

**Release Date: October 6, 2023**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY  
Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Funds**

*Provide Input for New York State's Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant Application*

The State of New York has prepared an application for funding in response to HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity, Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing). These funds are to be used to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. The application proposes to use \$5,000,000 in PRO Housing grant funding for planning activities that will remove barriers to affordable housing in New York State.

**Public Comment Period**

The State of New York seeks input and feedback from the public and interested parties on its draft application. NYS invites comments during its public comment period beginning Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and extending through 4:00 pm EST Thursday, October 26, 2023.

New York State's draft Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) application may be viewed and downloaded from the New York State Housing and Community Renewal (HCR) website at [www.hcr.ny.gov](http://www.hcr.ny.gov). Copies can also be requested by email [OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov) or by calling (518) 474-2057.

**Public Hearing**

As part of this process, the State will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 24 at 10:00 am EST. Interested parties may attend in person at New York State Homes & Community Renewal Office at Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York. The hearing will also be broadcast via video conference at 641 Lexington Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, New York. Notification of planned attendance is recommended, but not required. Contact [OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov) or 518-474-2057. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact [OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov) or 518-474-2057 at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements.

**Join the hearing virtually on Tuesday, October 24 beginning at 10:00 am EST.**

Link: <https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m099f28c549de980b47b4ec1f0b03eaf5>  
Meeting number or access code: 161 797 7675; Meeting password: NYS2023 or 6972023 from phone and video systems.  
Phone: 518-549-0500

Individuals who are unable to attend the public hearing are encouraged to review the draft application online [www.hcr.ny.gov](http://www.hcr.ny.gov) and submit written comments to [OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov) or Office of Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. All comments must be received by 4:00 pm EST Thursday, October 26, 2023.