



HOUSING ACADEMY is a training program for InvestNH Housing Opportunity

Planning (HOP) Grant and Community Housing Grant recipients to help build and further develop local capacity related to housing matters. UNH Cooperative Extension will provide housing education and community engagement training and support grantees as they develop their local community engagement strategies.



WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

Municipal grantees are eligible to have up to three people participate in Housing Academy. Participants can include municipal staff. In addition, we want to build local capacity for engagement on housing matters by encouraging municipalities to identify volunteers (including members of local boards or governing bodies, or other interested citizens) to attend. No housing or community engagement experience is necessary – just an interest in expanding a variety of local housing options.

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Housing Academy participants will meet via webinars, in-person training sessions, and place-based training in communities around the state. There will also be opportunities for community participants to share best practices and challenges and learn from each other.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOPICS

Through a variety of engagement techniques and tools such as storytelling, interviews, focus groups, art, posters, polls, listening sessions and more, Housing Academy is designed to be interactive. Community engagement techniques and tools will be taught so participants can develop and implement an engagement plan in their city or town. Speakers, panels, teachers and participants will explore a wide range of housing and community engagement topics, including:

- Understanding the housing crisis
- Using data
- How to talk about housing
- Envisioning communities with more housing options
- Community engagement beyond public meetings
- How to make change – working with opposing views and mapping out regulatory change
- Bringing new people and voices into the housing discussion

2023 HOUSING ACADEMY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 18	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Kickoff webinar
JANUARY 25	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM In-person training
FEBRUARY 22	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Webinar
MARCH 22	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM In-person training
APRIL 19	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Webinar
MAY 17	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Community visit
MAY 31	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Community visit

Housing Academy Office Hours:
Housing Academy participants can get assistance with their community engagement plan on selected Fridays each month or by appointment.

QUESTIONS ABOUT HOUSING ACADEMY? CONTACT US!

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As part of Governor Sununu's \$100 million InvestNH initiative, \$5 million has been allocated to provide grants to municipalities to help housing development opportunities. The NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs has contracted with New Hampshire Housing to administer this program.

