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Date July 13, 2026

**HOLD HEARING FOR AND APPROVAL OF 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, County, 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



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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 were made available for review on the City of Des Moines web site, dsm.city, under the Consolidated Planning web page; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the public hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on July 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on this date has been opened and those seeking to comment on the PRO Housing application have been afforded the opportunity to do so.

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

1. All public comments regarding the PRO Housing application have been received and the hearing is hereby closed.
2. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to sign all forms, assurances, and certifications required as part of the application.
3. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit the final application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by August 3, 2026.

(Council Communication No. 26-242)

Moved by Latto to adopt.

Second by Barron

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.

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Assistant City Attorney



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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
BARRON	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		

Connie Buesen

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.

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk