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Funding Allocation Applications and Scoring Criteria

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Follow up – Funding Recommendations Process

Today

**PRO Housing Fund
Applications**

Scoring Criteria

Future AHAC meeting(s)

Application changes

Open application cycle



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PRO Housing Funding Applications



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Timing and Federal Updates

- March AHAC meeting discussed the PRO Housing Fund, noting the possibility to release funding application sooner than originally planned (originally planned for fall 2025)
- Federal impacts – PRO Housing mentioned in memo
- President's FY 26 'Skinny Budget' eliminates PRO Housing (\$100M). Unclear if this is Round 2 or if/how it will impact us.

CUTS TO WOKE PROGRAMS

President Trump is committed to eliminating radical gender and racial ideologies that poison the minds of Americans. The President's FY 2026 Budget upholds the Constitution by eliminating funding for cultural Marxism.

Woke Program Cuts Highlights:

- Preschool Development Grants. The Budget eliminates this \$315 million grant program that was a tool of the last administration to push diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies into early care and education, such as giving money to the Minnesota Department of Education to implement "intersectionality" and "racial equity" for four-year-olds. Through this program, Federal funding was provided to create a guidebook on "Lessons for Creating Quality Care for Oregon's LGBTQIA+ Families" in collaboration with an organization called "Pride Northwest."
- Teacher Quality Partnerships (TQP) and Equity Assistance Centers. The Budget eliminates \$77 million used to indoctrinate new teachers. Training materials in these "partnerships" included topics such as Critical Race Theory, DEI, social justice activism, "anti-racism," and instruction on white privilege and white supremacy. TQP's discretionary grant program has awarded organizations such as the "Teacher Pipeline Program" nearly \$6 million to train teachers in educating kindergarteners on "racial literacy." It also helped establish a Master's program for "teachers of color" and to center racism in their pedagogy.
- Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) to Housing. These Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing grants used taxpayer dollars to fund local governments that pursue radical racial, gender, and climate goals. For example, HUD provided: \$6.7 million to Los Angeles County to conduct an "Equity Audit" and reverse "land use patterns that have roots in systematically racist policies"; \$4 million to New York City to improve its environmental review materials; \$5 million to the City of Seattle to "redress past harms" through a "Legacy Homeowner Program" that targeted Black Indigenous People Of Color residents "at risk of displacement"; and \$2.1 million to Milwaukee to rectify racial disparities in home ownership. HUD also propagandized training videos for PRO Home grantees, about "How to Incorporate Equity," "Advancing Racial Equity Narrative," and equity and environmental justice.

| Program Name | \$ Change from 2025 Enacted (in millions) | Brief Description of Program and Recommended Reduction or Increase |
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| Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing | -100 | Consistent with the Executive Order 14151, "Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing," the Budget proposes to eliminate PRO Housing, which was used by the previous administration to advance "equity" under the guise of an affordable housing development program. Instead, the Budget proposes allowing States and local governments to address affordable housing and development challenges within their communities. |



From the 2025 PRO Housing Approved Action Plan

- This new Fund is intended to be offered in competitive application cycles along with annual CDBG and AHF offerings.
- Applicants may choose to apply for any/all the funding sources, greatly amplifying the amount of funding available for affordable housing development (not public services)
- Funds will be targeted to developments with high feasibility of success, low risk, and near-term deadlines, who, without additional funding will be unable to proceed in the near term.



Current funding availability = \$5.7M

- \$4M in PRO Housing Funds
- \$1.5M in Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)
- \$200,000* in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

** From program income received in FY24, potential timeliness issue if not awarded and spent down*



AHAC discussion points

- Option 1:
 - Open applications June
 - AHAC deliberations in July
 - Council approval in August
- Option 2:
 - ?

*Congress will create and pass
a final budget for FY 26 on/before
September 30, 2025*



Changes to Scoring Criteria



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AHAC feedback from Feb 2025 survey

| AHAC Feedback | Staff direction provided |
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| Current scoring criteria does not match all application types | Staff to provide guidance on how to score when applications don't match the funding type or application type |
| Questions for housing development scoring appear in the public services scoresheet | Staff to correct the public services scoresheet (remove erroneous affordable housing scoring questions) |
| It is difficult to match scoring questions with the application order | Consider referencing relevant application section in the scoring questions |
| Consider reducing the range of scores and provide instructions for what each score looks like | Staff can facilitate a discussion on scoring criteria, including what each question means, are edits needed? |



Review of Affordable Housing Development Scoring

- Refer to score report provided
- Will review any of the criteria identified, per AHAC prompting
 - Staff can provide the history behind the question
 - AHAC to suggest proposed edits in content, points, order of questions

| Score Report | | Case Id: Name: |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| Reviewer: | | |
| A: EFFICIENCY OF FUNDING/LEVERAGE | | |
| Maximize utilization of outside funds and services (including cash contributions, in-kind contributions, and volunteers). Score zero if City resources would fund the entire project and give full points if City resources would fund less than 10% of the project. | POINTS AWARDED 0 | AVAILABLE POINTS 10 |
| Section Total | 0 | 10 |
| B: MEETS CITY UNDERWRITING REQUIREMENTS | | |
| Does not duplicate services and effectively utilizes/maximizes partnerships. If new services proposed fulfill a community need a score of 10 would support this criterion, and when existing services address the identified need then a score of 0 would be rational. | POINTS AWARDED 0 | AVAILABLE POINTS 10 |
| Section Total | 0 | 10 |
| C: FUNDING COMMITMENTS | | |
| Sponsored by organizations or agencies that demonstrate staff capability and ability to implement an effective proposed project that addresses the identified need or problem. Score full points to proposals that include spending timely and from programs that have completed funded projects successfully. | POINTS AWARDED 0 | AVAILABLE POINTS 10 |
| Section Total | 0 | 10 |
| D: COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN, ZONING | | |
| Demonstrates a clear and effectual plan for evaluating the progress of the project toward addressing the identified need or problem. | POINTS AWARDED 0 | AVAILABLE POINTS 10 |
| Section Total | 0 | 10 |
| E: PERMIT READINESS | | |
| Utilizes best practices to improve conditions or solve an identified problem. | POINTS AWARDED 0 | AVAILABLE POINTS 10 |



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