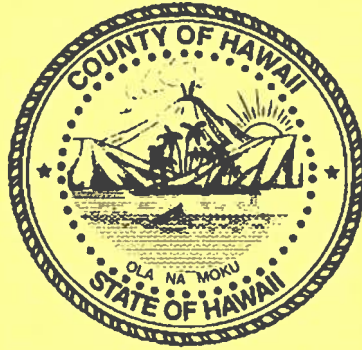


COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



2022 ACTION PLAN OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN (2020 - 2024)

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Name of Grant Recipient: County of Hawai'i

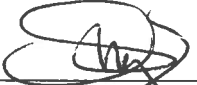
Contact Person/Title: Susan K. Kunz, Housing Administrator

Phone: 808-961-8379 Fax: 808-961-8685

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The 2022 Annual Action Plan is the third Action Plan for the County of Hawai'i's Consolidated Plan during its five-year period starting July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 and complies with Subpart C of 24 CFR part 91. The County of Hawai'i certifies that it will operate its Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships and National Housing Trust Fund Programs in accordance with this plan and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.


Recommend Approval:



Susan K. Kunz
Housing Administrator
Office of Housing and
Community Development

5/20/22
Date

Approved as to Form and Legality:



Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Hawai'i

05/24/22
Date

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): _____ * Other (Specify): _____
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* 3. Date Received: _____	4. Applicant Identifier: _____
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: _____	5b. Federal Award Identifier: _____
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State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State: _____	7. State Application Identifier: _____
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:** County of Hawaii

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): _____	* c. UEI: _____
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d. Address:

* Street1:	1990 Kinoole Street
Street2:	Suite 102
* City:	Hilo
County/Parish:	_____
* State:	HI: Hawaii
Province:	_____
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	96720-5293

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: OHCD	Division Name: Grants Management
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.	* First Name: Susan
Middle Name: K	
* Last Name: Kunz	
Suffix:	

Title: Housing Administrator

Organizational Affiliation:
County of Hawaii Office of Housing and Community Development

* Telephone Number: 808-961-8379	Fax Number: _____
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*** Email:** ohcdcdbg@hawaiicounty.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.228

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

N/A

* Title:

N/A

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

County of Hawaii's annual 2022 Action Plan for 2022 CDBG program year.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="2,695,481.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="100,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,795,481.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

- Yes
- No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed:

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2022

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor, County of Hawaii
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION County of Hawaii	DATE SUBMITTED 5-25-2022

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

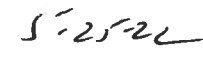
Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date

Mayor

Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) _____ [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

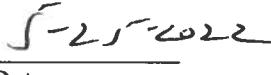
Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date

Mayor
Title

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The County of Hawai'i is required to submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The purpose of the County's 2020-2024 CP is to ensure that jurisdictions receiving direct federal assistance utilize and develop a plan for its housing and related needs of very low-, low-, and moderate-income families in a way that improves the availability and affordability of decent, safe and sanitary housing within a suitable living environment. The County's 2020-2024 CP has three major sections: Housing & Special Needs Housing; Homeless; and Community Development.

The County's CP provides goals, priorities, needs, and data used to develop the plan for how the County intends to administer the HUD CDBG Program along with its allocation from the State of Hawai'i for the HOME Investment Partnership and National Housing Trust Funds Programs.

The State of Hawai'i's CP provides background, direction, and a plan for how the State intends to administer HUD's Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Solution Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) to assist in meeting the housing needs of Hawai'i's citizens. HOME and HTF funds are allocated between three neighbor-island counties on a three-year rotation.

The County's Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) reviewed the 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing which focused on two primary impediments:

- Agency staff knowledge of fair housing law
- The degree to which agency policies and procedures (legal, regulatory, and administrative) align with fair housing law and affirmatively promote equal access to housing for all Hawai'i residents.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The County of Hawai'i's 2022 CDBG allocation will be \$2,695,481.00. In addition, the County anticipates receiving \$100,000.00 of program income from the Residential Repair Program (RRP) for a total of \$2,795,481.00. The anticipated program income will be applied to the West Hawai'i Emergency Shelter and Facility Photovoltaic Energy Efficiency Improvements Project.

To meet the County's five-year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, Priorities and Objectives, the following projects will be included in the 2022 Action Plan.

2022 CDBG Projects

Mental Health Kokua – Kona Residential Housing Renovation - \$271,149.00

Mental Health Kokua – Hilo Residential Complex Housing Renovation - \$650,000.00

West Hawai`i Emergency Shelter and Facility Energy Efficiency Improvements - \$550,000.00 plus \$100,000 anticipated Program Income

Hamakua Youth Community Center Improvements - \$685,000.00

Administration, Planning and Fair Housing - \$539,332.00

The CDBG project amount for all projects may change to accommodate the actual amount of grant funds or program income received or if there are any cancelled project(s) or reprogramming of CDBG funds. In its efforts to expedite and timely implement its projects, the Public is advised that the County of Hawai`i may utilize County funds to incur pre-award cost for the West Hawai`i Emergency Shelter and Facility Energy Efficiency Improvements projects under the CDBG program. This is in accordance with the CDBG regulations 24 CFR 570.200 (h) (1), Reimbursement for pre-award costs.

The 2022 CDBG projects meet the Objectives and Outcomes which are identified in the County's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The public facility improvement projects meet the suitable living environment objective by renovating and rehabilitating the West Hawai`i Emergency Shelter, the Mental Health Kokua residential housing complexes in Hilo and Kona, and the Hamakua Youth Community Center.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Each year, the County of Hawai`i reports its progress in meeting the five-year and annual goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The County of Hawai`i has consistently satisfied program mandates and expended funds in a timely manner. Furthermore, the County of Hawai`i has successfully targeted funds to benefit low- and moderate-income persons and communities throughout the island. A copy of the CAPER is available in the County of Hawai`i Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) and on the County's website at <http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/office-of-housing>. The report states that the County has accomplished the following during the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:

HOUSING AND SPECIAL NEEDS:

- Provided 50 new households with Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

HOMELESS:

- Completed the design and started the renovation of a certified kitchen at the Kiheipua Family Shelter;
- Completed the design and started the accessibility improvements at the Hale Maluhia Shelter;
- Completed the renovation improvements to the Hale Ohana Domestic Abuse Shelter and West Hawai`i Domestic Abuse Shelter to provide much needed housing and shelter for those experiencing domestic violence.

PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS:

- Completed the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island's Accessibility Improvement project which included roof repairs and gym accessibility along with paving, parking and drainage improvements;
- Completed the roof, fencing and interior renovations at the Hale Ohana Domestic Abuse Shelter;
- Completed the fencing, interior renovations and security enhancements at the West Hawai`i Domestic Abuse Shelter;
- Completed Phase 3 of the Kulaimano Elderly Housing renovations which included interior ADA improvements within the Community Center and improvements to the ADA parking stalls;
- Completed the design of the West Hawai`i Homeless Emergency Shelter Improvements.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:

- Allocated \$3,599,175 of CDBG-CV1, 2 and 3 funds to various non-profits and government agencies for activities that prevent, prepare and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Completed several emergency food programs providing food and prepared meals to low- and moderate-income households impacted by the Coronavirus through the Food Basket Pandemic Emergency Food program, the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island Meal Preparation and Delivery, and the Hawai`i County Economic Opportunity Council Meal Preparation and Delivery projects.

FAIR HOUSING:

- Conducted 7 Fair Housing training sessions for staff, property managers, homeless programs and for the general public;
- 94 calls/inquiries were received and given assistance;
- 2,464 visits to the County's Fair Housing website.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The County is required to have a Citizen Participation Plan in its CP. This plan describes and outlines the County's plan to encourage and inform all citizens, especially persons of extremely-low, very-low and moderate income including minorities, non-English speaking and persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP), as well as persons with mobility, visual or hearing impediments, to participate in the development of the County's CP, along with any amendments to the CP, and the County's performance report.

The citizen participation process as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan includes public hearings, virtual public hearings, consultation meetings, 30-day review and comment period on the County's draft CP, County's draft Annual Action Plan (AP), Hawai'i County Housing Agency/Finance Committee Meetings/County Council Meetings and a public notice announcing the availability of the County's final CP and AP.

Public Hearings:

The County began its 2022 Annual Action Plan Citizen Participation Process with virtual hearings in August 2021. The County held two virtual public hearings with the State of Hawai'i to present an overview of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan process, to encourage citizens to offer input concerning housing, homeless, special needs and community development needs and to discuss the past use of funds and accomplishments. In addition, the members of the public were provided with information about the 2022 CDBG application process. The County and the State informed participants of the County's and State CP priorities and provided an opportunity for participants to provide their concerns or comments.

The draft 2022 Action Plan was made available for public review and comment from February 10, 2022 through March 11, 2022.

Public and Private Agencies Consultation Meetings:

As stated above, in August 2021, the County conducted virtual Public Hearings to inform the public about the 2022 CDBG application process. Members of the public were provided with information on the CDBG program. An overview of the draft priorities and goals were also presented. The participants were asked to provide input on the county's draft priorities and goals established as a result of community input at the various public hearings. In addition to these consultations, the OHCD also informed each Council Member representing all districts in the County of Hawai'i of the CP process and inquired if they had any projects that would meet the draft priorities within their district.

5. Summary of public comments

The draft 2022 Annual Action Plan was made available for public view and comments from February 10, 2022 through March 11, 2022. No comments to the 2022 Annual Action Plan were received.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments to the 2022 Annual Action Plan were received.

7. Summary

The CP is a comprehensive planning document which identifies the housing and community development needs and priorities for the County of Hawai`i for the next five years. It sets forth the County's strategies and objectives in addressing these needs and provides a framework for the Annual Action Plan, which details the specific projects and activities the county will undertake in each of the five years to carry out the CP.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	HAWAII COUNTY	Office of Housing & Community Development	
HOME Administrator	HAWAII COUNTY	Office of Housing & Community Development	
	HAWAII COUNTY	Office of Housing & Community Development	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The County of Hawai`i’s Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) manages and administers the use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds for the County. As the lead agency and direct recipient of CDBG funds, the OHCD is responsible to complete the planning and submission process for the County’s CP.

The State of Hawai`i is the recipient of the HOME, HTF, ESG, and HOPWA funds and is therefore, required to submit a CP to HUD before it can receive these program funds. The County is not required to address the State’s programs in its CP but will reference and include portions of the State’s CP as it relates to the County’s housing-related and homeless needs.

Although the County of Hawai`i is not a direct recipient of HOME and HTF funds, it does receive HOME and HTF funds from the State of Hawai`i, every three years. The County’s OHCD manages and administers the use of HOME and HTF program funds for the County and is anticipating the receipt of these program funds for 2024.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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Hilo, Hawai`i 96720

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The County began its 2022 Annual Action Plan Citizen Participation Process in August of 2021. The County held its virtual annual public hearings to present an overview of the Consolidated Plan process, to encourage citizens to offer input concerning housing, homeless, special needs and community development needs, and to discuss the past use of funds and accomplishments. In addition, the members of the public were provided with information about the 2022 CDBG application process. The County informed participants of the County's CP priorities and provided an opportunity for participants to provide their concerns or comments.

Hawai'i County also utilized the public hearings to inform the public on the current 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan process.

The draft 2022 Annual Action Plan was made available for public review and comment from February 10, 2022 through March 11, 2022.

