



## News Release

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### Public Comment Period: HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles in Housing Grant Application

**ROCKFORD, IL** — Region 1 Planning Council (R1) is seeking public comment on the draft FY24 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant application, issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A 15-day comment period is afforded to the public to review and provide feedback on the draft.

An open house to gather feedback on the draft is scheduled for Thursday, October 3 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm at the R1 office building located at 127 N. Wyman Street in downtown Rockford. Participants may also attend via Zoom. Additionally, comments can be submitted through R1's online public engagement site. Links are listed below. Public comments will be accepted until Wednesday, October, 9 at 5:00 P.M.

The draft document can be found at the Engage R1 public comment website, linked below.

The HUD PRO grant aims to remove local barriers to affordable housing and seeks to increase housing production and preservation while lowering housing costs in the long term. Plans must incorporate strategies for reducing the housing cost burden for underserved populations and affirmatively further fair housing. HUD has allocated \$100 million to be awarded to 30 applicants.

Zoom link for Public Hearing: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88324861074>

One tap mobile 1-309-205-3325

Meeting ID: 883 2486 1074

Engage R1 public comment website:

[https://engager1.mysocialpinpoint.com/project\\_link/zKybYxGj4J7VxyfM9JcTP8G5J56WyDNDHksWZ391tclHmPt8ACluj52HplNyFkM](https://engager1.mysocialpinpoint.com/project_link/zKybYxGj4J7VxyfM9JcTP8G5J56WyDNDHksWZ391tclHmPt8ACluj52HplNyFkM)

Comments may also be submitted by email, telephone, or written to:

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