# Housing Forward Rental RFP Workshop

February 7, 2022

#### Welcome!

Agenda for this afternoon:

- City Staff Introductions
- Overview of RFP
- Questions from Participants

#### AHI - Housing Forward Rental RFP

Increase the **quantity** of safe, quality, affordable rental housing throughout the City particularly in locations that are well served by transit and are proximate to places of employment, schools, parks, health care & other basic amenities

## **RFP Objectives**

- Improve and expand housing choices available to residents in Madison by supporting proposals from qualified developers that seek to:
  - Preserve, improve and expand the supply of affordable housing for renters.

## **RFP Objectives**

- Increase the supply of safe, quality, affordable rental housing that ensures long-term affordability and sustainability.
  NEW CONSTRUCTION
- 2. <u>Preserve existing</u> income- and rent-restricted rental housing to ensure long-term affordability and sustainability. *PRESERVATION*
- 3. <u>Improve the existing rental housing stock</u> in targeted neighborhoods through acquisition/rehab to ensure longterm affordability and sustainability. *REHAB*

### Goals of RFP

- Achieve a <u>wider dispersion of affordable rental housing</u> throughout the city and discourage the development of additional income- and rent-restricted units in areas with high concentrations of assisted housing.
- Ensure affordable rental housing is available to families and households with greatest need - and that housing created through this process will maintain <u>long-term affordability</u>.
- Embrace the City's commitment and goal to achieve <u>100% renewable</u> energy and zero-net carbon emissions by 2030.

### **Pre-Application Requirements**

- All interested applicants <u>must</u> reach out to Matt no later than February 9 to coordinate a pre-application meeting to discuss proposal
- All new construction development proposals (or any that involve major rehab with additions) and proposals that involve a change in land use <u>must also</u> meet with Planning
  - Include Kevin Firchow on correspondence when requesting pre-application meeting
- All applicants must contact the district's alder to discuss the proposed project, identify and address concerns (New construction must also discuss with Neighborhood Association)
  - New alder districts as of 1/1/2022

# Requirements & Preferences

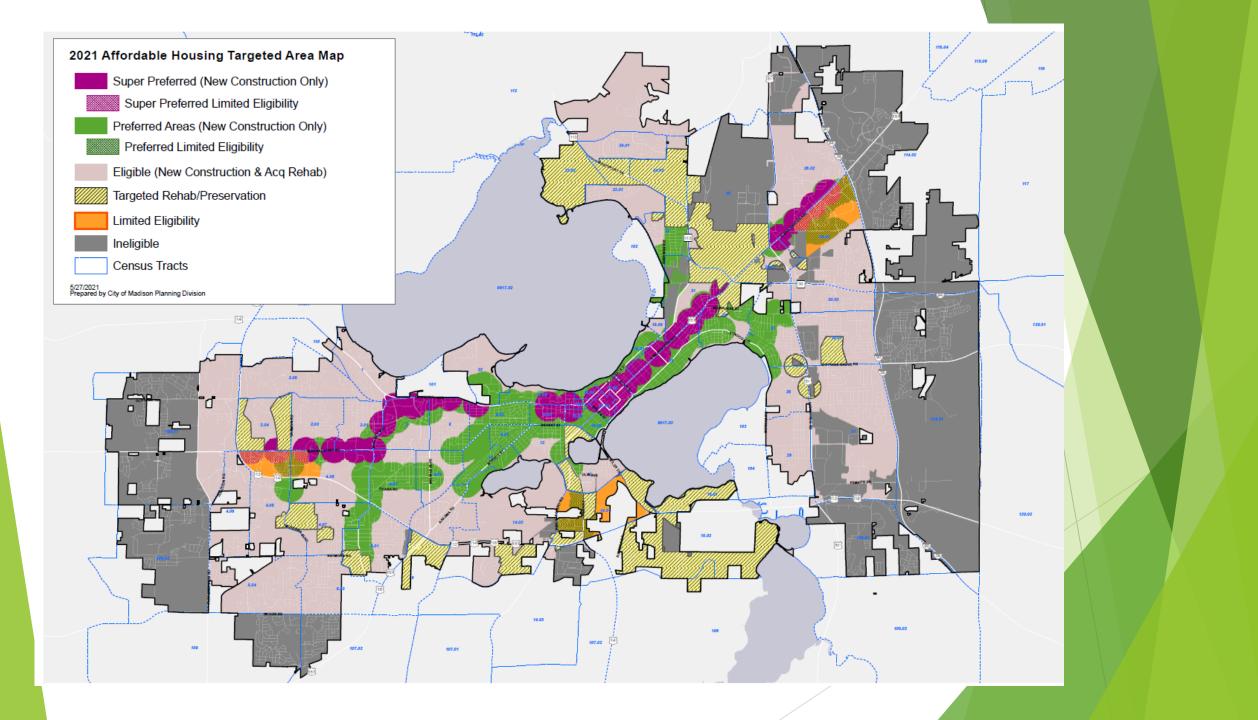
- Requirements:
  - > Applications must meet <u>all</u> eligibility criteria outlined in the RFP
  - Applicants accepting federal funds must meet all federal requirements either at time of application or prior to a commitment of funds
  - Proposals that do not meet these threshold criteria will be disqualified and deemed ineligible for funding
- Preferences:
  - Applicants strongly encouraged to meet as many of the RFP's preferences as feasible to ensure a competitive application
  - Preferences align with Citywide priorities, consistent with other funding awards and future awards
    - Sustainability, access to core transit, marketing to vulnerable populations, etc.
  - Proposals that commit to more preferences typically score better through competitive analysis. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider all City preferences when applying.

