webinars and live questions from the audience.
- Everyone is muted during the presentation
- Use the chat feature to send in your questions and submit to 'all panelists'

- Agenda

- Preselected FAQs
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# The PRO Housing Webinar Series

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- PRO Housing NOFO FAQs Webinar
- Environment, Disaster Recovery and Resilience Considerations in PRO Housing
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- **TODAY: NOFO FAQs & Office Hours**



# PRO Housing NOFO Publication



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## PATHWAYS TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO HOUSING (PRO HOUSING)



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### Overview:

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.

Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) supports communities who are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing, such as:

- Barriers caused by outdated zoning, land use policies, or regulations;
- Inefficient procedures:



# PRO Housing FAQ panelists

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# Question 1: Has the NOFO officially been published? Is it different from the NOFO preview?

HUD published the PRO Housing NOFO on grants.gov on Sept. 7. To access the funding opportunity and download an application package, search for Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing or PRO Housing (FR-6700-N-98) on grants.gov.

HUD did not make changes to the NOFO between its preview stage and the final, published version. The deadline remains the same: October 30, 2023, at 11:59:59pm EDT.

The PRO Housing webpage is updated to reflect the NOFO Publication and includes the Grants.gov link. Optional templates for partner letters and partnership agreements are also posted on the PRO Housing webpage.



# Question 2: What are the public participation requirements?



Before submitting to HUD, you must publish your PRO Housing application in its entirety for public comment.

The streamlined requirements mandate at least one public hearing for the application and require providing a reasonable notice (at least 15 days) and opportunity for public comment and ongoing public access to information about the use of grant funds.

Please note that we are now within the 50-day window of the deadline, so plan accordingly to ensure sufficient time for public comment.

For more information, please visit Section VI.E.5.a.iii of the NOFO.



# Question 3: Can different types of activities be grouped together in one proposal?

Yes. Applicants may propose multiple activities, as long as all activities are eligible. The NOFO provides examples of planning and policy activities, development activities, infrastructure activities and preservation activities.

An eligible applicant may only submit one application.





# Question 4: My geography appears twice in the spreadsheet: once as a place, and once as a county. We're a priority geography under one, but not the other. Are we eligible for the ten points?

Yes. If your geography shows a yes for priority geography with either county or place data, it is a priority geography. Examples include Alexandria, VA and San Francisco, CA.

An updated version of the Priority Geographies spreadsheet is posted to the PRO Housing webpage. It's now sorted to better identify jurisdictions like these, who appear more than once. **There is no change to the data in the spreadsheet**, just updated formatting.



# Questions from the audience

Please type your questions using the chat box in Webex.  
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# Question 5: Does the 10% limit on “general administrative costs and technical assistance” apply to all proposed Technical Assistance activities?

No. Under Section III.F.2, the NOFO provides TA as an eligible activity under certain circumstances. This activity-related TA is not the same as general TA. Activity-related TA is not subject to the 10% cap.



# Question 6: What types of funding can I use as leverage?

Grantees may use either non-Federal sources or other Federal sources as financial leverage only if a program's authorizing statute permits such use.



# Question 7: Would a public housing authority need to form a multijurisdictional entity along with an eligible applicant in order to be considered eligible?

A PHA is not an eligible applicant on its own. In some states, a PHA may be a subdivision of the municipal or county government (such as serving both as a city's housing department and as the PHA) and be able to apply. Alternatively, the PHA could be one member of the larger partnership of local governments and public agencies that comprises the multijurisdictional entity.



# Question 8: Can HUD help interpret the NOFO? Can we set up a phone call with the PRO Housing team?

No. Under the HUD Reform Act, HUD cannot provide advice about prospective proposals.

This means that HUD cannot answer questions about specific proposals, including whether a proposal would be eligible or competitive.

Applicants should rely on the NOFO as the definitive source of information about the PRO Housing competition.



# Q&A

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# Closing

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