



# Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness

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MARCH 15, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

# General Housekeeping Items

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2. For purposes of minutes, any person speaking should identify themselves by first and last name and office before speaking.
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# Housekeeping Items Cont.

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## II. Overview and Approval of Agenda

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### ☐ New Business

- Updates from Chair Yamane and Chair San Buenaventura
- Updates from the CoCs on ESG-CV2 funding
- Updates from HPHA and DHHL on COVID-19 response and federal funding.

### ☐ Continuing Business

- Updates on Fiscal Mapping Efforts, including an overview of funding for eviction and homelessness prevention efforts.



### III. Approval of Minutes

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- ☐ Review and approve minutes for the December 21, 2020 regular meeting.
  
- ☐ Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/hich/agenda-and-minutes/>



## IV. Public Testimony

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1. Members of the public wishing to testify should signal your intent to testify by **raising your hand** so staff can notate the names and order of testifiers.
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5. Testimony should be limited to **one minute**.



## V. New Business – Legislative Updates

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- ☐ Chair Joy San Buenaventura, Senate Committee on Human Services
  
- ☐ Chair Ryan Yamane, House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Homelessness



## V. New Business – Oahu CoC Updates

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# OAHU'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

A Report to the Hawaii Interagency Council on  
Homelessness

Laura E. Thielen  
Partners In Care  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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## Emergency Response

- Review & Plan

## Outreach and Education

- Review and Plan

## Testing

- Review and Plan

## Vaccination

- Review and Plan

## Continued Monitoring

- Review and Plan



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# City & County of Honolulu: CARES Act Funding Distribution

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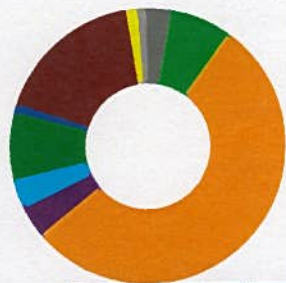
## CARES Act Funding Totals:

**\$387,176,021 Allocated**

Allocated/ \$387M



CARES Funding Allocated by Category:



- COVID-19 Testing 7%
- Small Business Assistance 54%
- Food Programs 4%

Allocated Committed Spent

**In Development:**  
**\$ 0**



### COVID-19 Testing

Allocated: \$28,543,836  
Committed: \$26,479,684  
**Spent: \$23,234,922**

### Small Business



#### Assistance

Allocated: \$215,803,496  
Committed: \$190,032,621  
**Spent: \$187,923,420**



### Food Programs

Allocated: \$14,826,427  
Committed: \$8,487,259  
**Spent: \$7,573,247**



### Housing Support

Allocated: \$13,633,100  
Committed: \$27,936,227  
**Spent: \$21,391,974**



### Economic Support

Allocated: \$31,206,324  
Committed: \$42,788,960  
**Spent: \$36,402,285**



### Telework + Telehealth

#### Capacity

Allocated: \$4,194,303  
Committed: \$6,022,150  
**Spent: \$5,245,274**

### Public Health +



#### Safety

Allocated: \$69,077,808  
Committed: \$58,443,082  
**Spent: \$43,878,066**

### Personal Protective



#### Equipment

Allocated: \$11,997,445  
Committed: \$8,573,263  
**Spent: \$7,263,977**

### Administrative



#### Expenses

Allocated: \$5,524,737  
Committed: \$10,180,772  
**Spent: \$9,872,669**

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# Waikiki Beachside

## Palekana `Elima

- ❖ Collaboration between City & County of Honolulu, Hawaii Dept. of Health and H3RC
  - City is leaseholder
  - Part of Behavioral Health Administration's COVID Isolation/Quarantine continuum
  - Stabilization concept
- ❖ All referrals are through CARES 832-3100
- ❖ Launched in mid-October 2020



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# Waikiki Beachside



❖ Three buildings

❖ 36 rooms

- Bunk beds
- Lanai
- Secure



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# COVID-19

## Isolation and Quarantine

- ✓ All referrals through CARES (832-3100)
- ✓ Transport available
- ✓ 3 meals a day & snacks
- ✓ Wellness checks



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# COVID-19

## Isolation and Quarantine



- ✓ Support from Waikiki Neighborhood Board
- ✓ Sen. Moriwaki and Rep. Tam site visit
- ✓ 187 residents since opened end of October
- ✓ 4% AMA rate
- ✓ No one has gone back to streets (except AMA)



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# COVID-19 Temporary Quarantine Isolation Center: A Proof of Concept for Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Centers

In Hawai'i, in the absence of a Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center, individuals resort to care in the emergency department, resulting in significant costs to the state.

5,714 inpatient discharges with a primary psychiatric diagnosis in total charged \$130 million to Hawaii payers. There were 15,964 ED primary psychiatric discharges with a total charged amount of \$52 million.



The coronavirus pandemic became an urgent impetus for establishing the Temporary Quarantine and Isolation Center (TQIC) for homeless individuals.

