

**Attachment H: Summary of Comments Received on Published Application**

New Hampshire Community Loan Fund

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In accordance with the NOFO, NHCLF's PRICE application was made available for public review and comment on the organization's website at <https://communityloanfund.org/price/> and two public hearings were held. The hearings were held in an ADA-accessible conference room at NHCLF's office building, located in Concord, NH, with virtual access provided via Zoom. Live translation services for American Sign Language (ASL) and Spanish were provided.

The first announcement was published in the *Union Leader*, New Hampshire's largest newspaper, on April 29, 2024. Emails were also sent to all ROCs in NH and announcements posted on the ROC-NH Facebook page. The application was first posted on May 10, 2024, with a public hearing held May 13, 2024. Comments were accepted through May 30, 2024.

Following the publication of the revised NOFO on May 17, 2024, the new public hearing was announced on NHCLF's website and an email was sent to all 440 ROC Board members on May 29, 2024, with follow-up Facebook notices posted on June 6, 2024. NHCLF staff chose not to repost in the *Union Leader* as no one mentioned that they saw the announcement there. A slightly modified application was posted on June 15, 2024, with a public hearing held June 18, 2024. The second public hearing was also held in NHCLF's ADA-accessible conference room with live ASL and Spanish language translation services provided. Comments were accepted through July 5, 2024. The only alterations to NHCLF's application between the two hearings were minor changes to the Scoring Rubric, which did not impact the list of ROCs in a significant way. The number of ROCs to be included for PRICE funding decreased between the two public hearings because not all the ROCs returned a signed agreement by the deadline.

A total of 20 ROC-NH members participated in the two public hearings (either virtually or in-person).

Public notices posted in the *Union Leader*, on NHCLF's website and on Facebook are below:

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### **Legal Notice**

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The New Hampshire Community Loan Fund will hold a hearing for public comment on its Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) Competition application held at its offices at 7 Wall Street, Concord, New Hampshire, on **Monday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m., EST**. The meeting will be open to the public. The application and a link to join the meeting virtually or telephonically will be available at [www.communityloanfund.org](http://www.communityloanfund.org).

/s/ Steve Saltzman,  
President and CEO

(UL - Apr. 29)

application available for public comment

### Public comment period closes July 5

The public is invited to comment on the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund's [Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement \(PRICE\)](#) Competition application for infrastructure investments in resident-owned communities.

You can reach us for questions [by email](#).

**Updated Application Documents:** *Please note that updated copies of our application are now available and open for public comment until July 5.*

- [Click here](#) to read or download the full application including supplementary documents, "Preserving and Revitalizing NH Resident-owned Communities"
- [Click here](#) to read or download the Narrative section of our application
- [Click here](#) to read or download the May 13 public hearing presentation
- [Click here](#) to read or download the May 13 public comments
- [Click here](#) to read or download the June 18 public hearing presentation

We held public hearings in May and June, for which attendees joined us from a variety of towns and resident-owned communities both in person and via Zoom. Accessibility for the meeting was enhanced by the use of ADA compliant facilities as well as live translation services for both ASL and Spanish language.

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The following is a summary of the comments and feedback received through the public participation process:

### May 13, 2024, Public Hearing Attendee Feedback:

1. Frank Boudreau, Medvil Cooperative, Goffstown, NH
  - Q: How long will we have to complete any projects undertaken with PRICE money?
  - A: Maximum of two years from design to completion.
  - Noted Feedback: Impressed with the work in structuring the proposal, well laid out and organized. Lots of facts and figures that supported the proposal.
2. Cat Pragoff, Medvil Cooperative, Goffstown, NH
  - Q: Who is the point of contact for PRICE Act?
  - A: please email [priceact@communityloanfund.org](mailto:priceact@communityloanfund.org) and we will connect you with the right information or person.
3. Bonnie Chase, Well Hill Cooperative, Alstead, NH
  - Q: Is this something that would help us? Well system is so old. We have a failed well, have one grant but not going to cover everything that needs to happen up there.
  - A: Well system improvements are eligible for funding through the PRICE Act.

4. Ron Carter, Jewel Estates Cooperative, Merrimack, NH
  - Q: Mold problem in our office building – could PRICE Act help get the mold act? Probably costs over \$100k.
  - A: PRICE does not consider mold remediation/not eligible but will consider in application moving forward.
5. Kristie Phillips, Greenville Estates Tenants Cooperative, Greenville, NH
  - Q: Some homes that have been damaged near our water piping issue. We are on the list to receive funding. Homes that are being impacted by the piping issue; will they be able to be fixed?
  - A: This funding is dedicated to infrastructure, not specifically for home repairs. Something to take into consideration.
6. Pam Rothgaber, Friendship Drive Cooperative, Salem, NH
  - Q: What's the timeframe when you'll know?
  - A: End of September is what is projected.
7. Dan Crawford, Litchfield Landing Cooperative, Litchfield, NH
  - Q: Our park rolled over to town water. But our water infrastructure interior to park dates back to the 1950s. Septic system – no sewerage lines running nearby the park so have own tanks. Very outdated.
  - A: Yes, is designed to take into consideration projects like that.
  - Q: Who would manage the funds if/when they are released to a ROC? We already had one grant to get our survey done, the town was the underwriter and managed the money for us.
  - A: Project dependent. Not necessarily released to the coop directly.
  - Q: Who would be in charge of hiring the general contractor?
  - A: New Hampshire Community Loan Fund and CDFR will be in charge.

#### **June 18, 2024, Public Hearing Attendee Feedback:**

1. Cherri Rowell, Stonybrook Cooperative, Rochester, NH
  - Q: Wasn't aware that there was a survey sent out. Can you tell me if we got one and if we sent a response back?
  - A: Response – Stonybrook did return their documents and are included in the 39 in this application.
2. Lisa Buxton, Granite Estates Cooperative, Merrimack, NH
  - Q: We were told this was our final attempt to get any grants. What exactly does the point system/park needs mean? How are they going to judge applications? Repairs/systems/how many dollars we've already put in?
  - A: Response – no guarantee of any funding, if and when we get a grant award we then are required to score the application based on the rubric on the screen. Can't give any specific answers at this time, but the rubric shows how we would score once we find out if we receive a grant award.
3. Doni-Anne Way, Pinegrove MHP Cooperative, Swanzey, NH
  - Q: Is there a separate application for subrecipients? When will the survey be sent out?
  - A: No, nothing that the ROCs need to do at this time. No separate application.

**Email Feedback: None received****Email Inquiry (non-feedback):**

1. Doni-Anne Way, Pine Grove MHP Cooperative, Swanzey, NH
  - Q: Good day, thank you for this opportunity for potential funding, based on what we heard this am, this is a loan, not free grant funds.
  - A: Hi Doni-Anne, Thank you for attending. The PRICE Act funding, if received, will largely be grant funding, however depending on the amount of funding received and projects to be supported, there could be a combination of grants and loans on any given project. If you have any further questions, please let me know. Thanks. Kaleigh.
  - Q: Good morning, Pine Grove MHP attended the zoom meeting the other day and we would like to apply for grant funding however cannot locate the actual site with which to do so, can you please forward at your earliest convenience the application site so we can move forward, many thanks.
  - A: Alan Blake, assigned TA from ROC-NH, called and spoke to her live on 5/16.