The OHCD also informed County agencies and each Council Member representing all districts in the County of Hawai'i of the CP process and inquired if they had any projects that would meet the draft priorities within their district.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

In August 2021, the County conducted virtual Public Hearings to inform the public about the 2022 CDBG application process. Members of the public were provided with information on the CDBG program. An overview of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan priorities and goals were also presented and reviewed. The participants were asked to provide input on the county's current priorities and goals established as a result of community input at the various public hearings and consultations of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. In addition to these virtual public hearings, the OHCD also informed each Council Member representing all districts in the County of Hawai'i of the CP process and provided them with an opportunity to inform the County of any projects that would meet priorities within their district.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The State of Hawai'i is the primary agency that provides homeless funds to homeless service providers. The County actively participates in the Bridging the Gap (neighbor island counties) and

Statewide (consisting of the State and Bridging the Gap) Continuum of Care. These groups focus on approaches to ending homelessness. The County is also a component of the Interagency Council on Homelessness - a conglomerate of government and service providers that seek solutions to address statewide chronic homelessness through mainstream re-programming. Participation in the Continuum of Care also allows the County to acquire other HUD funds for activities that address homeless needs within the County. The County will continue to participate in all levels of collaboration in a proactive effort to address the needs to its homeless community.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The County of Hawai'i is not a recipient of Emergency Solution Grant Funds. The State of Hawai'i allocates these funds to eligible homeless providers.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HAWAII COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	A list of not-for-profit organizations, government agencies, and others who provided input at the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan hearings and Needs Survey are listed in Section PR-10 Consultation of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The County utilized a mail list from its previous Consolidated Plans which is continuously updated through participation, meetings, trainings, etc. to contact as many providers and government agencies to ensure proper consultation. The County does not preclude or exclude any public or private agencies participation.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Bridging the Gap	The State is writing the goals to the State's Strategic Plan, please refer to the State's Consolidated Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

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The OHCD also informed County agencies and each Council Member representing all districts in the County of Hawai`i of the CP process and inquired if they had any projects that would meet the draft priorities within their district.

The following schedule and task were utilized to inform and encourage citizens of the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan and its process.

DATE and TASK:

July 2021 - Informed and invited Administration, County Departments and Council Members on the start of the 2022 Annual Action Plan (AP) process and solicited comments or possible projects to meet objectives with the current priorities within the Con Plan.

August 2021 - Public Notices published announcing virtual public hearings Public Hearings which were held in conjunction with the State of Hawai`i, Hawai`i Housing Finance Development Corp. (HHFDC), to inform the public about the 2021 CDBG application process.

January 2022 - Prepared draft AP.

February 2022 - Published public notice announcing the AP availability for public review and comment.

April 2022 - Draft AP was submitted to Hawai'i County Housing Agency and Hawai'i County Council for review and approval for submittal to the HUD. Public Notice informs citizen of the meetings and comments.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Virtual Public Meetings	Non-targeted/broad community	The County utilized input from its virtual public hearings and meetings to access and review its priorities and set objectives and goals that will meet the needs of its citizens. The County's assessment was to ensure that the County's priorities were flexible and accommodating to meet various range of activities to meet the County's CP priorities.	Overall, there were 33 participants at the two virtual hearing, representing not-for-profit service providers, housing services providers, developers, and county and state agencies	No comments were submitted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The OHCD also informed the County of Hawai'i's Council Members of the Consolidated Plan Process, meetings and provided them with the opportunity to inform the County of any projects that would meet the priorities within their district.	No comments were submitted.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The County of Hawai'i Office of Housing and Community Development is a direct recipient of CDBG funds. Its annual allocation is determined by HUD on a formula basis and is directly affected by the federal budget. The County anticipates receiving approximately \$2.6 million and distributes these funds on a request for proposal basis.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,695,481	100,000	0	2,795,481	0	With the ever changing political and economical environment at the federal level, it is difficult to accurately project the amount of CDBG funds that the County will receive over the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	0	0	0	0	0	
Housing Trust Fund	public - federal	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	
LIHTC	public - state	Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	private	Other	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	private	Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - federal	Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - state	Other	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - local	Admin and Planning	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

There is no matching requirement for CDBG funds. The CDBG funds in 2022 are being leveraged by \$1,000,000 in CIP funds.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

County owned land has been used in the past, and will be used in the future, to develop affordable housing projects for the low- and moderate-income households throughout the County of Hawai'i. Usually, a long-term lease (55 years) is executed with the non-profit organization for a nominal annual lease amount. It is stated in the lease that the non-profit organization must keep the project affordable to low- and moderate-income households for the duration of the lease.

The County of Hawai'i's Kamakoa Nui Community Housing project located at Waikoloa, South Kohala is designed to provide workforce housing for low- and moderate- income persons. The first phase included the sale of 91, fee simple single family and bungalow style units. The County is currently in the planning and design phases of the next increment for multi-family rental housing and anticipates producing approximately 100 units.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities - Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	County of Hawaii	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$2,256,149	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 513 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities - Improvements
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be utilized for the design, renovation and accessibility improvements to the Mental health Kokua residential housing complexes in Hilo and Kona, for the design, preparation and installation of energy efficient improvements at the West Hawai'i Homeless Campus in Kona, and for the design and necessary remediation, improvements and repairs to the newly acquired Hamakua Youth Community Center located in Honokaa.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

For the 2022 CDBG program year there were a total of 4 CDBG projects that were selected for funding, all of which were public facility projects. These projects include improvements to five (5) transitional residences serving those with severe mental illness, renovation improvements to a homeless campus to be energy efficient, and renovation improvements to create a youth center facility serving low- and moderate-income families.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Mental Health Kokua - Kona Residential Housing Renovation
2	Mental Health Kokua - Hilo Residential Housing Complex Renovation
3	West Hawaii Emergency Shelter and Facility Energy Efficiency Improvements
4	Hamakua Youth Community Center Improvements
5	CDBG Administration, Planning and Fair Housing

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information1	Project Name	Mental Health Kokua - Kona Residential Housing Renovation
	Target Area	County of Hawaii
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities - Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$271,149
	Description	The non-profit Mental Health Kokua will utilize \$271,149.00 of 2022 CDBG funds to plan, design, expand, and renovate improvements to the only 24-hour level care transitional housing in Kona, which provides safe housing for 10 adults diagnosed and assessed with severe mental illnesses through a licensed behavioral professional. These activities are eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(c) Public Facilities and Improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will serve 10 adults diagnosed with severe mental illness who are presumed under the CDBG Program National Objective 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A) Low- and moderate-Income Limited Clientele.
	Location Description	75-5752 Alanoe Place, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
	Planned Activities	The proposed improvements include but are not limited to design, living room expansion, kitchen, bathroom and laundry renovations, flooring replacement, accessible ramp installation, solar water heater replacement, and other construction and related costs such as permits and bid advertising.
2	Project Name	Mental Health Kokua - Hilo Residential Housing Complex Renovation
	Target Area	County of Hawaii
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities - Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$650,000