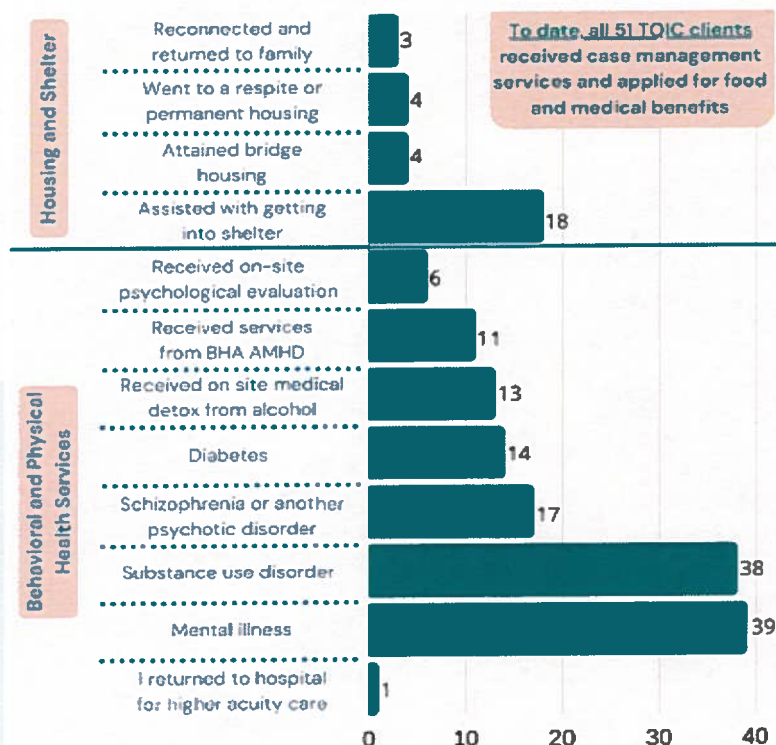
Provision of services to homeless populations is complex because they experience disproportionately high rates of behavioral health conditions.



Without Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Centers, the State will continue to burden:

1. Avoidable hospital costs and utilization for hospital-based care for ED visits and inpatient stays.
2. High volume of high-need individuals passed

## TQIC Outcomes



The TQIC outcomes seen for the short period of time it has been operational demonstrates proof of concept of the Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center.

In addition to COVID-19 care, the TQIC





# Oahu Stabilization Beds Through CARES

- Call 832-3100 / 1-800-753-6879
- Still linked to COVID – houseless folks at higher risk and we will arrange test onsite
- Triage and lateral referrals
  - HSH Ekolu 8 beds, higher acuity and med management
  - WB Elima case management beds
- Neighbor Islands sites coming soon!



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# VACCINATION PLAN

## Recommendations from Oahu CoC to DOH

Prioritize one dose Vaccination available to those experiencing homelessness, but allow clients to choose type of vaccine

All those experiencing homelessness will be in tier 1c

Small localized vaccination hubs

When extra doses are available, offer to programs and clients experiencing homelessness



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**PROJECT VISION**  
*Hele for Health*

# VACCINATION PLAN

**Focus on Rural  
and Urban sites**

**Coordinate with  
programs and  
outreach  
providers**

**Cover all areas of  
Oahu**

**Coordinate with  
City and State  
Departments**

**Flexibility**



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# What is the ESG-CV Investment Plan?

## Rehousing

Rehouse 300-350 households experiencing homelessness through a Rapid Rehousing type project

## Prevention

Prevent homelessness for those most at risk of becoming homeless (i.e., those that have been homeless before)

## Shelter

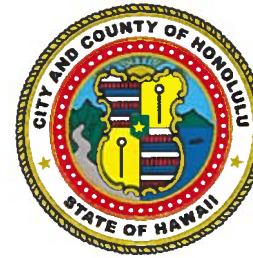
Improve the quality of the emergency shelter that we currently have in our community



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# Partnerships



## Funders



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**Lead Agency &  
Unit Acquisition**



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HOUSING SOLUTIONS INC.

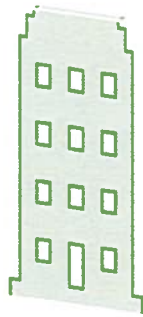
**Rental  
Assistance**

## Case Management Programs



 **Family Promise**  
of Hawai'i

# OHN Project Components



## Component #1 – Unit Identification

- LEP
- CMs provide Housing Navigation services
- 1 month Security Deposits
- 2-month Landlord Incentives



## Component #2 – Rental Assistance

- Standard 12 months of rental assistance
- Standard 12 months of utility assistance



## Component #3 – Case Management

- 1:20-25 Caseload
- Limited housing identification
- CMs provide Housing Stabilization services
- Furniture
- Welcome Kits



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# OHN Objectives

## ✓ **Slow the spread of COVID-19**

- Housing is the most secure method of social distancing for homeless households
- 12 months from now, most people will have had access to the vaccine, making it safer

## ✓ **House people and improve rental history**

- No evictions for nonpayment of rent while on a 12-month lease
- 12 months to reduce rent burden through increasing earned income or identifying opportunities to increase household income



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# Thank You

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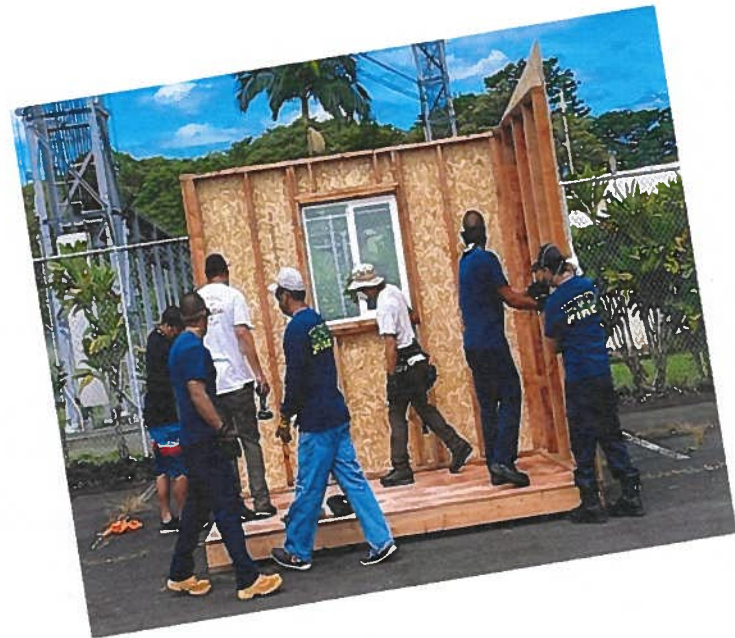
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## V. New Business – BTG Updates

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# CARES ACT - ESG-CV ROUND 2 FUNDING

