

- Series of Housing Reforms and Programs

- **Modernize Zoning and Planning:** Establish federal guidelines and best practices for state and local zoning frameworks to increase the production of affordable housing.
- **Accelerate Home Building:** Create a grant program to encourage the use of **pattern books** (pre-reviewed housing designs) to streamline and expedite local permitting.
- **Update Building Codes:** Issue guidelines to facilitate the permitting of **point-access block buildings** (residential structures up to six stories with a single internal stairway).
- **Streamline Environmental Reviews:** Expand the use of categorical exclusions and exemptions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for HUD housing activities and coordinate environmental reviews between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- **Adjust Financial Limits:** Increase multifamily loan limits under the National Housing Act and commission a study to address workforce housing and middle-income affordability.