



PRO Housing Application to HUD

Community Development Committee

Business Item 2024-289 SW



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PRO Housing Opportunity

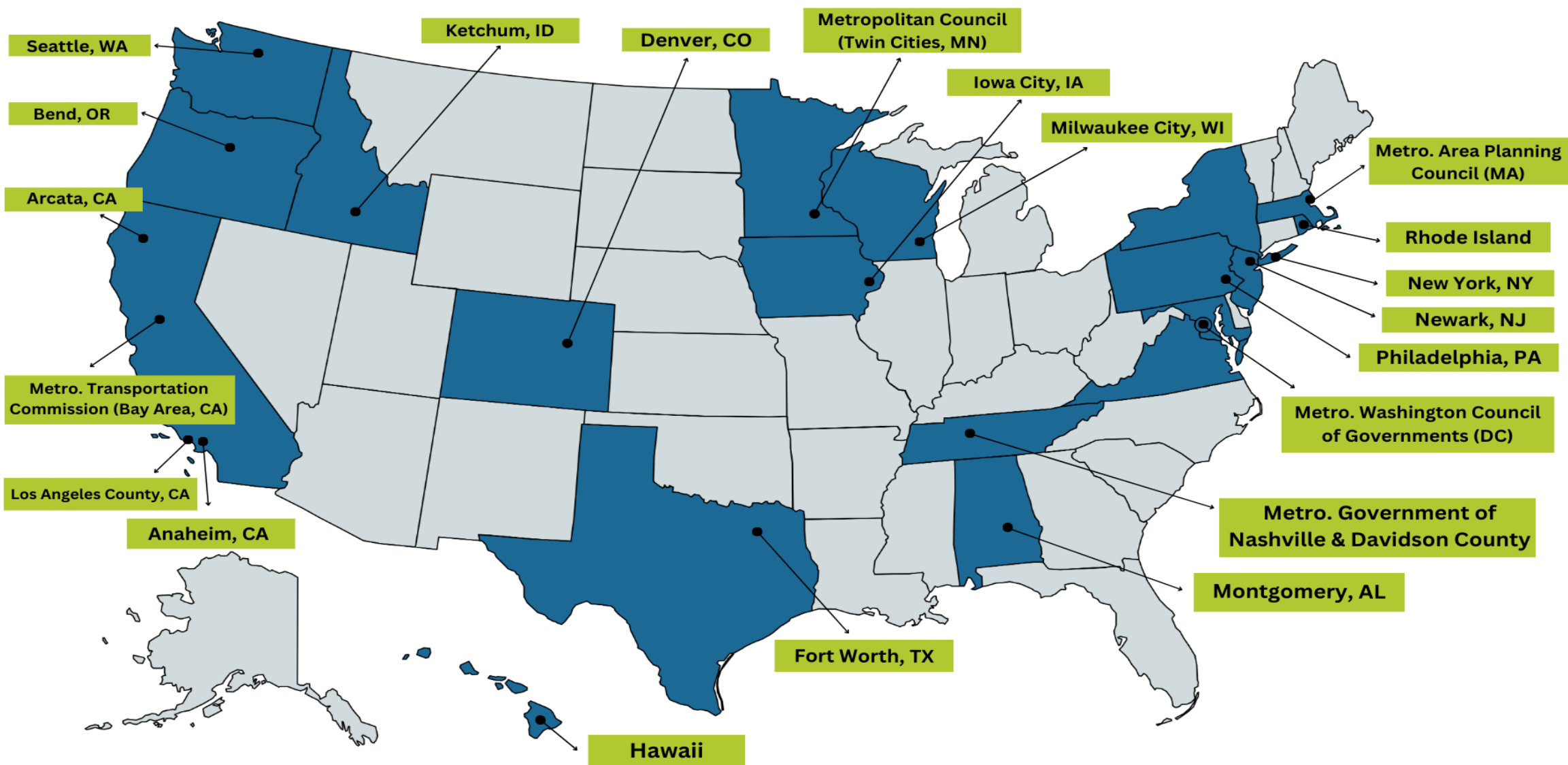


Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing is a new HUD program in its second year, to empower communities that are actively taking steps to

- 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.

