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**Date** June 26, 2026

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN APPLICATION TO US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR FY26 PATHWAYS TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO HOUSING (PRO HOUSING)**

**WHEREAS**, on June 3, 2026, HUD posted the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY26 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing), funding opportunity number CPD-2600-DC-0098; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) program provides competitive awards to State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and Multijurisdictional Entities to help communities reduce regulatory barriers to affordable housing production and preservation and increase housing affordability; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY26 PRO Housing NOFO is authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, which requires HUD to award grants using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) framework; and

**WHEREAS**, as with all CDBG assistance, the priority is to serve low- and moderate-income people and households; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD has four goals for this competition:

1. Decrease the cost and increase the supply of affordable housing, especially in Opportunity Zones and rural communities;
2. Remove barriers to affordable housing, removal of which will lead to constructing or rehabilitating more units, reducing time to produce units, and unlocking land that can be used for affordable housing units;
3. Reward jurisdictions that have enacted laws and regulations that will lead to more affordable housing production and preservation; and finally
4. Increase opportunities for affordable homeownership by reducing administrative and structural barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2025 by Roll Call No. 25-1013, City Council received and filed the Des Moines Citywide Housing Strategy, which includes prioritizing rehabilitation of affordable housing, especially for homeowners, as a building block for the strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citywide Housing Strategy calls for enhancing and scaling up the Improving Our Neighborhoods (ION) Program, which serves low-income homeowners, and ION accesses a portion of CDBG funds through the annual entitlement process for its larger projects; and

**WHEREAS**, one element of the PRO Housing application is an optional attachment demonstrating public participation by public hearing following notice; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed use of funds in an application to HUD, a summary of the application's proposed activities will be available for review on the City of Des Moines web site, [dsm.city](http://dsm.city), under the Consolidated Planning web page, from July 3, 2026 until July 13, 2026.



**Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

28-I

**Date** June 26, 2026

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. A public hearing to obtain the views of citizens and residents regarding the PRO Housing application to HUD shall be held on July 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers, 1200 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.
2. The notice of hearing on file with the City Clerk as Exhibit "A" and by this reference made a part hereof, is hereby approved, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this notice in the Des Moines Register on July 3, 2026.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt

Second by \_\_\_\_\_

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.  
 Gary D. Goudelock Jr.  
 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
BARRON				
WESTERGAARD				
MANDELBAUM				
GATTO				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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City Clerk

Exhibit A

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED APPLICATION TO US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR FY26 PATHWAYS TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO HOUSING (PRO HOUSING)**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The City of Des Moines plans to apply to HUD for the FY26 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing), funding opportunity number CPD-2600-DC-0098. The Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) program provides competitive awards to State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and Multijurisdictional Entities to help communities reduce regulatory barriers to affordable housing production and preservation and increase housing affordability.

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The proposed activities are available for review on the city's website, [dsm.city](http://dsm.city), under the Consolidated Planning web page, and will remain available until the activities are approved by the City Council, which is anticipated to be July 13, 2026.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will consider said Application after a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2026, in City Hall, Council Chambers, 1200 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

At the hearing, opportunity to be heard will be given to proponents and opponents of the Application. In addition, the City Council shall receive written views, comments, objections and arguments from any resident or taxpayer of the City that are received by the City Clerk prior to 4:00 p.m. on July 13, 2026 (City Clerk's Office, Des Moines City Hall, 1200 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309; Email [cityclerk@dmgov.org](mailto:cityclerk@dmgov.org)).

The City of Des Moines is pleased to provide accommodations to disabled individuals or groups and encourages participation in City government. To better serve you, please notify City staff at least three business days in advance when possible, at 515-283-4209, should special accommodations be required. Assistive Listening Devices are available for meetings in the City Council Chambers.

Once the application has been approved and finalized, the application to HUD will be available at the City's Neighborhood Services Department, 1200 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

By: Connie Boesen, Mayor

ATTEST: Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk

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