



**City of Missoula, Montana  
City Council Committee Agenda item**

**Committee:** Housing, Redevelopment and Community Programs

**Item:** Public Hearing for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant Application

**Date:** October 4, 2023

**Sponsor(s):** Emily Harris-Shears

**Department or Function:** CPDI-Community Development

**Prepared by:** Emily Harris-Shears

**Ward(s) Affected:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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**Action Required:**  
Hold a public hearing on Monday, October 23, 2023 to provide the public with opportunity to comment on the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant application.

**Timeline and Recommended Motions:**

Committee discussion: October 4 2023  
 Council sets public hearing: October 4, 2023  
 Recommended motion: I move to set a public hearing for Monday, October 23, 2023 to provide the public with opportunity to comment on the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant application.

Public Hearing: October 23, 2023  
 Final Consideration: October 23, 2023  
 Recommended motion: No motion required. Council will not vote on this item, the purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity to hear from the public.

Deadline: October 23, 2023

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the competitive grant application for Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) in September 2023. The funding opportunity supports communities who are actively taking steps to remove barrier to affordable housing. HUD intends to award up to 20 communities with awards between \$1M and \$10M.

The Community Development division of CPDI is requesting \$10M to continue the work outlined in a Place to Call Home to create and preserve homes that Missoulians can afford. Staff will provide an overview of the grant opportunity and proposed activities and approach. The applicant is required to provide opportunity for public comment and post the application for review for a minimum of fifteen days before submission.

**Financial Implications:**

No direct implications to the City of Missoula's general fund budget.

**Links to external websites:**

[Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing \(PRO Housing\) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)