	Description	The non-profit Mental Health Kokua will utilize \$650,000.00 of 2022 CDBG funds to design, expand, and renovate improvements to 4 transitional residential homes in Hilo, which provides 8-to-16-hour care and safe housing for 20 adults diagnosed and assessed with severe mental illness through a licensed behavioral professional. These activities are eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(c) Public Facilities and Improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will serve 20 severely mentally ill adults, who are presumed under the CDBG Program National Objective 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A) Low- and moderate-Income Limited Clientele.
	Location Description	130 Wainaku Street, 136A Wainaku Street, 140 Wainaku Street, 140A Wainaku Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
	Planned Activities	The proposed improvements include but are not limited to design, living room expansion for client assessment, kitchen and bathroom renovations, roof replacement and overhang extension, accessibility improvements, and other construction and related costs such as permits and bid advertising.
3	Project Name	West Hawaii Emergency Shelter and Facility Energy Efficiency Improvements
	Target Area	County of Hawaii
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities - Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$650,000

	Description	The OHCD Community Development Division will utilize \$550,000.00 in 2022 CDBG funds and \$100,000.00 of program income for necessary facility renovation improvements to the West Hawai'i Emergency Shelter and its complex facilities to be able to install energy efficient improvements. Renovation improvements are necessary to reduce energy costs and allow the homeless service provider to direct the energy savings to its homeless programs and services. The project may utilize CIP funding which will be paid back to the County through the CDBG pre-award of up to 25% of the total CDBG grant award (\$625,000.00). This activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(c) Public Facilities and Improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed improvements will benefit approximately 93 homeless persons annually within Hawai'i County. This meets the CDBG Program National Objective 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A) Low- and Moderate-Income Limited Clientele.
	Location Description	74-5593 Pawai Place, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740
	Planned Activities	The proposed activities involve all the necessary design, preparation, and renovation repairs to the West Hawai'i homeless campus.
4	Project Name	Hamakua Youth Community Center Improvements
	Target Area	County of Hawaii
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities - Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$685,000

	Description	The non-profit Hamakua Youth Foundation (HYF) will utilize \$685,000.00 of 2022 CDBG funds to remediate and renovate the historic Okada Hospital in Honokaa into a permanent Youth Center for youths between 5 and 17 years old residing the Hamakua District. This center will provide a facility for youths to be mentored and tutored as well as provide a safe haven for after school childcare. CDBG funds are being leveraged with a USDA loan and other small public and private grants. This activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(c) Public Facilities and Improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed improvements will benefit 390 low- and moderate-income youth on an annual basis. This meets the CDBG Program National Objective 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B) Low- and Moderate-Income Limited Clientele.
	Location Description	45-3400 Mamane Street, Honokaa, Hawai`i 96727
	Planned Activities	The proposed improvements include but are not limited to design, hazardous material removal, foundation repairs, electrical, plumbing, interior, roof, kitchen, ADA improvements, parking, and other construction and related costs such as permits and advertising.
5	Project Name	CDBG Administration, Planning and Fair Housing
	Target Area	County of Hawaii
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities - Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$539,332
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to administer and coordinate the County CDBG and Fair Housing Programs to ensure effective and timely project implementation in accordance with all applicable HUD rules and regulations. CDBG funds will also be used to fund present and future planning documents in accordance with federal rules.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	1990 Kinoole St, Ste 102, Hilo HI 96720
	Planned Activities	Planning and Administration

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The County does not allocate funds based on geographic areas. The CDBG funds are allocated through a Request For Proposal (RFP) process which ranks and rates projects for program eligibility, need and meeting the County's priorities and objectives of the Consolidated Plan.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
County of Hawaii	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Not applicable as the County does not allocate funds based on geographic areas.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The County selected 4 CDBG projects for funding in its 2022 Action Plan. It consists of four (4) public facility projects, which include improvements to 5 transitional residences in Hilo and Kona serving adults with severe mental illnesses, improvements to the West Hawai'i Homeless Campus to be energy efficient, and improvements to the Hamakua Youth Community Center serving low- and moderate-income families.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	93
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	30
Total	123

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	30
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	30

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The State of Hawai'i Public Housing Authority manages the public housing throughout the State of Hawai'i. Please defer to the State's Action Plan.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The State of Hawai'i Public Housing Authority manages the public housing throughout the State of Hawai'i. Please defer to the State's Action Plan.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The State of Hawai'i Public Housing Authority manages the public housing throughout the State of Hawai'i. Please defer to the State's Action Plan.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The State of Hawai'i Public Housing Authority manages the public housing throughout the State of Hawai'i. Please defer to the State's Action Plan.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

To address and serve the Homeless and Special Needs population, the County has listed within its high priorities, the use of CDBG funds for public facilities, infrastructure, and public service activities. CDBG funds will be utilized to address rehabilitation activities at two residential complexes in Hilo and Kona providing housing and supportive services to those with severe mental illnesses. CDBG funds will also provide rehabilitation activities at the West Hawai`i Emergency Shelter providing energy efficiency improvements so those energy savings can be applied to its homeless programs and services. These activities meet the high priorities and goals of the Consolidated Plan.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The County of Hawai`i, Continuum of Care, Community Alliance Partners, coordinates the required annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. The PIT count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. The information collected is submitted to HUD via the online submission.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Determining the needs and solutions of homeless persons and families are ongoing. Assessment, intake and services are part of the integral processes at street outreach, emergency shelters, food pantries, medical providers, transitional housing, and safe havens to understanding the housing needs of those experiencing or are at-risk of homelessness.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Assessing the needs of the homeless, identifying barriers and providing services and continued services that align with their unique and individual needs will help in ensuring long-term housing stability.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly

funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

By having a strong networking system amongst the government agencies, non-profit community and faith based organizations, health care providers, health care providers, foster care providers, youth and correction facilities and community advocates is key to understanding and addressing the needs of those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The overarching goal is to ensure those experiencing homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring.

