



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** October 2, 2024

**In Control:** Public Comment Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Neighborhood and Housing Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Veronica Garcia, Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Public Hearing for the City’s application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles grant program.

**SUMMARY:**

Public Hearing for the City’s Pathways to Removing Obstacles grant application due October 15, 2024.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is accepting applications for its first Pathways to Removing Obstacles grant through October 15, 2024. The purpose of the grant is to help communities identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. State and local governments along with metropolitan planning organizations and multijurisdictional entities are eligible to apply. Approximately 30 awards are expected each ranging from \$1 million to \$7 million for a grant term of six years.

**ISSUE:**

The Neighborhood and Housing Services Department will apply for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles grant in the amount of \$7 million. If awarded, the funding will be used to support strategic property acquisition and policy development for affordable housing creation and preservation.

**Citizen Participation**

On September 20, 2024, the City issued a public notice in the San Antonio Express-News announcing a public comment period and this public hearing on October 2, 2024. A final presentation will be made to the Housing Commission on September 25, 2024 where public comment will also be accepted.

Comments received by 11:59 pm on October 10th will be included in our comment log. All comments will be responded to and staff will explain if and how comments changed the application draft.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City could not apply for this grant opportunity.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This item will not have an impact on the City's General Fund Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No action required.