



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

**HUD PRO Housing
Grant Opportunity**



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About the Grant

- Federal grant from HUD
- "Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing" (PRO Housing)
- Identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation
- \$1m - \$10m (\$85m total)
- Six-year performance period (1/31/24 - 9/30/29)



Eligibility

- State governments
- Local governments
- MPOs*
- Multijurisdictional entities*

*Strongly encouraged to apply



Eligible Activities

- Planning and policy activities
- Development activities
- Infrastructure activities
- Preservation activities



Competitive Applicants

- Demonstrate progress and commitment to overcoming local barriers to affordable housing production and/or preservation
- Acute demand for housing affordable to households with incomes below 100% AMI



Competitive Applicants

- Discuss key barriers related to land use regulations, permitting, or related procedural issues
- Describe efforts so far to identify and address barriers
- Provide vision and approach
 - Enable increased production and preservation of AH across a large geographic area over sustained timeframe
 - Explain how it builds on previous efforts and current initiatives



Our Plan

PHASE 1

- Area Selection & Land Capacity Analysis
- Conduct site evaluation to determine parameters of study area
- Conduct assessment of amount and mix of development the land could reasonably support (given terrain, infrastructure, etc.)



Our Plan

PHASE 2

- Visioning & Public Engagement
- Conduct robust engagement
 - What do the people want to see there?
 - What can all commissions get behind?
 - Is this serving the need?
- Create buildout scenarios with renderings to aid in the visioning – select best scenario based on input
- Draft plan based on scenario selected



Our Plan

PHASE 3

- Regulations and Implementation
- Review current regulations that control selected area
- Develop new regulations to apply to the area that are consistent with the scenario plan and would allow the scenario to be developed
- Work with partners to market the plan and new opportunities

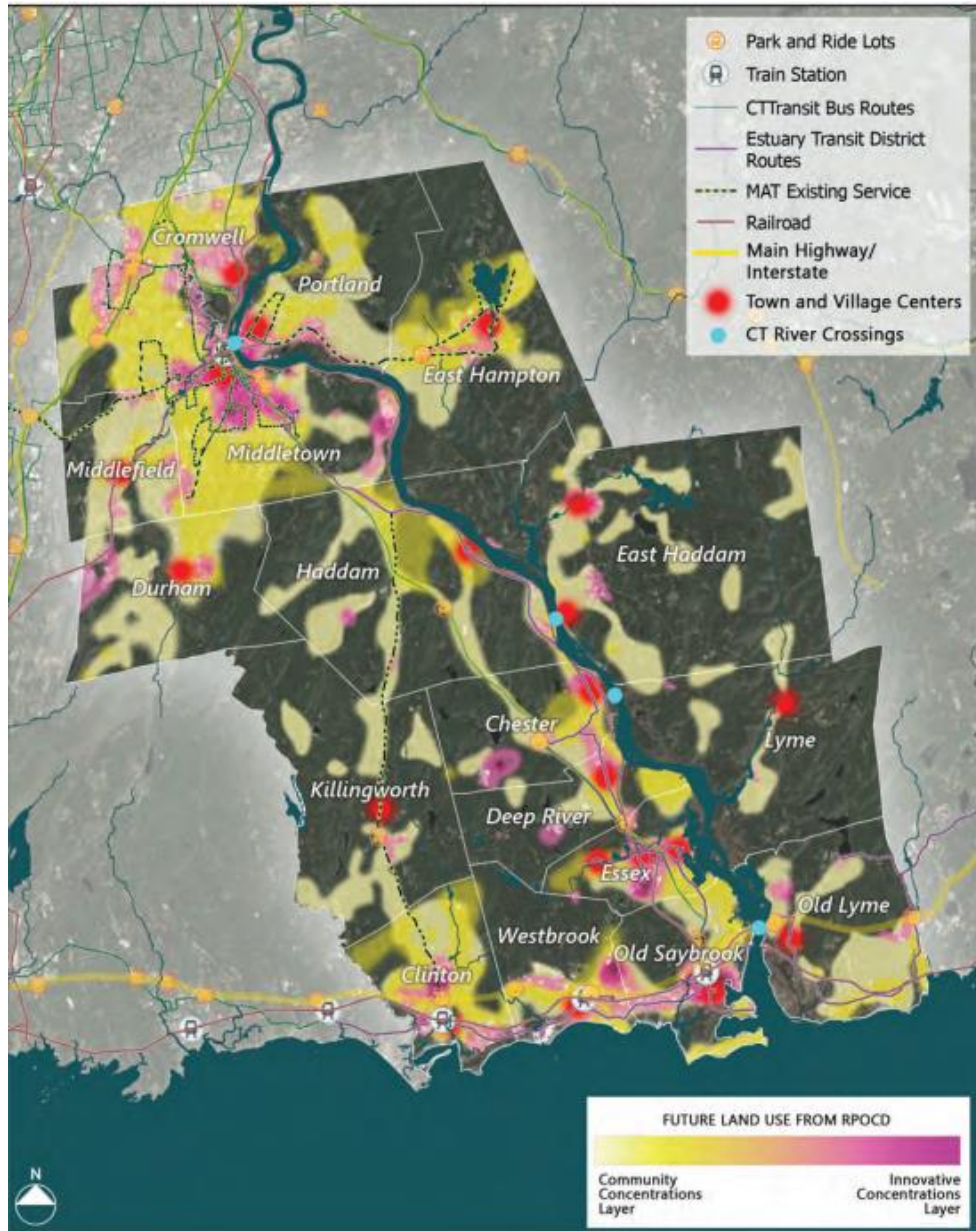


Our Plan

PHASE 4

- Fund the creation of a land bank/housing land trust that can manage a portfolio of properties for the creation/preservation of AH
- Focus would be in the areas we target as part of the application to enable implementation
- Option to expand over time if successful





Build on RPOCD & RHP

- Identify 3-5 locations to serve as "hubs"
- Conduct on the ground analysis
- Build support throughout the process
- Create and implement area specific plans
- Establish an entity to aid the process



Timeline and Next Steps

- Endorsement for application
- Solicit early feedback
 - Comments/suggestions from COG
 - Discussion through RHC
- Entire application published for public comment (15-day notice)
 - Publish for comment by 10/13 - Please help us circulate!
- Application due 10/30



THANK YOU!