Bridging the Gap

Maude Cumming - Chair



# NEIGHBOR ISLAND FUNDING ALLOCATION:

\$8,466,976

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# INITIAL FUNDING BY ISLAND/ORGANIZATION

## KAUAI:

Activity	Organization	Project Name	Component	Total
HP-8	Care Hawaii	Street Outreach Kauai	SO	135,000
HP-8	Family Life Ctr	Street Outreach Kauai	SO	155,000
HP-1	Family Life Ctr	Hotel Temp ES Kauai	ES – Temp	162,800
HP-4a	Family Life Ctr	RRH Kauai	RRH	200,000
HP-4c	Family Life Ctr	HP Kauai	HP	150,000
HP-4c	Catholic Charities	HP Kauai	HP	348,000
HP-1	YWCA	Emergency Shelter	ES	23,830
HP-4c	YWCA	HP	HP	31,915
			<b>TOTAL KAUAI</b>	<b>1,206,545</b>

# HAWAII ISLAND:

Activity	Organization	Project Name	Component	Total
HP-8	Care Hawaii	Street Outreach Hawaii Island	SO	375,000
HP-8	HOPE Services	Street Outreach	SO	150,000
HP-1	HOPE Services	ES - Ka Lamaku	ES - Temp	336,000
HP-1	HOPE Services	ES - Hale Hanakahi	ES - Temp	84,000
HP-1	HOPE Services	WHEHP	ES Medical Respite	219,000
HP-1	HOPE Services	ES - Hale Maluhia	ES Medical Respite	164,250
HP-1	HOPE Services	ES - Kuleana House	ES Isolation	164,250
HP-1	HOPE Services	ES - Hale Kikaha	ES Isolation	54,750
HP-4c	HOPE Services	HP	HP	291,479
HP-4a	HOPE Services	RRH	RRH	779,812
HP-8	BAY Clinic	Street Outreach	SO	200,000
HP-4c	Catholic Charities	HP Hawaii Island	HP	600,000
			<b>TOTAL HAWAII ISLAND</b>	<b>3,418,541</b>



# HALE HANAKAHI - HILO





# KA LAMAKU - KONA



# MAUI:

Activity	Organization	Project Name	Component	Total
HP-8	Care Hawaii	Street Outreach Maui	SO	250,000
HP-4c	Catholic Charities	HP Maui	HP	300,000
HP-1	Family Life Ctr	Pallet Shelters Maui	ES – Temp	1,200,000
HP-4a	Family Life Ctr	RRH Maui	RRH	1,000,000
HP-4c	Family Life Ctr	HP Maui	HP	518,541
HP-1	KHAKO	ES Westside	ES	75,000
HP-1	KHAKO	ES Central	ES	75,000
			<b>TOTAL MAUI</b>	<b>3,418,541</b>



# WAHI HOOMALU O WAILUKU – PALLET SHELTER



# V. New Business – HPHA/DHHL Updates

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HAWAII PUBLIC  
HOUSING AUTHORITY





# HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY



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## HPHA – COVID-19 – Overview

- On March 4, 2020, Governor David Ige declared an emergency in the State of Hawaii. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control determined and monitored an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus that is commonly identified as COVID-19. Additionally, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided direct and immediately available funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus, including to maintain normal operations and to take other necessary actions during the period impacted by coronavirus for the Federal Public Housing Program and the Federal Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program.



# HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing

The HPHA took the following steps in using HUD CARES funds to ensure that the elderly, disabled and children of public housing families could protect themselves and combat COVID-19:

- Distributed tens of thousands of staff-made reusable cloth and commercial face coverings.
- Distributed cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer to families that tested positive.
- Implemented direct deposit for rent payments.
- Implemented Hawaii Administrative Emergency Rules to protect public housing communities.
- Worked expeditiously to focus on repairing vacant units and moved in over 247 families.
- Coordinated with the City and County of Honolulu and the Lt. Governor with “surge testing”.
- Utilized HUD Waivers to delay annual unit inspections to reduce person to person contact.
- Allowed tenants to request interim recertifications due to loss of income.
- Created a new website to provide COVID-19 information to the public:  
[www.hphaishereforyou.org](http://www.hphaishereforyou.org)

# HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing

- Launched free Wi-Fi at ten sites to encourage distance learning and tele-health:

Property	Address		# units
Waipahu I	94-111 Pupuole St.	Waipahu	19
Waipahu II	94-132 Pupupuhi St.	Waipahu	20
Punahale Homes	Lokahi Pl.	Hilo	30
Kekaha Ha'aheo	8238 Iwipolena Rd.	Kekaha	78
Eleele Homes	Ahe St.	Eleele	24
David Malo Circle	Mill St	Lahaina	18
Koolau Village	45-1027 Kamau Pl.	Kaneohe	80
Kaneohe Apartments	45-507 & 45-513 Pahia Rd.	Kaneohe	24
Waimanalo Homes	Humuniki St. & Humuna Pl.	Waimanalo	19
Waimanalo Homes II	Humuniki St. & Humuna Pl.	Waimanalo	22

## HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing – Outreach

- The HPHA worked hand-in-hand with the Hawaii State Department of Health Public Health Nurses and the Hawaii National Guard to conduct COVID-19 Outreach events at the Agency's larger public housing properties.
- Teams of nurses, doctors, guard members and interpreters canvass the properties and talk to residents and hand out flyers in English and other translated languages to educate the community about the COVID-19 virus.
- Mainly educational in nature, the teams show people how they can stay safe and healthy, but also test anyone in the household that has flu-like symptoms. Below is a list of COVID-19 Outreach events on the island of Oahu and the island of Hawaii that covered 23 properties and over 2,400 units:

# HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing – Outreach

## Oahu

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| • Kalihi Valley Homes | May 15, 2020      |
| • Palolo Valley Homes | May 28, 2020      |
| • Mayor Wright Homes  | June 9, 2020      |
| • KPT Low-Rise        | June 24, 2020     |
| • Kuhio Homes         | June 24, 2020     |
| • Kauhale Nani        | July 9, 2020      |
| • Wahiawa Terrace     | July 9, 2020      |
| • Kamehameha Homes    | July 20, 2020     |
| • Kaahumanu Homes     | July 20, 2020     |
| • Nanakuli Homes      | July 24, 2020     |
| • Maili I & II        | July 24, 2020     |
| • Kauioalani          | July 24, 2020     |
| • Waimaha Sunflower   | July 24, 2020     |
| • Puuwai Momi         | September 4, 2020 |





# HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing – Outreach

## Hawaii Island

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|------------------|--------------------|
| • Lanakila Homes | August 26, 2020    |
| • Lokahi         | September 4, 2020  |
| • Punahale Homes | September 4, 2020  |
| • Hale Olaloa    | September 23, 2020 |
| • Pomaikai Homes | September 30, 2020 |
| • Kahale Kahaluu | October 28, 2020   |
| • Ke Kumu `Ekalu | October 29, 2020   |
| • Ke Kumu Elua   | October 29, 2020   |



## HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing Vaccination Coordination

- The HPHA is working with the State Department of Health, State Executive Office on Aging, City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services Elderly Affairs Division, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Hawaii Public Health Institute, Project Vision, Hawaii Pacific Health Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente, Queens Medical Center, 5 Minute Pharmacy, Pharmacare, Times Pharmacy, Papa Ola Lokahi, Kamehameha Schools, and other non-profit groups to conduct COVID-19 vaccination clinics at our public housing properties.
- The elderly and disabled tenants will be addressed first, with the hopes of conducting vaccination clinics at all HPHA properties when the State Department of Health provides authorization. Teams of nurses, doctors, volunteers, and interpreters will canvass the properties to sign up and register HPHA tenants to get vaccinated and return in 3-4 weeks to administer a second vaccination clinic.

# HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing Vaccination Coordination

Below is a list of COVID-19 vaccination clinics that have been tentatively scheduled:

March 16, 2021

AMP 34 (Kalakaua Homes, Makua Alii, Paokalani)

March 18, 2021

Kamalu and Ho'olulu (Waipahu)

March 20, 2021

La'iola (Wahiawa)



## HPHA – COVID-19 – Section 8 – “Lease In Place”

- The HPHA Board of Directors adopted, and Governor David Y. Ige approved, Hawaii Administrative Emergency Rules to allow for immediate interim rent adjustments due to loss of income, increased the payment standard, provide exemptions from late fees, and to select applicants through a lottery system for the Section 8 program.
- The HPHA also established a new preference for families to “Lease in Place” and opened the Section 8 waitlist with a goal to provide 750 families with a Section 8 voucher. The HPHA held numerous “drive thru” events where eligible families could drop off their application documents to a Specialist who did an initial review and was successful in enrolling **838** families into the Section 8 program.





## HPHA – COVID-19 – Section 8 – “Mainstream”

- The Section 8 Mainstream program provides funding to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities, particularly those who are transitioning out of institutional or other separated settings; at serious risk of institutionalization; currently experiencing homelessness; previously experienced homelessness and currently a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project; or at risk of becoming homeless.
- This program helps to further the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act by helping persons with disabilities live in the most integrated setting. The program also encourages partnerships with health and human service agencies with a demonstrated capacity to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community.
- The HPHA established a new preference for families with a member who has a disability and is at least eighteen but not yet sixty-two.

## HPHA – COVID-19 – Section 8 – “Mainstream”

The waiting list open for applicants to apply for the Section 8 Mainstream program on:

**March 22, 2021 – March 26, 2021**

The advertisement and online training power point presentation can be found at:

[www.hphaishereforyou.org](http://www.hphaishereforyou.org)

# HPHA – COVID-19 – Aloha Cares Emergency Feeding Program

- The Hawaii State Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) reached out to the HPHA a month before FEMA funds were to lapse, and after HIEMA was unsuccessful in securing a State Department or nonprofit to assist with short notice.
- The HPHA agreed and helped to keep the funds in Hawaii resulting in feeding approximately half a million meals to the elderly and disabled. The HPHA is grateful for the smooth transition of the feeding program to a nonprofit.





# HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Servants

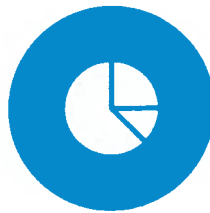
- At the heart of the HPHA, I am proud and inspired by the way the HPHA's public servants have risen to the challenge brought by COVID-19 through flexibility, resilience, courage and caring hearts. Our hard-working public servants never stopped working to continue to serve our most disadvantaged families than we have in past years, with additional health and safety protocols, and their commitment to providing permanent housing to those in need makes all the difference.





# VI. Continuing Business – Fiscal Mapping

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COMPILE **SYSTEM-LEVEL DATA** ACROSS  
FUNDING SOURCES AND PROGRAM  
TYPES



IDENTIFY **SERVICE GAPS, OVERLAP,**  
AND **AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY**



RECOGNIZE **TIME-LIMITED FUNDING**  
**STREAMS** AND **PROJECTED IMPACT** ON  
SYSTEM



# Statewide Homeless Services Fiscal Map

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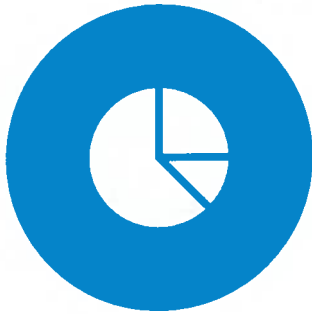


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# Purpose of Statewide Fiscal Map