Discussion

Street Outreach:

To provide essential services, housing resources and urgent care to unsheltered homeless individuals and families living on the streets. Our funded homeless organizations provide the direct services to meet the immediate needs of people living on the street to stabilize and engage them in services as a path toward accessing permanent housing. Street outreach services include engagement that provides immediate support and links to other support networks and may include addressing immediate needs (food, clothing, toiletries, etc); assessment and case management to understand client barriers and identify housing options; emergency physical and mental health services; and services for special populations including homeless youth, victim services and services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Emergency and Transitional Housing:

The County of Hawai'i has adopted the Housing First approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, thus ending their homelessness and serving as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life. This approach is guided by the belief that people need basic necessities like food and a place to live before attending to less critical, such as getting a job, budgeting properly, or attending to substance abuse issues. While emergency and transitional housing is critical in addressing the immediate need of an individual or family – reducing the number of stays is priority.

Homeless Prevention:

The goal is to provide financial assistance, counseling, and other services to prevent families and individuals from being evicted, losing their homes, or becoming homeless. The money will also be used to help those who are currently experiencing homelessness find both short term and permanent long

term housing or apartments and stay in the new housing units.

Rapid Re-Housing:

Rapid rehousing is designed to support those who have just become homeless or are about to lose their homes. It provides financial assistance to bridge the gap between rent or deposit owed and a person's ability to pay. Rapid rehousing programs ensure that an individual or family's homeless situation is as brief as possible or is averted altogether.

Homeless Management Information System:

A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. Each Continuum of Care (CoC) is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) is a group of diverse stakeholders representing the rural counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawai'i that carries out the operating and planning responsibilities of the Continuum of Care, as defined in the **HEARTH Act**. BTG's composition reflects the unique nature of each island comprising the CoC. BTG promotes a community-wide commitment to the goals of preventing and ending homelessness by quickly re-housing homeless households while minimizing trauma and dislocation. BTG's Administrative Team, Ka Mana O Na Helu is charged with the administration of the HMIS system and meeting all of the data requirements set forth by federal and state policies.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

There are many major barriers affecting the production of affordable housing in the State of Hawai'i. The impediments to create affordable housing have been identified in the current SMS Housing Study which also indicates these impediments affects not only the State but all four Counties as well. These impediments have been identified as the lack of available developable land, lack of major off-site infrastructure, high cost of construction, government regulations, community opposition and environmental concerns. The County does not have the funding resources nor the available funding sufficient to adequately address these impediments. However, the County continues to look at other avenues to educate and promote legislation to support the development of affordable housing.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The County will undertake the following to try to reduce the negative effects of housing barriers and impediments to affordable housing.

- * Coordinate landlord forums and promote benefits of its rental assistance program.
- * Work with Real Property Tax Division to inform landlords about the Affordable Rental Housing Program.
- * Educate the community on tenant/landlord roles and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.
- * Represent homeless needs to State Agencies to encourage mainstream resourcing to address homelessness.
- * Support authorized pre-emption, pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes 46-15 to assist in expediting development of affordable housing projects.
- * Maintain a housing website to increase housing and program information.
- * Revise Hawai'i County Code, Chapter 11 to promote development of affordable housing.
- * Provide legislation to preserve affordable housing development and funding opportunities.
- * Promote and amend the General Plan Land Use regulations to streamline housing.
- * Review and update the County building code and recommend elimination or modification of onerous

codes that do not affect health and safety.

Discussion:

To build affordable homes for very low and low-income families in Hawai`i is costly. The strengths of the affordable housing delivery system in the county is derived from the many different entities striving toward one common goal: to provide for more affordable housing in Hawai`i. State, Federal and County agencies, private non-profits, private social service providers, private lenders and private for-profit developers are doing their part to respond to the urgency of the lack of affordable housing in the State. New programs and legislation are continually being established to form tax incentives, low-interest interim financing, bond financing, rental subsidies and other creative development techniques to provide affordable housing. Despite all of these efforts, the availability of affordable housing will not be developed without continued federal and state funding and private and for-profit relationships.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Listed below are the actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

One of the obstacles to meeting underserved needs is the production of affordable housing. The major obstacles are the lack of financial resources and the lack of infrastructure. The County hopes to leverage other sources of funds (i.e Federal, USDA, State, County and Private) by providing federal funds to subsidize and support the cost of building affordable housing. Another obstacle is the cost burden that the extremely low and very-low income households have to endure for housing in the County. Other obstacles include the lack of rental units, throughout the County, for extremely low and very low-income households. The County plans to work with management agencies and educate landlords about the Section 8 Voucher Program and the TBRA Program.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County of Hawai'i plans to foster and maintain affordable housing for County residents by investing CDBG and HOME funds in multiple housing projects during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Program years. High priority affordable housing program strategies will include Rental Rehabilitation, New Construction of Rental Units, Homeowner Repair, Acquisition of affordable units for the chronic homeless, Construction of for-sale affordable homes, renovations to domestic abuse shelters and special needs housing and facilities, and improvements to emergency shelters.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Hawai'i County has two programs that considers the hazards of lead-based paint poisoning. One, the Residential Repair Program, requires that lead based paint risk assessments be conducted for homes built before 1978. If a dwelling is determined to contain lead, mitigation measures are taken to address the lead that is present. When the lead-based paint concerns are corrected, the unit becomes available for lead free safe occupancy, thereby, increasing access to housing without lead based paint poisoning hazards.

The other program is the County's Section 8 Rental Assistance Payments Program which prohibits rental subsidy for any unit that is built before 1978 if there is a family member under the age of 6 and the unit contains peeling paint. Other action/plans are to distribute pamphlets to applicants on lead hazards and

continue to test homes that were found to have lead paint.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the current Census, 12.2% of the people in Hawai'i County are below the poverty level. This is above the State's poverty level of 8.9% and is contributed by such factors as education, language and employment in the County. The County plans to utilize HUD funds to continue administering the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) that targets the extremely low and very-low income households. This would limit the households from paying more than 30% of their income to housing costs. Another program the County is administering is the National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) that targets the extremely low-income households. The HTF can be used to acquire, construct or rehabilitate rental housing and rent to extremely low-income households. In rural areas the HTF law considers households with income below poverty line as extremely low income. Administering the HTF will assist the county in reducing the number of poverty-level families.

