

# Executive Order 30 on Affordable Housing and Towns

## *An AOT Legislative Update*

In late July 2023, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed Executive Order 30, available [here](#), creating a new Pro-Housing Community Program to encourage residential development. Under this new program, if a local government is certified as a “Pro-Housing Community” by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (HCR), it will receive priority in application for the following discretionary funding programs:

- the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administered by the Department of State;
- the NY Forward Program administered by the Department of State;
- the Regional Council Capital Fund Program administered by Empire State Development;
- the New York Main Street Program administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal;
- any capital grants made pursuant to the Market New York Program administered by Empire State Development;
- the Long Island Investment Fund (LIIF) administered by Empire State Development;
- the Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund administered by Empire State Development;
- the Public Transportation Modernization Enhancement Program (MEP)

administered by the Department of Transportation; and

- any other program where the current or future appropriation for such program designates it as a Pro-Housing Community Program

To be certified as a Pro Housing Community, a municipality must apply to HCR, which will evaluate different factors, such as whether it has streamlined permitting and pro-housing policies, and whether it submitted critical housing and zoning data to the state to help identify challenges to, and track progress on, housing growth, in making its determination. The application and list of factors to be considered should be out in the upcoming weeks. Communities that further meet annual housing growth targets of 1 percent downstate and one-third of a percent upstate will receive top prioritization.

Additionally, Governor Hochul announced a beta version of the Housing Data Dashboard, available [here](#), to track housing development and zoning data. More information on how this will work should be forthcoming.

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