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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, under the Consolidated Planning web page, from July 3, 2026 until July 13, 2026.



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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 Gatto to adopt

Second by Voss

FORM APPROVED:

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

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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Connie Boesen

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