

Provider & Stakeholder Questions and Answers (Q&A)

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Topic	Question	Response
<i>Oahu CoC Advocacy Priorities</i>	Is there any legislation or discussion for the tenant rights and fees for at-risk populations? For example, some locations charge a fee for overnight guests. Many of the fees are unfair considering the limited housing and frequency residents will be charged. This is particularly damaging for our recently homeless and low-income.	<p>Partners in Care is looking at legislation regarding the regulation of application screening fees for rental housing. These are difficult bills to get passed and have been introduced numerous times previously without success. The current goal is to focus on advocacy related to screening fee regulation and source of income discrimination and, if successful, expand the focus to related issues such as what you describe.</p> <p>In addition, please reach out to cheryl.a.bellisario@hawaii.gov if there is specific legislation related to this or to bring this issue up with PIC and Bridging the Gap (BTG) advocates. The PIC-BTG joint advocacy group meets weekly during the legislative session every Friday from 12-1 p.m. HST.</p>
<i>Community Alliance Partners</i>	How does CAP determine priorities – does membership vote? We (Partners in Care) have always had a variety of opinions on sweeps and was curious how you navigated CAP support to oppose sweeps?	The CAP advocacy committee decides on legislative priorities, and this committee then makes recommendations to the general membership. Any member of CAP is welcome to join the advocacy committee.
<i>Community Alliance Partners</i>	Do we have examples of what works (in terms of advocacy)?	It is not one size fits all. It is also not just to send out an e-mail and hope that people answer. There is a great quote that 90% of organizing is following up, and one on one conversations with individuals is the best way to advocate and get your message across.
<i>General</i>	Is there a way to provide feedback to the City & County of Honolulu regarding federal spending related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?	Yes. The City is accepting input from the public regarding priorities for federal fiscal recovery funds at: Fiscal Recovery Fund — One Oahu . Public comment will be received through February 14, 2022.