# **Application Preferences**

- Projects that are shovel-ready (construction within 6 months of commitment)
  - Exception for non-profit "Targeted Geography" applications
- Small scale, infill "missing middle" development types
  - > Approx. 4-40 units of housing consistent with Imagine Madison GFLU, heights, and densities
- Serve populations requiring ongoing case management or supportive services that can leverage non-City resources to fund those services
- Commitment to Energy Efficiency
- Commitment to Universal Design

### Housing Development: Highlights

- Applicants may be nonprofit or for-profit entities, housing cooperatives and other ownership structures considered
- New construction preferenced in areas along E-W BRT route (Super Preferred Area)
  - Acceptable in areas with exceptional access to transit not served by E-W BRT (Preferred Area)
  - Allowable in other areas otherwise "eligible" on AH-TA Map. Strong future transit connections and neighborhood engagement preferred.
- Rehabilitation allowable citywide, preferred in Targeted Rehab Areas
- Proposals must embrace City's commitment to net-zero emissions by 2030 by:
  - Coordinating with Focus on Energy, and/or
  - Incorporating sustainable design techniques outlined in AIA Framework for Design Excellence, and/or
  - Implement renewable energy options into the development



## Housing Development: Key Changes

#### In 2020 RFP

- Rental developments must commit to 40 year period of affordability
- New preference for smaller scale infill developments that address shortage of "missing middle" housing
  - Four to Forty units, consistent with Imagine Madison GFLU and/or Neighborhood Plans
- New construction proposals must submit plans to Development Assistance Team and hold a neighborhood meeting as part of pre- or post-application process

## Housing Development: Key Changes

#### In 2022 RFP

- For-profit developers eligible for funding
- "License to Hunt"/Targeted Geography rental development applications <u>will</u> be accepted from nonprofit agencies
  - Areas of interest to the City
  - Increasing AH opportunity through agency/neighborhood capacity
- New financing option: Waiver of shared appreciation in LTD Note for commitment to permanent affordability evidenced by a LURA
- Increase in anticipated award per unit (\$85,000 \$110,000 per HOME unit or equivalent) dependent upon demonstrated gap & underwriting
  - Also reflecting goals, objectives, and preferences of the RFP

#### **RFP** Timeline

Contact Matt for Pre-App Meeting no later than February 9

**Applications Due March 2nd** 

Supplemental Questions, Post-App Meeting If Needed

**CDBG Committee Presentations May 5th** 

**CDBG Committee Funding Recommendations June 2nd** 

# Questions?