

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

May 27, 2025

County of Hawai'i
Office of Housing and Community Development
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Hawaii.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 12, 2025 the County of Hawaii will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Program funds under CFR 24 Subtitle B, Chapter IX Part 983, to undertake a project known as Kukuiola Phase 2 (Permanent Supportive Housing) for the purpose of developing 50 affordable rental units for qualifying low income households to reside in within TMK plat (3) 7-4-020:004, located on Alapono Street between Kealakehe Parkway in Kailua-Kona within the County of Hawaii. The proposed projects new affordable rental housing complex will comprise of 1-bedroom units, stand alone and duplex mix. This project targets low income households earning at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI) and include rental assistance for 50 qualifying residential households. HUD, US Department of Treasury and County funding amount is expected to be \$10,260,904.49.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Hawaii has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at www.housing.hawaiicounty.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County of Hawaii Office of Housing and Urban Development, Attn: Kehaulani Costa, 1990 Kinoole St, Suite 102, Hilo, Hawaii 96720; kcosta@hawaiicounty.gov. Reference the project name: Kukuiola Phase 2. All comments received by June 12, 2025, will be considered by the County of Hawaii prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Hawaii certifies to HUD that Kimo Alameda, in his capacity as Mayor of Hawaii County, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Hawaii to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the County of Hawaii's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Hawaii; (b) the County of Hawaii has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Field Office, 1003 Bishop Street, Suite 2100, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or by email at OPHHonolulu@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dr. Kimo Alameda, Mayor
County of Hawaii