In addition, the County is administering the Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program which require a one-stop shop. The one-stop concept allows a client to access various services from a central location, which includes self-sufficiency and financial literacy programs. The mandatory partners in the one-stop shop are: WIOA programs, Native American programs, migrant and seasonal farm worker programs, veteran employment program, adult education, welfare-to-work, senior community service employment programs, vocational rehabilitation services for the blind programs, Hawai'i Community College and HUD employment and training programs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The County continues to participate in CDBG/HOME/HTF Quarterly Coordinators' Meetings which coordinates State-wide activities and performances measures; State-wide Continuum of Care group which meets every other month to collaborate on homeless issues; the Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness which meets every other month to enable better access to mainstream programs and to end chronic homelessness; HOME State Recipient Group which meets periodically to coordinate HOME program and projects; quarterly meetings with Fair Housing Officers from the State and other Counties and State-wide Housing Directors which meets monthly to collaborate on housing issues.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The County continues to enhance and broaden its coordination between public and private housing and social services agencies by expanding its email list to notify interested citizens and organizations of upcoming events and on and off-site training. The County has allocated Project Based Vouchers to the Ulu Wini Low Income Housing which provides social service activities such as crisis intervention,

counseling, after school programs and case management to its residents.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	100,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	100,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The County does not use any other forms of investment except those listed in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The County of Hawai'i will recapture the total amount of HOME funds expended for a project when the recipient fails to comply with the terms of its agreement with the County, or refuses to accept conditions imposed by the County, HHFDC, or HUD, when the recipient sells or otherwise transfers any real or personal property purchased or constructed with the HOME funds within the applicable period of affordability and when the recipient ceases to use the property constructed, rehabilitated and/or renovated with HOME funds for the applicable period of affordability, following the issuance of final payment for the project by the County.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The County of Hawai'i requires each recipient or beneficiary to maintain all affordability requirements through the execution of deed restrictions and lien recordation, or through the filing of restrictive covenants running with the land.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Please defer to the State of Hawai'i Consolidated Plan.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(5)

1. Distribution of Funds

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).

Please refer to Section V. – “Eligible Recipients” of the attached HTF Allocation Plan.

b. Describe the jurisdiction’s application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.

As a State designated HTF subgrantee, Hawai`i County will manage and administer the use HTF funds to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing to develop and preserve affordable rental housing to primarily serve households with incomes at or below 30% of the area median income.

Please refer to Section VII. – “Application and Award Process” of the attached HTF Allocation Plan.

c. Describe the selection criteria that the jurisdiction will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.

Hawai`i County will review and rate all project proposals in accordance with the State's Selection Criteria. In addition, all project proposals will be reviewed using Hawai`i County's Selection Criteria, which considers additional factors.

Please refer to Section VIII. – “Selection Criteria” of the attached HTF Allocation Plan.

d. Describe the jurisdiction’s required priority for funding based on geographic distribution, which is a description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year.

HTF received by the County will be used to fund eligible projects to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing to primarily serve households with incomes at or below 30% of the area median income in Hawai`i County.

e. Describe the jurisdiction’s required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.

Criteria used to evaluate the applicants' ability to obligate HTF funds and successfully undertake eligible activities in a timely manner includes performance goals and benchmarks, past performance and timely expenditure requirements, previous experience in successfully implementing projects utilizing federal funds.

Please refer to Section VIII. – “Selection Criteria” of the attached HTF Allocation Plan.

f. Describe the jurisdiction’s required priority for funding based on the extent to which rents for units in the rental project are affordable to extremely low-income families.

A requirement of the award HTF funds are for new construction of affordable rental housing units specifically targeting the extremely low households whose income is at or below 30% of the median area income for the duration of at least 30 years.

g. Describe the jurisdiction’s required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.

The County requires that a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants be recorded enforce all of the HTF program requirements including the 30-year affordability period stipulation.

Please refer to Section VIII. – “Selection Criteria” of the attached HTF Allocation Plan.

h. Describe the jurisdiction’s required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the jurisdiction (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).

The criteria that applications for HTF funds are reviewed, ranked and rated includes location and amenities critical to meet the needs of extreme-low and low- and moderate-income households. Such amenities include reliable access to public transportation, government services, medical and other emergency services.

i. Describe the jurisdiction’s required priority for funding based on the location of existing affordable housing.

The County considers all suitable areas throughout the County other than locations of existing affordable housing.

j. Describe the jurisdiction’s required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources.

There is greater consideration for projects that utilizes other sources of funding including non-federal funding that has been secured and firm commitments have been received.

2. Does the jurisdiction’s application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds?

Yes

3. Does the jurisdiction's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements?

Yes

4. **Performance Goals and Benchmarks.** The jurisdiction has met the requirement to provide for performance goals, consistent with the jurisdiction's goals established under 24 CFR 91.215(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

Yes

5. **Rehabilitation Standards.** The jurisdiction must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The jurisdiction's description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The jurisdiction must attach its rehabilitation standards below. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds for the rehabilitation of housing, enter "N/A".

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable); and broadband infrastructure (if applicable).

N/A

6. **Resale or Recapture Guidelines.** Below, the jurisdiction must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

N/A

7. **HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits.** If the jurisdiction intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

N/A

8. **Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences.** Describe how the jurisdiction will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan. If the jurisdiction will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter "N/A."

