

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 housing needs to be considered in the State Consolidated Plan (CP) for Program Years 2015 – 2019 covering the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, and the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Program Year 2015-2016.

The CP and AAP describe the State's housing needs, funding plans, and certified program compliance with the CP, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter 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 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. For Program Year 2015-2016, the State of Hawaii anticipates receiving approximately \$3,000,000 in HOME funds, \$400,000 in ESG funds, and \$200,000 in HOPWA funds.

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 at the agencies listed below between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To receive a copy by mail, interested persons may call Medy Esmena at 587-0634.

AGENCIES:

HHFDC, 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Oahu

Department of Human Services, Benefits, Employment
and Support Services Division, Homeless Programs
820 Mililani Street, Suite 606, Honolulu, Oahu

County of Hawaii
Office of Housing and Community Development
50 Wailuku Drive, Hilo, Hawaii or
74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

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, 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813 or faxed from the neighbor islands to (808) 587-0600 by 4:30 p.m. on the day before the public hearing. All comments and testimony received will be considered in preparing the State CP and AAP.

Public hearings will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
West Hawaii Civic Center
Mayor's Conference Room, 2nd Floor
74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kona, Hawaii

Friday, October 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Office of Housing and Community Development
Existing Housing Conference Room
1990 Kinoole Street, Hilo, Hawaii

Persons with special needs (e.g., large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, or translator) shall make all requests for access and communication assistance by contacting the HHFDC Personnel Office at 587-0610, by written request, or by email to Valerie.b.dionne@hawaii.gov at least 10 business days before the public hearing. Submitting prompt requests help to ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations. Persons on the neighbor islands may call the following toll free numbers:

From Kauai, 274-3141, ext. 70610	From Hawaii, 974-4000, ext. 70610
From Maui, 984-2400, ext. 70610	From Molokai and Lanai, 1-800-468-4644, ext. 70610

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Craig K. Hirai, HHFDC Executive Director

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