

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL 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 prepare an Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Program Year 2022-2023 (PY2022), as part of the Consolidated Plan (CP) process. In preparation for this AAP, HHFDC will consult with local governments and residents at public hearings to be held in each county. In support of ongoing efforts to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, hearings will be held via electronic means. HHFDC will conduct a virtual hearing with the County of Maui's Office of the Mayor's CDBG Program Office and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns' Housing Division on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Connectivity information on attending the virtual public hearing can be found at: <https://bluejeans.com/105281438>. **Meeting ID** 105 281 438.

The CP'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 AAP describes the State's funding plans for the coming program year and certifies program compliance with the CP, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

For PY2022, the State anticipates receiving approximately \$3,000,000 in HOME funds, \$450,000 in ESG funds, and \$250,000 in HOPWA funds, for use primarily in the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui. An additional \$6,413,733 in PY2021 HOME funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) is also anticipated. Approximately \$3,000,000 is anticipated under the HTF program, which may be used in the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and the City and County of Honolulu. 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.

An Informational Packet and an Addendum to the Informational Packet, describing the HOME, HOME-ARP, HTF, ESG and HOPWA programs, are posted on HHFDC's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc> and are available for public viewing at the following Public Libraries: Hilo, Island of Hawaii; Lihue, Island of Kauai; Kahului, Island of Maui; Kaimuki, Kaneohe, Pearl City, Hawaii State Library's Documents Center, and UH Library's Serials Receiving, Island of Oahu.

To receive a copy by mail, interested persons may call (808) 587-0634; neighbor island county residents may call toll free, extension 70634:

From Kauai: 274-3141

From Maui: 984-2400

From Molokai/Lanai: 1-800-468-4644

From Hawaii: 974-4000

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and state their views, orally or in writing, related to the housing and homeless needs to be considered in developing the State's AAP.

Please submit written testimony via email to hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov, by U. S. mail to HHFDC, 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, or by fax to (808) 587-0600 by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Comments and testimony received will be considered in preparing the final State 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 Human Resources Office at 587-0501, by email at hhfdchr@hawaii.gov, by fax at 587-0600, or by written request at least ten business days before the hearing. Prompt requests help to ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations.

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Denise Iseri-Matsubara, HHFDC Executive Director

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