

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91, notice is given that a draft Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Program Year 2022 (PY2022), covering the period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, has been prepared by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, State of Hawaii. The HHFDC is making copies of the draft AAP available for review and comment.

HHFDC administers HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) programs. The State's Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Human Services' Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (DHS-BESSD) administers HUD's 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 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 PY2022, the State of Hawaii anticipates receiving approximately \$3,000,000 in HOME funds, \$3,000,000 in HTF funds, \$444,100 in ESG funds, and \$270,474 in HOPWA funds.

HHFDC and DHS-BESSD completed the draft PY2022 AAP to prepare for proposed activities and programs supported with HOME, HTF, ESG and HOPWA funds. The draft PY2022 AAP includes information on available resources and a description of the State's method for disbursing funds to local governments and nonprofit organizations to carry out activities to address the priority of needs.

Copies of the draft AAP are available for public viewing at depository libraries, the housing offices of the counties of Hawaii, Honolulu, Kauai, and Maui, at the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Human Services, HHFDC, and on the HHFDC's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc>. You may also call (808) 587-0577 to be mailed a copy of the draft AAP. Neighbor island residents may call toll free at the numbers listed below:

From Kauai: (808) 274-3141, ext. 70634 From Hawaii Island: (808) 974-4000, ext. 70634
From Maui: (808) 984-2400, ext. 70634 From Molokai/Lanai: 1-800-468-4644, ext. 70634

Interested persons are invited to state their views on the draft AAP in writing no later than April 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to HHFDC at 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813. Written comments may also be submitted via email to hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov or by fax to (808) 587-0600 by April 15, 2022. All comments received by the deadline will be considered in preparing the final PY2022 AAP.

Persons with special needs (e.g., needing a copy of the proposed AAP in large print or taped) may contact HHFDC's Human Resources Office at 587-0501, by written request, or by email to hhfdchr@hawaii.gov by April 8, 2022. 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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