

PRO Housing Application to HUD

Community Development Committee

Business Item 2023-254



PRO Housing Opportunity



Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing is a new HUD program to empower communities that are actively taking steps to

- remove barriers to affordable housing
- seeking to increase housing production
- lower housing costs for families over the long term

Metropolitan Council can apply as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for our region.

PRO Housing Concept

Overview of Application

\$10M request

- \$4M Hennepin County
- \$3.5M Ramsey County
- \$2.5M Metropolitan Council

Purpose:

- Policy & Planning staff and consultants
- Direct Grants for communities throughout the region
- New development of 30% AMI Housing



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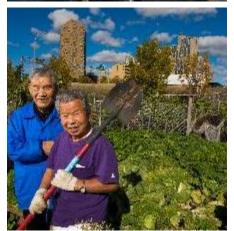
Leverage Commitment

Local Housing Incentives Account

- Statutory commitment of \$1.5M each year; \$6M over 2024-2028
- Affordable rental and ownership preservation and production

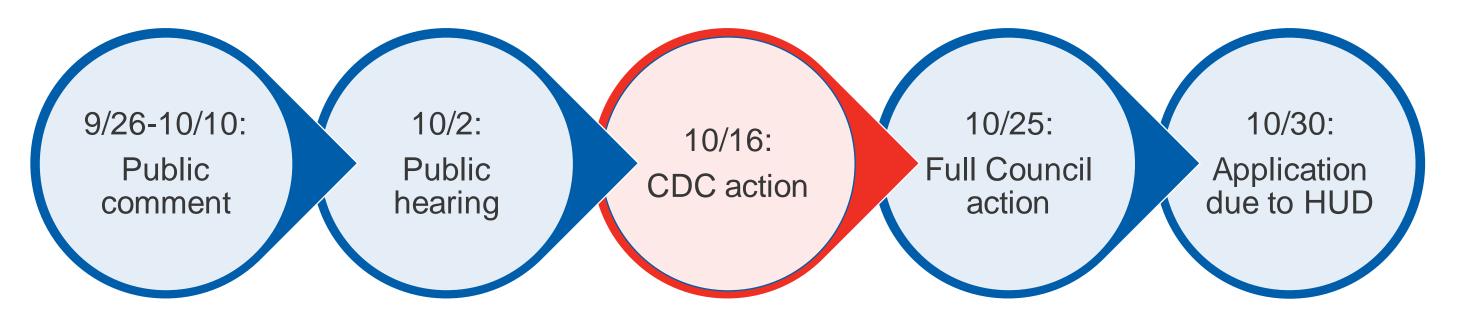
\$5M leverage maximizes points for PRO Housing







Timeline



Proposed Action



That the Metropolitan Council:

- 1. Authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the "Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing" (PRO Housing) program.
- 2. Commit \$6 million in Local Housing Incentive Account grants, over the years 2024-2028, as leverage for the PRO Housing grant, if awarded.



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