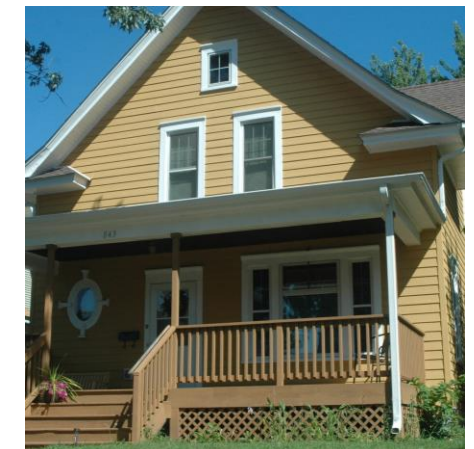
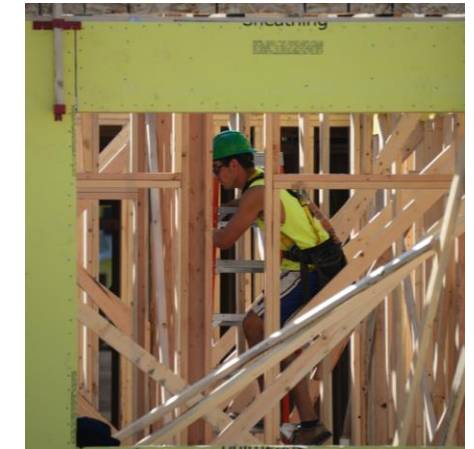
FY23 PRO Housing Winners



PRO Housing in Our Region

Maximizing the moment

- **Unprecedented local revenue for housing**
 - \$0.25 metro sales tax + state appropriations in 2023
 - \$100M (estimated) annual revenue directly to cities/counties
- **Momentum for better housing & land use policies**
 - Cities continue updating zoning
 - Policymaker interest
- **Imagine 2050 regional housing plan**
 - Define/allocate future need for 30, 50, and 60% AMI homes
 - Local plans updated in 2025-2028



PRO Housing Concept

FY 2024 Application

\$5M request:

- Policy & planning staff and consultants
 - Technical assistance
 - Local comprehensive plan support
 - Communities of practice
 - Toolkits
- Direct grants for communities throughout the region
- **Build on momentum from FY 2023 award**



Leverage Commitment

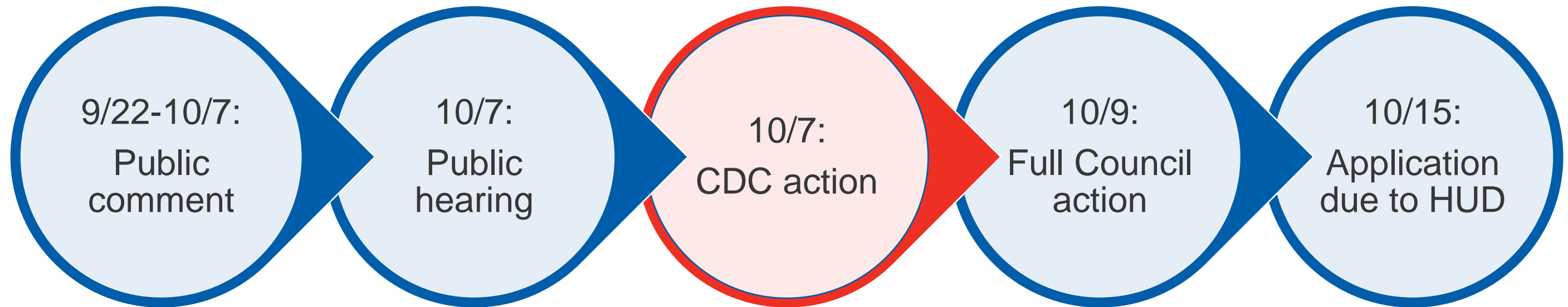
Local Housing Incentives Account

- Statutory commitment of \$1.5M each year; \$3M over 2027-2028
- Affordable rental and ownership preservation and production

\$3M leverage maximizes points for PRO Housing



Timeline



Proposed Action



That the Metropolitan Council:

1. **Authorize** the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to finalize and 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** \$3 million in Local Housing Incentive Account grants, no later than in the years 2027-2028, as leverage for the PRO Housing grant, if awarded.



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