

STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
DRAFT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE
PY2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

In its PY2018 Annual Action Plan (AAP), approved by HUD in August 2018 and amended in February 2019, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) reported that the County of Hawaii had been unable to identify an eligible activity to utilize PY2018 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program set-aside funds under a Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO), and that a specific activity would be identified and described at a later date. At the time, the County of Hawaii was in the process of a re-solicitation for an eligible CHDO activity and intended to use its CHDO funds for a rental housing activity in Hilo. The County of Hawaii has completed its solicitation and has selected an affordable, self-help homeownership activity located in Puna to serve three households earning between 30% and 80% of the Area Median Income. This draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 identifies and describes the selected CHDO activity and proposes to include the activity into the PY2018 AAP.

The County of Hawaii will award \$451,221 in HOME CHDO funds to Habitat for Humanity for its development of the Puna Self-Help Housing project, using the self-help building method. CHDO funds will be used for site improvements and construction of three single family, affordable, self-help homes with a mixture of 2-, 3-, and 4-bedrooms serving households with incomes between 30 percent and 80 percent of the area median income. The size of each home will be based on the needs of the eligible households. The affordability period for the project is fifteen years.

Other aspects of the PY2018 Annual Action Plan remain the same.

On March 22, 2019, a Notice of Public Comment (Notice) was published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and posted to HHFDC's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc>, to accept comments from the public on the proposed amendment to the PY2018 AAP. The Notice and this Draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 were also sent to depository libraries, county housing agencies, and the Department of Human Services' Homeless Programs Office, who were asked to provide public access to these documents.

A copy of the Notice of Public Comment is attached as Exhibit A. HHFDC will accept comments from the public through April 21, 2019.

Attachment: Exhibit A, Notice of Public Comment

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT
on the Draft Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2019
and Draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the PY2018 Annual Action Plan

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 that a draft Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan (AAP) for program year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (PY2019) has been prepared. The HHFDC is making the document 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.

The HHFDC administers HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Housing Trust Fund (HTF) programs. The State's Department of Human Services' Benefits, Employment and Support Services Division (DHS-BESSD) administers HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. HHFDC and DHS-BESSD completed the draft PY2019 AAP to prepare for proposed projects and programs supported with HOME, HTF, ESG and HOPWA funds. The draft PY2019 AAP includes information on available resources and a 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.

HHFDC also gives notice of a draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 to its PY2018 AAP to identify a homeownership activity in the County of Hawaii, using PY2018 HOME Community Housing and Development Organization funds, and to include the activity in the PY2018 AAP. The activity will use HOME funds for the development of three homeownership units, using the self-help building method.

The draft PY2019 AAP and draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the PY2018 AAP are available for review at regional libraries and may be accessed from HHFDC's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc>. To be mailed copies, interested persons may call 587-0634; Neighbor Island residents may call toll free at the numbers listed below:

From Kauai: 274-3141, ext. 70634	From Hawaii: 974-4000, ext. 70634
From Maui: 984-2400, 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
1990 Kinoole Street, Suite 102, Hilo, Hawaii
- County of Maui, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
2065 Main Street, Suite 108, Wailuku, Maui
- County of Kauai, Kauai County Housing Agency
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330, Lihue, Kauai
- Department of Human Services, Homeless Programs Office
1010 Richards Street, Suite 312, Honolulu, Oahu
- State of Hawaii, HHFDC

677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Oahu

- 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 the draft PY2019 AAP and the draft Substantial Amendment No.2 to the PY2018 AAP to HHFDC at the above address by April 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Written comments may also be submitted via fax to (808) 587-0600 or emailed to hfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov by 4:00 p.m. on April 21, 2019. All written comments will be considered in preparing the final AAP for PY2019 and Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the PY2018 AAP.

If access or communication assistance and/or services (e.g., large print or taped materials) are required, please contact HHFDC's Personnel Office at 587-0501, by written request, or by email to hfdchr@hawaii.gov by April 5, 2019. 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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From Maui, 984-2400, ext. 70501 From Molokai & Lanai, 1-800-468-4644, ext. 70501

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Craig K. Hirai, HHFDC Executive Director

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