STATE OF HAWAII HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PY2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

In its PY2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP), approved by HUD in July 2019, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) reported that the County of Kaua'i had been unable to identify an eligible activity to utilize PY2019 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. The County of Kaua'i conducted an outreach for possible CHDO activities and anticipated a self-help homeownership housing project in Waimea. The County of Kaua'i has completed its solicitation and has selected an affordable, self-help homeownership activity located in Waimea to serve five households earning ≤80% of the Area Median Income. This Substantial Amendment No. 1 identifies and describes the selected CHDO activity and incorporates the activity into the PY2019 AAP.

The County of Kaua'i will award \$450,860 in HOME CHDO funds to Kauai Habitat for Humanity for its development of the Waimea Huakai Self-Help Housing project, using the self-help building method. CHDO funds will be used for site improvements and construction of five single family, affordable, self-help homes with a mixture of one-, two-, and three-bedrooms serving households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income. The size of each home will be based on the needs of the eligible households. Expected completion of the project is approximately July 2021, and the affordability period for the project is fifteen years.

Other aspects of the PY2019 Annual Action Plan remain the same.

On January 10, 2020, 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 PY2019 AAP. The Notice and this Draft Substantial Amendment No. 1 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. Public comments will be accepted through February 10, 2020.

A copy of the Notice of Public Comment is attached as Exhibit A.

Attachment: Exhibit A, Notice of Public Comment

EXHIBIT A

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on the Draft Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2019

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 Substantial Amendment to the 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) program and gives notice of a draft Substantial Amendment No. 1 to its PY2019 AAP to identify and incorporate the Waimea Huakai Self-Help project, a homeownership project in the County of Kauai, to be supported with PY2019 HOME Community Housing and Development Organization (CHDO) funds. This affordable homeownership activity is located in Waimea and is expected to serve five households earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.

The draft Substantial Amendment No. 1 to the PY2019 AAP is 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.:

- State of Hawaii, HHFDC
 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Oahu
- 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
- 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 Substantial Amendment No. 1 to the PY2019 AAP to HHFDC at the above address by February 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Written comments may also be submitted via fax to (808) 587-0600 or emailed to hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov by

4:00 p.m. on February 10, 2020. All written comments will be considered in preparing the final AAP for Substantial Amendment No. 1 to the PY2019 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 hhfdchr@hawaii.gov by January 20, 2020. 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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Denise Iseri-Matsubara, HHFDC Interim Executive Director

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