



MMC Housing & Community Development Committee

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MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING UPDATE

November “Missing Middle” Breakout Group

- 9 communities participated
- Joined by Jenn Settle of Opticos Design
- Interest in continuing to work together



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Common Challenges:

- Need for local examples
- Regulatory hurdles
- Inflationary pressures
- Lack of a “policy menu” for local jurisdictions
- Lack of developers building MMH

MMC focused on resource development, updates to come.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN DISCUSSION

Age-friendly Communities Collaborative, 12.1

FEDERAL UPDATE: Omnibus Spending Bill

HUD Formula Programs

Program	FY '22	FY '23	Change
CDBG	\$3.3M	\$3.3M	N/A
HOME	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	N/A
Homelessness Assistance	\$3.2M	\$3.6M	12.5%

HUD Unlocking Opportunities Program

Summary:

- \$85.M in competitive grant funding through CDBG
- Focus on:
 - Developing or implementing housing plans
 - Adding or preserving affordable/middle housing
 - Addressing land use or other barriers
- Eligible entities include local gov, state gov, MPOs, interjurisdictional entities

MMC will monitor as HUD releases information.

FEDERAL UPDATE:

Release of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
Rule

Release of AFFH Rule

Summary:

- Revision of prior AFFH rule from 2015
- Requires entitlement communities receiving HUD dollars to develop “equity plans” every five years
- HUD will provide help to develop the plans

MMC will monitor and provide info as rule is finalized:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/FHEO/documents/AFFH%20Proposed%20Rule.pdf>