

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
(for consultation on housing needs)

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91, notice is hereby given that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, State of Hawaii, will hold public hearings on the needs to be considered in the State Consolidated Plan (CP) for program years July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, and the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Program Year 2014-2015 (PY2014). In preparation for the CP and AAP, the State will consult with local governments and residents at a public hearing to be held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Kauai County Housing Agency, 4444 Rice Street, Conference Room A, Lihue, Kauai.

The CP's and AAP's purpose is to ensure that jurisdictions receiving federal assistance plan for the housing and related needs of low- and moderate-income families in a way that improves the availability and affordability of decent, safe, and sanitary housing in suitable living environments. To receive funding under certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, the State must have a housing strategy that has been approved by HUD.

The CP and AAP describe the State's housing needs and funding plans for the coming program year, and certifies program compliance with the CP, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. These HUD programs provide funding to expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, restrict increases in homelessness, and provide preventative programs and activities for the homeless in the State.

The State anticipates receiving approximately \$3,000,000 in PY2014 HOME funds. In accordance with HHFDC's allocation policy, the County of Maui is scheduled to receive the PY2014 HOME allocation to meet its affordable rental housing and homeownership objectives, less five percent for HHFDC's administration of the program. In addition, the State anticipates receiving approximately \$575,000 in funding for the ESG and HOPWA programs, which will be for use primarily in the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui.

Copies of an informational packet describing the HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs are available for public viewing at regional libraries and on the HHFDC's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc>. Copies may also be picked up between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at HHFDC, at the Department of Human Services, Benefits, Employment and Support Services Division, 820 Mililani Street, Suite 606, Honolulu, Hawaii, Oahu, or at the County of Kauai, Kauai County Housing Agency, 4444 Rice Street, Suite 330, Lihue, Kauai.

To receive a copy by mail, interested persons may call Medy at 587-0634. Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and state their views, orally or in writing, related to the housing needs to be considered in developing the State CP and AAP. Please make five copies of written testimony available to the presiding officer at the hearing. Written comments may be submitted to HHFDC at the above address, or faxed from the Neighbor Islands to (808) 587-0600 by 4:30 p.m. by November 4, 2013. All comments and testimony received will be considered in

preparing the final State CP and AAP. If access or communication assistance and/or services (e.g., large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, or translator) are required to participate in this public hearing, please contact the HHFDC's Personnel Office at 587-0610, by email at steven.s.sung@hawaii.gov, by fax at 587-0600, or by written request by October 21, 2013. Prompt requests help to ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations.

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