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# Core Homeless Programs

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- Programs exclusively serving people experiencing homelessness or people who are at-risk of homelessness
  - Literal or at-risk homelessness (HUD definition) is a requirement for participation in the program
  - Does not include public benefit programs, public housing, or other programs for which homelessness is not an eligibility requirement
- Programs under contract and/or operating during FY21
  - Funding may be from an earlier FY (e.g. HUD CoC funds)
- Recurring funding sources
  - Generally, these funding sources are available on an ongoing basis
  - Does not include pilot projects or one-time funding allocations that have not been extended
- Government funder-reported data as of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Subcontracts or memoranda of agreement between providers may not be reflected



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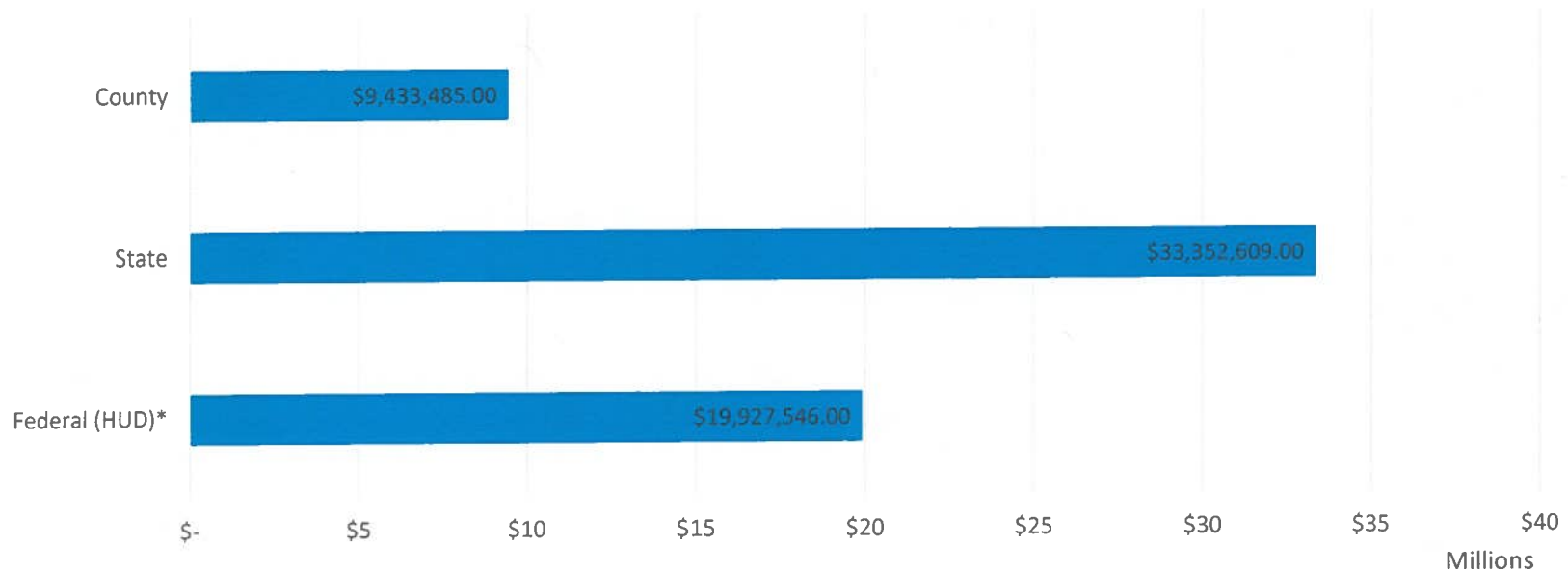
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# Core Homeless Program Contracts by Source

(As of December 2020)

FY21 Homeless Program Contract Amounts



*\*Federal funding sources other than the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be included as they become available.*



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# Core Homeless Program Contracts by Region

(As of December 2020)



**HONOLULU**  
\$44,100,961



**MAUI**  
\$5,470,339



**HAWAII**  
\$6,602,950



**KAUAI**  
\$1,179,051

**NEIGHBOR ISLANDS\*:** \$699,129

**STATEWIDE\*:** \$4,661,210

**TOTAL REPORTED:** \$62,713,640

*\*These amounts are specific program contracts serving the entire state or the counties of Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai.*



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# Core Program Types by Funding Source

(As of December 2020)



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# EVICTIION AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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## EVICTIION PREVENTION

Target demographic may not be required to meet HUD's homeless/at-risk of homelessness definitions

For COVID-19 eviction prevention, income limits are generally higher (80% AMI – 100% AMI)

For COVID-19 eviction prevention, generally must demonstrate loss of income due to COVID-19

May include mortgage and HOA assistance

## HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Eligibility subject to HUD homeless/at-risk of homelessness definitions (waivers may apply)

Lower income limits (30% AMI – 50% AMI)

May not need to demonstrate direct financial impact due to COVID-19

Generally more restrictions on eligible costs and required activities, outcome measures, etc.



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# COVID-19 EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS - 2021

*Funding source: U.S. Department of Labor, Community Services Block Grant (CARES Supplement)*

Agency Name	Total Amount Available	Rental Assistance?	Mortgage Assistance?	Utility Assistance?	County	Notes
Honolulu Community Action Program	\$2,640,352	Yes	Yes	Yes	Honolulu	
Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council	\$1,080,603	Yes	Yes	Yes	Hawaii	
Maui Economic Opportunity	\$615,172	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maui	
Kauai Economic Opportunity	\$363,873	No	No	Yes	Kauai	



