

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Pro-Housing Communities Program

DATE: 1-22-2024

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Brunette

BILL # 18-2024

DATE SUBMITTED: 1-17-2024

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED

AMOUNT
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution to support and adopt the New York State Pro-Housing Communities Program

TABLED

MOVED BY: Scollin SECONDED BY: Catillaz

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: TO TABLE

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

Support and Adoption of the New York State Pro-Housing Communities Program

WHEREAS, the State of New York, recognizing the critical housing shortage, has instituted the Pro-Housing Communities Program, a groundbreaking certification initiative supporting local governments in their efforts to spur housing growth; and

WHEREAS, the Pro-Housing Communities Program presents a dual-option certification process, enabling communities to manifest their dedication to housing solutions and gain preference in the assessment of specific discretionary funding grants; and

WHEREAS, HCR will proactively notify qualifying municipalities before grant submission deadlines, ensuring designated Pro-Housing Communities receive preference in eligible grant programs; and

WHEREAS, eligible grant programs include the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), NY Forward program, NY Main Street program, Regional Council Capital Fund, Market New York, and Public Transportation Modernization Enhancement Program (MEP), with the potential for additional programs in the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board comprehensively supports and adopts the New York State Pro-Housing Communities Program, and directs all relevant departments within the Village to actively participate in the certification process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), relevant state agencies, and other appropriate entities, unequivocally expressing the Village's commitment to addressing the housing shortage and promoting housing growth within the community.

January 22, 2024

New York State DHCR
641 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022

Subject: Letter of Intent to Participate in the NYS Pro-Housing Communities Program

I am writing to express our enthusiastic intent to participate in the New York State Pro-Housing Communities Program on behalf of the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees. As a dedicated member of our local government, I understand the critical importance of addressing the housing shortage that affects our community and many others across the state.

We commend the State of New York and the Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) for initiating the Pro-Housing Communities Program, which aims to provide certification for local governments actively engaged in supporting housing growth. Recognizing the severity of the housing crisis, we are eager to contribute to the solution and leverage the benefits offered by this innovative program.

Our commitment to fostering housing solutions aligns seamlessly with the objectives of the Pro-Housing Communities Program. We are particularly excited about the dual-option certification process, which allows communities to demonstrate their dedication to housing solutions and gain preference in the evaluation of discretionary funding grants.

We understand the importance of adhering to the submission timeline and renewal requirements outlined in the program guidelines. As such, we are prepared to submit all necessary documentation promptly and meet the annual renewal obligations to maintain our Pro-Housing Community designation.

Our Village is excited about the potential benefits of this program, including the prioritization in eligible grant programs such as the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), NY Forward program, NY Main Street program, Regional Council Capital Fund, Market New York, Long Island Investment Fund (LIIF), Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund, and Public Transportation Modernization Enhancement Program (MEP).

In conclusion, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees is fully committed to actively participating in the New York State Pro-Housing Communities Program. We believe that this initiative aligns with our community's values and will contribute significantly to addressing the housing shortage and promoting sustainable growth.

Sincerely,

Kelly Brunette, Trustee
Village of Saranac Lake