

# Housing Affordability Planning Program

## GRANTS AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENTS & DEVELOPERS

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and its members are committed to working to increase the amount, affordability, and accessibility of the region's housing supply, particularly near transit.

COG's Housing Affordability Planning Program, made possible by the Amazon Housing Equity Fund, will award small, flexible grants of up to \$75,000 to area local governments and non-profit developers engaged in planning, approval, or development of housing near transit stations. COG will award a total of \$500,000 in grant funding.

### Potential Grant Projects

Grants are intended to assist with housing pre-development, project implementation activities, or housing policy studies with the potential to increase the amount of housing opportunities near transit that are accessible to those with lower incomes, including:

- Financial feasibility analysis to increase total units or deepen affordability targets;
- Concept plan drawings to support an application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits or community meetings;
- Assessment of zoning changes or incentives to allow for increased affordability or density;

### Important Dates

- Application Opens: Jan. 12, 2022
- Optional Abstracts Due: Feb. 9, 2022
- Applications Due: March 23, 2022
- Awards Announced: June 8, 2022

### Criteria

- Help increase housing near High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Station Areas.
- Increase housing units affordable to low- and middle-income households.
- Special consideration for projects in proximity to an Equity Emphasis Area (EEA).

For all details on the program, project dates, criteria, and more visit [mwkog.org/HAPP](http://mwkog.org/HAPP).