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# COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Funding Source	Program/Agency Name	Amount	County	Notes
ESG-CV-1	Family Promise of Hawaii	\$164,948	Honolulu	
ESG-CV-1	The Salvation Army	\$285,728	Honolulu	
ESG-CV-1	Institute for Human Services	\$310,828	Honolulu	Might have expended all funds
HOPWA-CV-1	Gregory House Programs	\$76,114	Honolulu	Must be eligible for HIV/AIDS services
CDBG-CV-1	TEAM WorkHawaii	\$1,000,000	Honolulu	Specifically targeting recently unemployed and early released detainees
ESG-CV-1	Family Life Center	\$451,152	Maui	
ESG-CV-1	HOPE Services	\$36,934	Hawaii	
CDBG-CV-1	HOPE Services	\$300,000	Hawaii	
ESG-CV-1	Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$51,015	Kauai	



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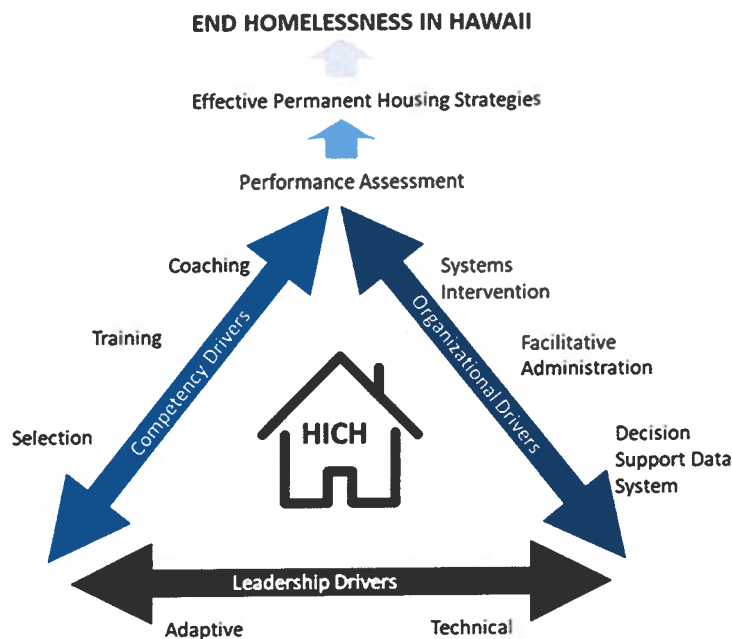
# COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Funding Source	Program/Agency Name	Amount	County	Notes
ESG-CV-1	Family Life Center	\$92,801	Kauai	
ESG-CV-2	Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$600,000	Hawaii	
ESG-CV-2	Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$348,000	Kauai	
ESG-CV-2	Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$300,000	Maui	
ESG-CV-2	Family Life Center	\$150,000	Kauai	
ESG-CV-2	Family Life Center	\$518,541	Maui	
ESG-CV-2	HOPE Services	\$291,479	Hawaii	
ESG-CV-2	YWCA	\$31,915	Kauai	
ESG-CV-2	Department of Community Services	\$1,146,140	Honolulu	



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## VII. Permitted Interaction Group



- Continuing to solicit feedback on development of draft ten-year plan for 2021-2031.
- Initial draft based on feedback from efforts to implement current plan, as well as efforts from early Ohana Zone evaluation.
- Need to align with efforts of the four counties and the two CoCs – Consider new leadership and federal priorities.
- Invest in strengthening the capacity of our ***housing-focused system***.
  - Leadership capacity.
  - Training and strengthening core competencies.
  - Build capacity for data-driven decision making.





# VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report – HICH Performance Metrics (March 2021)

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The following four performance benchmarks are used to evaluate the implementation of the Hawaii State Framework to Address Homelessness and ten-year strategic plan to end homelessness:



## COUNT

Number of people experiencing homelessness according to the statewide Point in Time Count.

**6,458 people**  
(2020 PIT Count)



## CAPACITY

Number of permanent housing beds for people experiencing homelessness in Hawaii.

**3,744 beds**  
(2020 HIC Inventory)



## HOUSING PLACEMENTS

The percentage of people exiting a homeless program that are placed into permanent housing.

**58%**  
(January 2021)



## LENGTH OF STAY

The average number of days a person is enrolled in a homeless program, such as shelter.

**179 days**  
(January 2021)



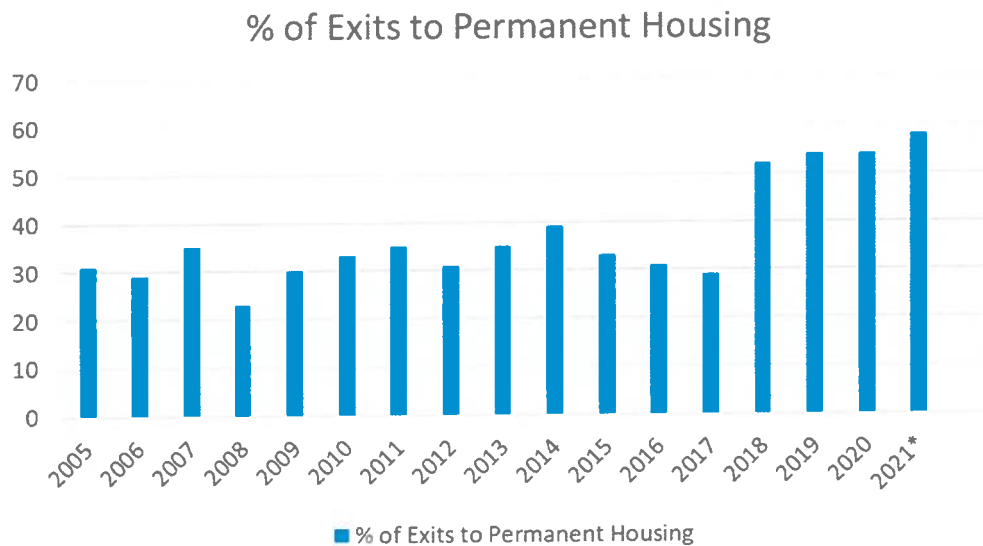
## VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report – HICH Performance Metrics (March 2021) cont.

