

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) is proposing a substantial amendment to its Program Year (PY) 2018 Annual Action Plan (AAP) and a substantial amendment to its PY2017 AAP. The amendments propose to remove three activities from the PY2018 AAP and include all three activities in the PY2017 AAP. The activities were selected by the City and County of Honolulu (City) to receive assistance under the National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program, administered by HHFDC.

The Hale Makana o Maili new construction project in Waianae, the Queen Emma Tower (QET) acquisition and re-development project in downtown Honolulu, and the City's administration of HTF funds were originally scheduled to utilize PY2018 HTF funds. However, the City has found that all three activities could be funded with PY2017 HTF funds, prompting substantial amendments to HHFDC's PY2018 and PY2017 AAPs. Additionally, the QET was initially projected to provide seven (7) affordable rental units to households with incomes at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), however PY2017 HTF funds will support the re-development of three (3) affordable rental units for households with incomes at or below 30% AMI. All other project descriptions remain the same. HHFDC will process a substantial amendment to its PY2018 AAP when the City selects replacement activities for its PY2018 HTF funds.

The HHFDC plans to submit to HUD its Substantial Amendments to its PY2018 and PY2017 AAPs, to incorporate the amendments described above. Other aspects of both AAPs would remain the same.

The *Draft Substantial Amendment No. 1 to the PY2018 Annual Action Plan* and the *Draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the PY2017 Annual Action Plan* are posted on HHFDC's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc> and are also available for public review at depository libraries and the following offices from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Oahu

Department of Human Services, Homeless Programs Office
Benefits, Employment and Support Services Division
1010 Richards Street, Suite 312, Honolulu, Oahu

County of Hawaii, Office of Housing and Community Development
50 Wailuku Drive, Hilo, Hawaii Island; and
West Hawaii Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohakalole Highway,
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii Island

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

City and County of Honolulu, Department of Community Services
925 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 200, Honolulu, Oahu

Interested persons are invited to provide written comments on either or both draft substantial amendments to HHFDC at the above address no later than January 30, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Comments may also be emailed to hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov, or submitted via fax to (808) 587-0600. All comments received by the deadline will be considered in preparing the final substantial amendments to the PY2018 and PY2017 AAPs.

Persons with special needs (i.e., needing materials in 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 587-0501, by written request, or by email to hhfdchr@hawaii.gov by January 9, 2019. Prompt requests help to ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations. Persons on the neighbor islands may call toll free: from Kauai, 274-3141, ext. 70501; from Maui, 984-2400, ext. 70501; from Molokai/Lanai, 1-800-468-4644, ext. 70501; from Hawaii Island, 974-4000, ext. 70501.

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