

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT
On the Draft Substantial Amendment No. 3 to the
PY2018 Annual Action Plan
And
Draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the
PY2019 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 Substantial Amendment No. 3 to the Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan (AAP) for program year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 (PY2018) and draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the 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 National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program and gives notice of a draft Substantial Amendment No. 3 to its PY2018 AAP and draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 to its PY2019 AAP to identify and incorporate eligible activities in the City and County of Honolulu to be supported with PY2018 and PY2019 HTF funds. The City and County of Honolulu, as HHFDC's Subgrantee of HTF funds, intends to award HTF funds to the nonprofits Kinai Eha and Mental Health Kokua to utilize HTF funds to provide rental housing units to special needs households with extremely low-incomes at or below 30% AMI. Kinai Eha and Mental Health Kokua intend to acquire three properties, located in Kailua and Kalihi, to provide fifteen permanent rental units (Single Room Occupancy units):

- 443 Kinai Eha Workforce Housing, 443 Kawainui Street, Kailua, providing five units for homeless youth;
- 443A Kinai Eha Workforce Housing, 443A Kawainui Street, Kailua, providing five units for homeless youth; and
- Mahani Hale, 1731 Mahani Loop, Honolulu, providing five units for single unrelated homeless adults with a serious mental illness.

The draft Substantial Amendment No. 3 to the PY2018 AAP and draft Substantial Amendment No. 2 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 both draft Substantial Amendments to HHFDC at the above address by April 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Written comments may also be submitted via fax to (808) 587-0600 or emailed to hfhdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov by 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2020. All written comments will be considered in preparing the final Substantial Amendments.

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 hfhdc@hawaii.gov by March 26, 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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