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the jurisdiction must not limit or give preferences to students. The jurisdiction may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303 only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

N/A

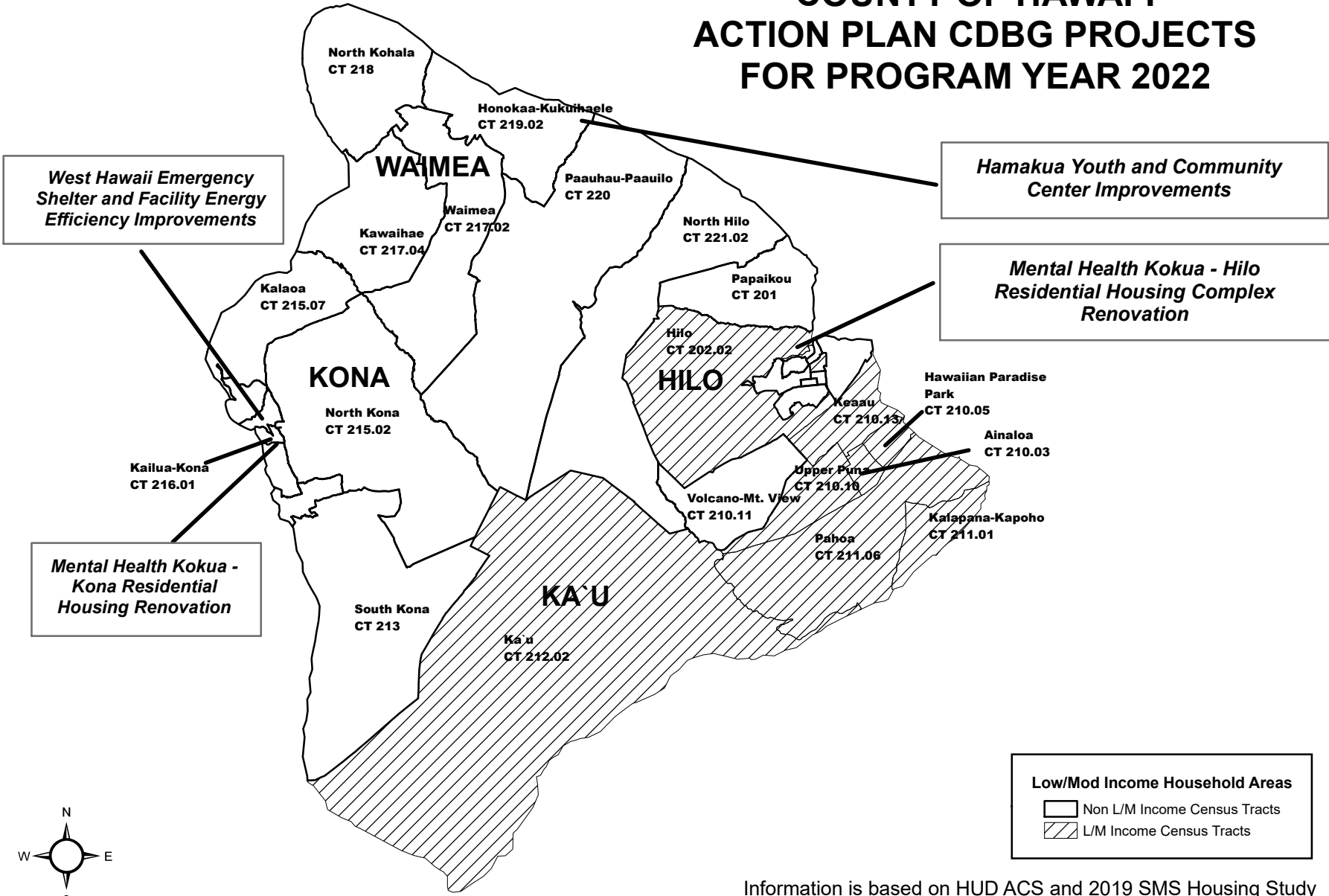
9. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the jurisdiction’s refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the jurisdiction will refinance existing rental housing project debt. The jurisdiction’s refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the jurisdiction will not refinance existing debt, enter “N/A.”

N/A

Discussion:

Appendix A: Maps

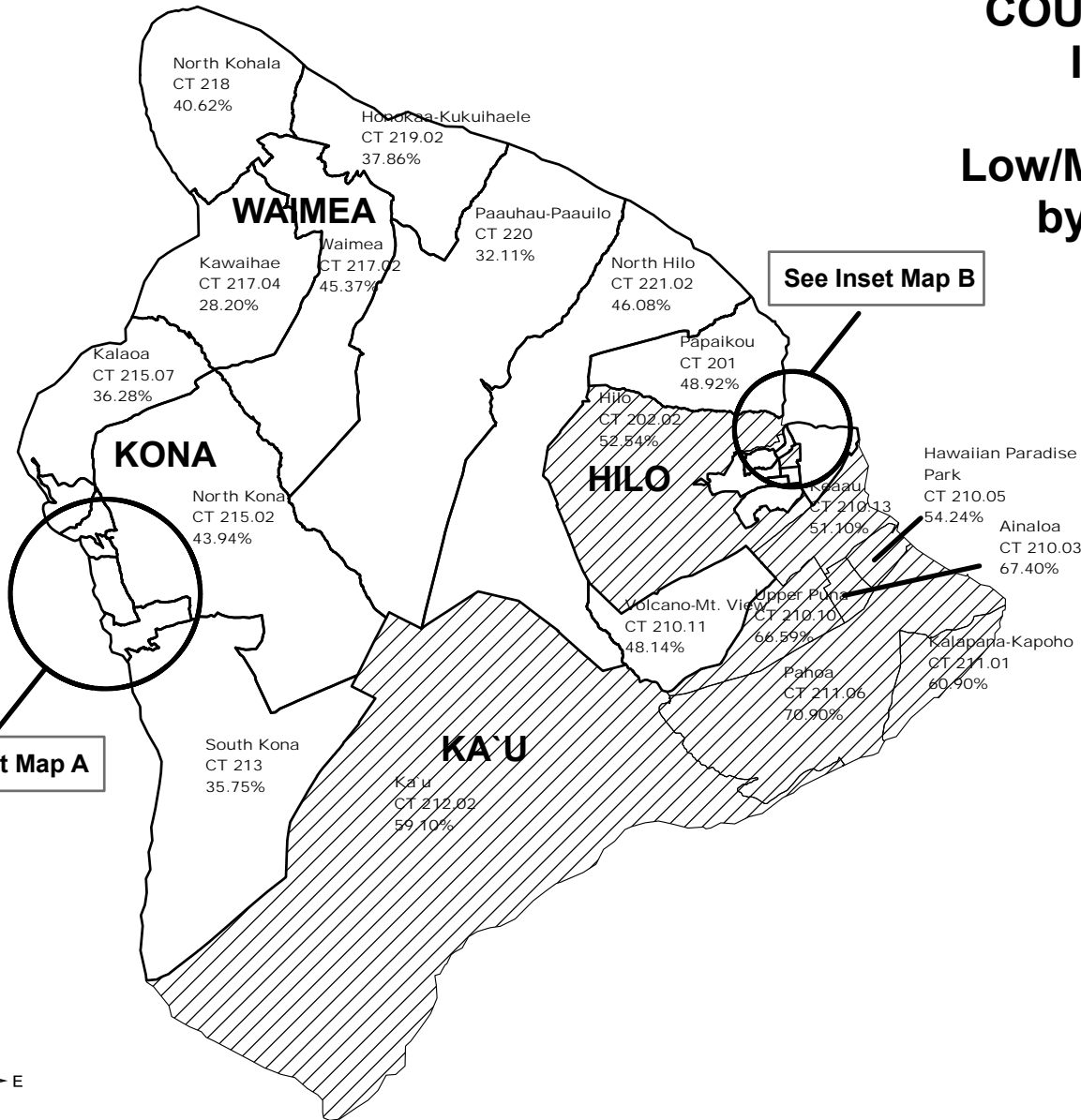
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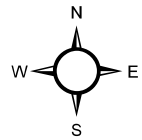
COUNTY OF HAWAII ISLAND MAP

