NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 91, notice is given that a draft *Consolidated Plan* (CP) for program years 2025 to 2030, covering the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, which includes a draft *Annual Action Plan* (AAP) for Program Year 2025 (PY2025), covering the period between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, has been prepared by the State of Hawaii (the State); Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). HHFDC is making copies of the draft CP and draft AAP available for review and comment.

The draft CP consists of a needs assessment, market analysis, and five-year strategy; the draft AAP describes one-year funding plans, is an application for federal assistance, and is used as a planning tool to meet 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. For PY2025, the State anticipates receiving approximately \$3,000,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships funds, \$3,000,000 in Housing Trust Funds, and \$300,000 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids funds. The draft CP and draft AAP includes information on available resources and a description of the State's method for disbursing funds to local governments and nonprofit organizations to carry out activities to address the priority of needs.

To review a copy of the draft CP and draft AAP, interested parties may: 1) download an electronic copy from HHFDC's website at <u>http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc</u>, 2) view a copy at public libraries (subject to their respective hours of operation), 3) email a request to view a paper copy to <u>hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov</u>, or 4) call one of the toll-free numbers listed below to receive viewing instructions:

- From Oahu: (808) 587-0577
- From Kauai: (808) 274-3141, ext. 70577
- From Hawaii Island: (808) 974-4000, ext. 70577
- From Maui: (808) 984-2400, ext. 70577
- From Molokai/Lanai: 1-800-468-4644, ext. 70577

Finally, a paper copy will be available for viewing by visiting one of the agencies listed below between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday (except for weekends and State holidays).

AGENCIES:

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

Department of Human Services, Homeless Programs Benefits, Employment and Supportive Services Division 1010 Richards Street, Suite 312; Honolulu, Oahu County of Hawaii, Office of Housing and Community Development 1900 Kinoole Street, Suite 102; Hilo, Hawaii

County of Maui, Department of Housing 2065 Main Street, Suite 108; Wailuku, Maui

County of Kauai, Kauai County Housing Agency 4444 Rice Street, Suite 330; Lihue, Kauai

City and County of Honolulu, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services 925 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 200; Honolulu, Oahu

To provide written comments, interested parties may submit them by: 1) mail to HHFDC at 677 Queen Street, Suite 300; Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813; 2) email to <u>hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov</u>; or 3) fax to (808) 587-0600 no later than April 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. All comments received by the deadline will be considered in preparing the final CP and PY2025 AAP.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability (e.g., needing a copy of the draft AAP in large print, Braille, electronic copy, or tape recorded), contact HHFDC's Human Resources Office by phone at (808) 587-0501, by mail at the above address, or by email to <u>hhfdchr@hawaii.gov</u> by March 25, 2025 to ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations. Persons on the Neighbor Islands may call the following toll-free numbers:

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