



PRO HOUSING GRANT PROPOSAL
PUBLIC HEARING

PH-23-055

October 17, 2023

Background & Information

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- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Under the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, \$85 million dollars was appropriated for the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.
- ❑ The Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant supports communities who are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing.

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- ❑ As a local government, the City of Killeen is an eligible applicant and may use the award, if granted, to develop, evaluate and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation.
- ❑ HUD requires that the city seek input from the community and hold a public hearing as part of the proposal submission.

Citizen Comments & Community Input

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- ❑ Required Public Hearing
 - ▣ October 24th
- ❑ Required Citizen Comment Period (15-day minimum)
 - ▣ October 10th – October 24th
 - ▣ Advertised in Killeen Daily Herald October 10th and posted on the City's web page.
 - ▣ Both oral and written comments are applicable for the Pro Housing Grant Proposal.

HUD Pro Housing Grant

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- The PRO Housing grant supports communities who are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing, such as:
 - ▣ Barriers caused by outdated zoning, land use policies;
 - ▣ Gaps in available resources for development;
 - ▣ Lack of neighborhood amenities;
 - ▣ Deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure; or
 - ▣ Challenges to preserving existing housing stock such as increasing threats from natural hazards, redevelopment pressures, or expiration of affordability requirements.
- The PRO Housing grant award is \$1-\$10 million dollars.

PRO Housing Grant and COK Comp. Plan

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The PRO Housing Grant is compatible with the 3 of the City of Killeen Comprehensive Plan's Big Ideas.

- ❑ “Resource stewardship and fiscally responsible growth ensure a more prosperous community for the long haul.”
- ❑ “Neighborhoods, not subdivisions, make great places for everyone.”
- ❑ “Vibrant downtowns are valuable places.”

Recommended Uses of Award

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Use

Affordable Rental Housing Dev./Preservation Fund

Homebuyer Development

Blight Mitigation/Demolition

Administration (Capped at 10% of Award)

Owner-occupied Rehabilitation (North Killeen)

Comprehensive Housing Strategy and 10-year Plan

Fair Housing Assessment

Summary

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- ❑ Required comment period and public hearing
October 10th – October 24th.
- ❑ Submission of any citizen input and comments.
- ❑ Submittal of Pro Housing grant application to HUD
October 27, 2023.
- ❑ Notification of awards January 2024.
- ❑ Period of performance concludes September 2029.