



# City of Killeen

## Legislation Text

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HOLD a public hearing to receive citizen comment and input on the proposed Housing Urban and Development (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Affordable Housing (Pro Housing) Federal Grant Proposal.

**DATE:**           **October 17, 2023**

**TO:**             **Kent Cagle, City Manager**

**FROM:**       **Tiffanie McNair, Executive Director of Community Development**

**SUBJECT:**   **Hold a Public Hearing and receive citizen comments on the proposal for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Affordable Housing (Pro Housing) federal grant.**

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Under the authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 which appropriates \$85 million for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, Congress has directed HUD to undertake competition using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) statutory and regulatory framework.

HUD will provide PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Grantees may use awards to further develop, evaluate and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation.

As a local government, the City of Killeen is an eligible applicant. The City of Killeen is requesting \$10,000,000 in PRO Housing grant funds to support the implementation of a comprehensive housing strategy for addressing local housing needs. Participating Jurisdictions (PJ) must have 15-day comment period to consider any comments of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing on the proposal.

### **THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

1. Hold a public Hearing October 24,2023 and accept relevant comments under the minimum 15-day required comment period.
2. Do not hold public hearing which voids the City of Killeen's opportunity for proposal submission to apply for federal funding to address barriers to affordable housing in Killeen.

### **Which alternative is recommended? Why?**

Recommend Alternative #1- Hold a public hearing to receive citizen comments during the 15-day minimum required comment period incorporating any citizens' comments received into the proposal by the submission

deadline for the opportunity to receive federal funding to address barriers to affordable housing in Killeen.

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Yes, as describe in the Citizens Participation Plan, approved by City Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?**

N/A

**Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?**

N/A

**Is this expenditure budgeted?**

N/A

**If not, where will the money come from?**

N/A

**Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Hold a Public Hearing incorporating citizen comments received during the 15-day minimum comment period for the Pro Housing Grant proposal to HUD (Housing and Urban Development)

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal  
Finance

**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Draft Proposal