State Prepares to Launch \$50M Rent Relief and Housing Assistance Program

In accordance with Act 009, which enables the HHFDC to assist renters that are at risk of eviction and homeowners facing mortgage foreclosure impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, HHFDC is making plans with non-profit intermediaries to administer The Rent Relief and Housing Assistance program. The program will assist households that have experienced job loss or reduction in income due to COVID-19. The \$50 million program is funded through the Federal CARES Act which expires on December 30, 2020.

What to expect:

- The program will be administered by non-profit agencies Aloha United Way and Catholic Charities Hawaii
- Payments will be made by the non-profits directly to landlords or mortgage servicers for eligible primary residences in the State of Hawaii
- Financial counseling and mortgage loan modifications
- Target program start date is September 1, 2020

Program Eligibility

- Full-time residents occupying their primary residence in the State of Hawaii
- 18 years of age or older
- Demonstrated loss of income directly resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic
- No asset limit
- Household income of 100% AMI or below