Low/Mod Income Areas by Census Tract



See Inset Map A

See Inset Map B



Low/Mod Income Household Areas

- Non L/M Income Census Tracts
- L/M Income Census Tracts

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COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
INSET MAP A
Low/Mod Income Areas
by Census Tracts

Kailua-Kona
CT 216.01
37.98% L/M

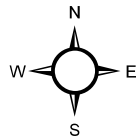
Holualoa
CT 216.04
43.53% L/M

Kahalu'u-Keauhou-Honalo
CT 215.09
47.58% L/M


Kealakekua-Captain Cook
CT 214.02
38.11% L/M

North Kona
CT 215.02
43.94% L/M

Napoopoo-Honaunau
CT 213
35.75% L/M

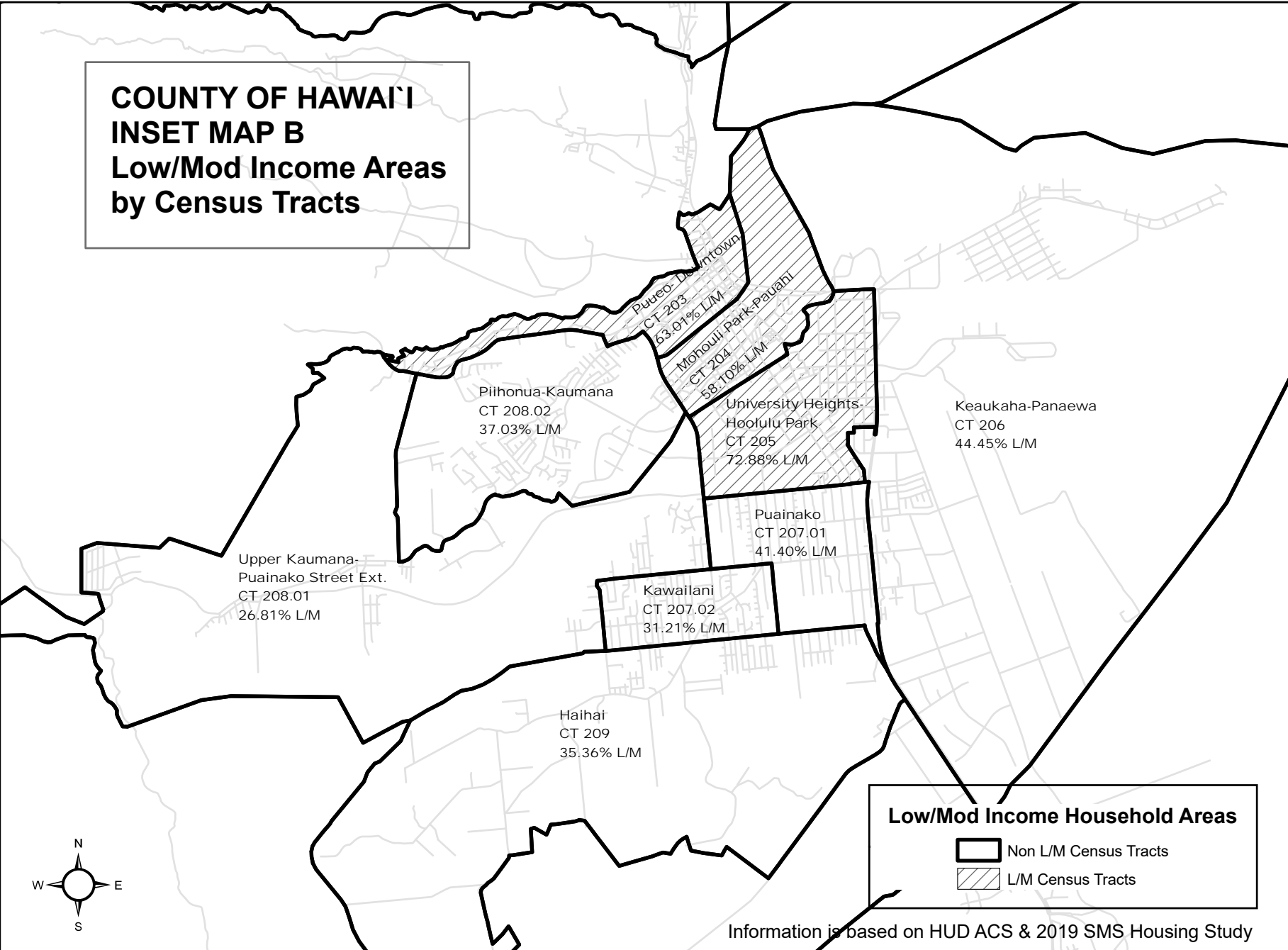


Low/Mod Income Household Areas

 Non L/M Census Tracts

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**COUNTY OF HAWAII
INSET MAP B
Low/Mod Income Areas
by Census Tracts**



Low/Mod Income Household Areas

- Non L/M Census Tracts
- L/M Census Tracts

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