

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
on a Draft Substantial Amendment to the State of Hawaii's  
Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015 through 2019  
and  
on the Draft Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2016

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, State of Hawaii, gives notice: 1) of a proposed amendment to the State of Hawaii's Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015 – 2019 dated May 15, 2015 (5-Year CP), and 2) that a draft Annual Action Plan (AAP) for program year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 (PY2016) has been prepared. The HHFDC is making both documents available for review and comment.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan and the AAP 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.

Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year CP

The HHFDC administers HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, and prepared the 5-Year CP to prepare for proposed projects and programs supported with HOME funds. The 5-Year CP is available for review at regional libraries and may be accessed from HHFDC's website at <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hhfdc/files/2015/07/CONSOLIDATED-PLAN-PY-2015-2019.pdf>. To provide additional affordable housing opportunities, HHFDC proposes to amend the 5-Year CP to include the National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program, as provided by 24 CFR, Part 93, Interim Rule. The HTF is a new federal affordable housing production program that will complement existing federal, state and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low-income and very low-income households, including homeless families. HTF funds may be used for the production or preservation of affordable housing through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, and/or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities. HHFDC's HTF allocation plan is incorporated into the proposed *Substantial Amendment to the State of Hawaii's Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015-2019*.

Draft PY2016 AAP

The proposed PY2016 AAP consists of 1) a strategic plan for the provision of affordable and special needs housing, and prevention of homelessness; and 2) an action plan including available resources and description of the State's method for disbursing funds to local governments and non-profit organizations to carry out activities to address the priority of needs.

The proposed *Substantial Amendment to the State of Hawaii's Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015-2019* and the draft *Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2016* are available for public review at regional libraries and are posted on HHFDC's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc>. Interested persons may call Medy Esmena at 587-0634; Neighbor Island residents may call toll free at the numbers listed below, to be mailed copies:

From Kauai: 274-3141, ext. 70634  
From Maui: 984-2400, ext. 70634

From Hawaii: 974-4000, ext. 70634  
From Molokai/Lanai: 1-800-468-4644, ext. 70634

Copies are also available at the following offices from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

- County of Hawaii, Office of Housing and Community Development  
50 Wailuku Drive, Hilo, Hawaii
- County of Maui, Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
35 Lunalilo Street, Suite 102, Wailuku, Maui
- County of Kauai, Kauai County Housing Agency  
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330, Lihue, Kauai
- Department of Human Services, Homeless Programs Office  
820 Mililani Street, Suite 606, Honolulu, Oahu
- State of Hawaii, HHFDC  
677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Oahu
- City and County of Honolulu, Department of Community Services  
715 S. King Street, #200, Honolulu, Oahu

Interested persons are invited to provide written comments on the proposed *Substantial Amendment to the State of Hawaii's Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015-2019* and the draft *Action Plan for PY2016* to HHFDC at the aforementioned address by April 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Written comments may also be submitted via fax to (808) 587-0600 or emailed to [hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov](mailto:hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov) by 4:00 p.m. on April 16, 2016. All written comments will be considered in preparing the final *Substantial Amendment to the State of Hawaii's Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015-2019* and *Annual Action Plan for PY2016*.

If access or communication assistance and/or services (e.g., large print or taped materials) are required, please contact HHFDC's Personnel Office at 587-0610, by written request, or by email to [anna.k.snellgrove@hawaii.gov](mailto:anna.k.snellgrove@hawaii.gov) by March 24, 2016. Prompt requests help to ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations. Persons on the neighbor islands may call the following toll free numbers:

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Craig K. Hirai, HHFDC Executive Director

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