NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSING

INVESTNH MUNICIPAL PLANNING & ZONING GRANTS

September 13, 2022

Planning & Zoning Grants Overview

- Part of Governor Sununu's $100 million InvestNH initiative
- Objective: Increase housing supply by changing local land use regulations
- Two grant programs
- Focus on community engagement
- No match required
- Full information and FAQs at www.NHHOPgrants.org
- Send questions to info@NHHOPgrants.org

Community Housing Navigator Program
$1,500,000

- Municipal grants to hire staff to coordinate regulatory change and to conduct community engagement activities
- Fundamental purpose of Navigator is to serve as a community organizer – community engagement is a central activity
- Eligible applicants: individual municipalities
  - Joint applications coordinated by RPCs or workforce housing coalitions
- Smaller communities advised to work on a joint application
- Navigators must work toward regulatory change

Community Housing Navigator Program

- Grants of up to $250,000
- Advance payments made quarterly
- Maximum of six grants (individual and joint)
- Applications due September 30, 2022
- Awards made by October 14, 2022
- All funds must be fully expended by September 30, 2024

Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grants
$2,875,000

- Municipal grants to hire consultants to work on three phases of local regulatory change and to conduct community engagement activities
- Eligible applicants: individual municipalities only
- Municipalities may do a competitive process or use a list of pre-approved consultants (including all RPCs)

Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grants

- Needs analysis and planning – up to $25,000
  - Housing and demographic data, housing markets, affordability
  - Master plan sections related to housing
  - Open until January 27, 2023
- Regulatory audits – up to $50,000
  - ID regulatory barriers to housing development, recommend changes
  - Cross-reference local regulations for conflicts regarding housing
  - Open until June 30, 2023
- Regulatory development – up to $100,000
  - Create or amend regulations to promote housing development
  - Inclusionary zoning, development standards, tax incentives
  - Open until November 15, 2023

Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grants

- Community engagement plan is an important part of this work
  - Doesn't need to be fully developed for the grant application
  - Budget must include at least $2,500 for community engagement
- Rolling applications, rolling awards
- Flexible application cycle – apply for one phase or all three
- Reimbursement basis – payment on presentation of consultant invoice

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- Training for municipalities that receive Community Housing Navigator or HOP grant funding
- Each grantee will identify at least one person and may identify up to three participants
- In-person, virtual, and place-based training with online resources
- Interactive sessions
- Stipends of $250 per participant (volunteers only, not paid staff) will be approved as allowable direct expenses

Program Administration

- Programs will be administered by Plan NH
- Plan NH is providing support to applicants
- Steering committee will make decisions on applications
  - NH Housing
  - Plan NH
  - UNH Cooperative Extension
  - NH Office of Planning & Development
  - NH Community Development Finance Authority
  - NH Municipal Association

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