



AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

CITY OF HAWTHORNE City Council AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of October 24, 2023

Originating Department: Housing

City Manager:


Vontray Norris

Dir. of Housing:


Kimberly Mack

SUBJECT:

Approval of Resolution No. 8442, Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California approving the application for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Grant.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 8442 for the submission of the PRO Housing application.

DISCUSSION:

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recognized that communities nationwide are suffering from a lack of affordable housing, and housing production is not meeting the increasing demand for accessible and available units in many urban and rural areas, particularly areas of high opportunity.

Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) supports communities who are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing, such as:

- Barriers caused by outdated zoning, land use policies, or regulations;
- Inefficient procedures;
- Gaps in available resources for development;
- Deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure;
- Lack of neighborhood amenities; or
- Challenges to preserving existing housing stock such as increasing threats from natural hazards, redevelopment pressures, or expiration of affordability requirements.

HUD is issuing a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under the authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022) (Appropriations

Act), which appropriates \$85 million for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Congress has directed HUD to undertake a competition using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) statutory and regulatory framework. HUD will be accepting applications for PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

Grantees may use awards to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation.¹

DISCUSSION:

Staff would like to apply for a \$10 million grant to aid in the rehabilitation or development of up to 40 affordable housing units within city limits.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:

5.4 Work cooperatively with developers to build and refurbish hotels and restaurants, and create space for target sectors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

NOTICING PROCEDURES:

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 8442

¹ https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/pro_housing