## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS (for consultation on housing needs)

Pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91, notice is hereby given that the State of Hawaii (State); Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), will prepare an *Annual Action Plan* (AAP) for Program Year 2025-2026 (PY2026), as part of the *Consolidated Plan* (CP) process. In preparation for this AAP, HHFDC will consult with local governments and residents at public hearings to be held in each county. In the County of Hawaii, HHFDC will conduct virtual and inperson hearings with the Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) as follows:

<u>In-Person Public Hearing:</u> Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at OHCD, Existing Housing Conference Room; 1990 Kinoole Street, Suite 104; Hilo, Hawaii

<u>Virtual Public Hearing:</u> Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Connectivity information on attending the virtual public hearing:

## Register and join on your computer on mobile app:

https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/jeiDnv5cTK2nu\_7PLMDc0A

## Or call in (audio only): +1 669-254-5252, Meeting ID: 161 646 1580

The CP's purpose 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 AAP describes the State's funding plans for the coming program year and certifies program compliance with the CP, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund (HTF), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

For PY2026, the State anticipates receiving approximately \$3,000,000 in HOME funds, for use primarily in the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui. Approximately \$3,000,000 is anticipated to be received under the HTF program, and approximately \$1,000,000 is anticipated to be received under the HOPWA program, which may be used in any of the counties. These HUD programs provide funding to expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, reduce homelessness, and provide preventative programs and activities for homeless individuals and families in the State.

An informational packet describing the HOME, HTF and HOPWA programs is posted on HHFDC's website at <u>http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc</u> and available for public viewing at the following public libraries: Hilo, Island of Hawaii; Lihue, Island of Kauai; Kahului, Island of

Maui; Kaimuki, Kaneohe, and Pearl City, Hawaii State Library's Documents Center, and University of Hawaii Library's Serials Receiving, Island of Oahu. A copy may also be picked up at 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:

HHFDC; 677 Queen Street, Suite 300; Honolulu, Oahu

County of Hawaii Office of Housing and Community Development 1990 Kinoole Street, Suite 102; Hilo, Hawaii or 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Building B; Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

To receive a copy by mail, interested persons may call (808) 587-0577; neighbor island county residents may call toll free, extension 70577:

From Kauai: (808) 274-3141 From Molokai/Lanai: 1-800-468-4644 From Maui: (808) 984-2400 From Hawaii: (808) 974-4000

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearings and state their views, orally or in writing, related to the housing and homeless needs to be considered in developing the State's AAP.

Please make five copies of written testimony available to the presiding officer at the hearing. Written testimony may also be submitted via email to <u>hhfdc.consolidatedplan@hawaii.gov</u>, by U.S. mail to HHFDC; 677 Queen Street, Suite 300; Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, or by fax to (808) 587-0600 by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Comments and testimony received will be considered in preparing the final AAP.

If access or communication assistance and/or services (e.g., large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, or translator) are required to participate in this public hearing, please contact HHFDC's Human Resources Office at (808) 587-0501, by email at <u>hhfdchr@hawaii.gov</u>, by fax at (808) 587-0600, or by written request at least ten business days before the hearing. Prompt requests help to ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.

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Dean Minakami, HHFDC Executive Director



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