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- ☐ No unsheltered PIT count due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- ☐ Housing Inventory Count typically not available until later in the year.
- ☐ Consider other methods to get unsheltered estimates?



## VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report – HICH Performance Metrics (March 2021) cont.



- Housing placements continued at a high rate during the pandemic.
- Rate of housing placement remained level between 2019 and 2020.
- Rate of placement continues to be higher on neighbor islands compared to Oahu.
- In January 2021, housing placement rate is 58% statewide.



## VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report – HICH Performance Metrics (March 2021) cont.

### Average Length of Stay in Emergency Shelter

	Oahu	Maui	Kauai	Hawaii Island
<b>2017</b>	103 days	55 days	85 days	72 days
<b>2018</b>	103 days	110 days	103 days	78 days
<b>2019</b>	108 days	96 days	94 days	81 days
<b>2020</b>	118 days	94 days	73 days	100 days
<b>2021 (Jan only)</b>	127 days	94 days	3 days*	65 days

- Goal is 90 days to exit from emergency shelter stay.
- Length of stay fluctuates by island, but tends to be longer on Oahu vs. Neighbor Islands.
- Length of stay may be impacted by limited housing inventory and housing resources.
- \*Kauai data based on 1 exit in Jan 2021.





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**Average Length of Stay in Transitional Shelter**

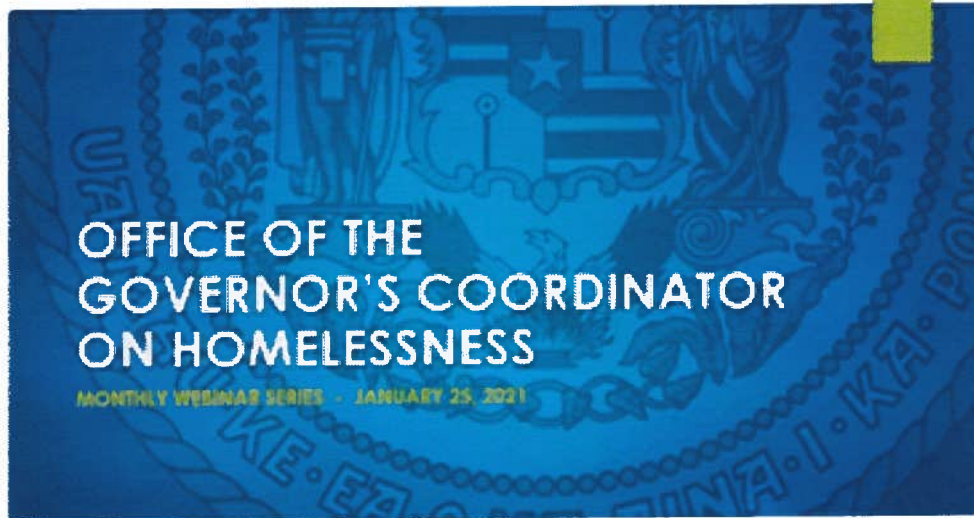
	Oahu	Maui	Kauai	Hawaii Island
<b>2017</b>	288 days	110 days	150 days	363 days
<b>2018</b>	290 days	187 days	226 days	305 days
<b>2019</b>	299 days	116 days	322 days	322 days
<b>2020</b>	356 days	182 days	190 days	346 days
<b>2021 (Jan only)</b>	538 days	N/A	N/A	N/A

- Goal is 120 days to exit from transitional shelter stay.
- Length of stay fluctuates by island, but tends to be longer on Oahu and Hawaii island.
- Length of stay may be impacted by limited housing inventory and housing resources.
- No exits from TH for Hawaii, Kauai, or Maui in Jan. 2021.



## VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report cont.

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- Monthly webinars launched in January 2021.
- In March 2021, we will begin to co-brand webinars with the two CoCs, and work together with them to identify topics of interest.
- To view previous sessions, visit:  
<https://homelessness.Hawaii.gov/monthly-webinars>.



## VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report cont.



- Developed infographics to assist in navigating the legislative process.
- Convene weekly Friday meetings with both CoCs to encourage discussion on issues related to legislative advocacy at State and federal level.
- To view infographics, visit:  
<http://homelessness.hawaii.gov/main/2021-legislative-priorities/>.



## VIII.b. Written Reports from Council

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### ☐ **PSD (Public Safety)**

- Continues to work with DOH on referrals to the Hawaii CARES program.
- As part of PSD re-entry efforts, recently entered into MOA with HDOT on issuance of State ID cards to inmates being released into community.
- Working with City & County of Honolulu Dept. of Customer Services on completing similar MOA to allow the City to process applications for State ID for inmates being released, and for PSD to obtain and securely store ID cards to issue them to inmates as part of release process.

### ☐ **DLIR (Labor & Industrial Relations)**

- Recently applied to U.S. Department of Labor to expand its capacity to incentivize employers to hire ex-offenders, including individuals requiring from opioid and drug addiction, through the purchase of fidelity bonds for the Federal Bonding Program (FBP).
- Office of Community Services received CARES Act funds through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program.
- Office of Community Services continues to work with Dynamic Community Solutions (DCS) on their 2019 CIP Grant-in-Aid related to the Puuhonua O Waianae.





## VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

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### DOH (Health)

- Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) launched a crisis stabilization bed program in December 2020 on Oahu, which provides access to 24/7 crisis stabilization by experienced and skilled staff. Individuals can be admitted to stabilization beds by calling the Hawaii CARES line (808-832-3100) – those calling includes law enforcement, hospital Ers, providers, and individuals directly seeking help. If eligible, admission may occur within a very short time frame (e.g. less than an hour)
- AMHD completed the first Virtual Hawaii Peer Specialists training – Ten (10) neighbor island individuals successfully completed the course.
- AMHD received a grant to allow Peer Specialists to be trained and do paid internships. They will be trained to work with homeless individuals, especially those with substance use and mental illness.
- Queen’s Medical Center began providing Mental Health Emergency Worker (MHEW) services on December 31, 2019. The MHEW can determine if the individuals is suffering from a behavioral health illness and is imminently dangerous to themselves or others and can authorize involuntary transportation to a licensed psychiatric facility for further evaluation, a process known as “MH-1.” As of February 2021, QMC has received **4,087 calls** for which they have provided MHEW services for.



## VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

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### DOH (Health) cont.

- AMHD homeless outreach providers continue to provide outreach statewide with contracted providers increasing their staff. Homeless outreach have increased certified SOAR case managers SSI/SSDI applications to increase application approval rates, while continuing to link individuals with appropriate services in community.
- AMHD provides statewide group home and independent housing with various levels of care for **693 consumers statewide**. The level of housing services are 24-hours, 8-16 hour, Semi-independent, and Supported Housing, including:
  - Total Bed Capacity: 701
  - 24-Hour Group Homes: 205
  - 8-16 Hour Group Homes: 260
  - Semi-independent Group Homes: 145
  - Supported Housing: 91



## VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

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### OHA (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)

- Data and Research teams are working with Oahu CoC staff (Wallace) to re-pull additional detailed race data for the PIC 2020 data set – This will provide a more accurate picture of Native Hawaiians experiencing houselessness and Pacific Islanders experiencing houselessness in order to support research and advocacy efforts.
- OHA plans to re-release their emergency financial assistance grant soon, which provides funds for mortgage, rent, rent deposit, and utility payments.
- Grant information is available at <https://oha.org/grants>. The following program grants have been released and can be used to address issues associated with houselessness:
  - Solicitation No. OHA 21-03, Homestead Community Grant (\$250,000)
  - Solicitation No. OHA 21-04, COVID-19 Impact and Response (\$1,670,000)
  - Solicitation No. OHA 21-05, Ohana & Community Based Program (\$1,250,000)
  - Solicitation No. OHA 21-06, Kulia (\$500,000)



## VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

### **County of Kauai**

- In February, County announced plans to discontinue Shelter in Place camping permit program, with the following closure schedule:
  - 'Anini and Anahola Beach Parks – March 31, 2021
  - Lucy Wright Beach Park – April 30, 2021
  - Lydgate Beach Park – May 31, 2021
  - Salt Pond Beach Park – June 30, 2021
- County Housing Agency has organized homeless outreach events islandwide:
  - 'Anini Beach Park – Monday, March 8, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - Lucy Wright Beach Park – Thursday, April 8, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - Lydgate Beach Park – Tuesday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - Salt Pond Beach Park – Thursday, June 3, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Vaccine distribution has begun for the homeless population in partnership with DOH, Ho'ola Lahui, and Malama Pono Health Services.
- County released an RFP for a \$22M Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to eligible households. The RFP ended on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and selection is anticipated by March 19<sup>th</sup>.





## VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

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### County of Maui

- **Coordinated Entry System (CES)** – Continues to work and problem solve with participating agencies to address individuals and families not being referred via the CES automated system for a variety of reasons. Case conferences are held to address these types of matters. MHK Maui recently has been more active in CES and has been trained to administer VI-SPDATs and to be an access point.
- **Compassionate Responses (Encampment clean-up)** – Several areas in West Maui were addressed in February 2021, including a cemetery near Mala Wharf in Lahaina. Two weeks prior to clean-up, outreach made numerous encounters to offer services and shelter. A few displaced families subsequently entered emergency shelter.
- **Huliau Ohana Zone Project (Maui Dorms)** – The twelve 2-BR unit project is nearly finished construction. Units are set for occupancy in early April 2021. Hale Mahaolu will provide property management and Family Life Center will provide case management.
- **Wahi Hoomalu O Wailuku (Pallet Homes)** – The project was set to end in March 2021, but there is now consideration to extend the program. Family Life Center and the county are partnering to possibly replicate the project in different areas within Maui County. If replicated, the projects would be short-term emergency shelter with a very strong focus on permanent housing placement.



## VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

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### **Oahu CoC (Partners in Care)**

- **PIT Count 2021**– No unsheltered count. Sheltered count was conducted and results will be shared when complete. Surveys were also conducted in the university system, substance abuse treatment centers, and the hospital system – these special counts will not be reported to HUD, but will provide an indication of need.
- **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)** – All projects within YHDP have been started and are moving quickly. PIC will evaluate progress on a quarterly basis over the 2-year grant cycle.
- **HUD NOFA**– The 2020 NOFA was canceled by HUD, and all projects awarded in 2019 NOFA cycle were renewed. PIC is preparing for 2021 NOFA competition, this includes monitoring and evaluation for current programs that will be part of the 2021 NOFA.
- **Landlord Engagement Program**– Two new LEP specialists were added by the City through a contract extension. In addition, a new veteran specific LEP grant by Kaiser Permanente will provide two additional new LEP specialists. PIC is also in process of receiving a grant from Harold K.L. Castle Foundation for one more LEP specialist that will focus on Windward Oahu.
- **CARES Funding** – PIC shared this information earlier in this meeting (see presentation).
- **New Nonprofit Board of Directors** – The nonprofit BOD has been selected and will have first meeting in late March. This will enable the CoC Board to focus on program planning and advocacy.



## X. Topics for Upcoming Meetings

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Please contact Homelessness Assistant Justin Limasa at **(808) 586-0193** or [\*\*gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov\*\*](mailto:gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov) with any suggestions for upcoming meeting topics.



## X. Executive Session

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Pursuant to H.R.S. §92-7(a), the Council may, when deemed necessary, hold an Executive Session on any agenda item without the written public notice if the Executive Session was not anticipated in advance. Any such Executive Session shall be held pursuant to H.R.S. §92-4 and shall be limited to those items described in H.R.S. §92-5(a). Discussions held in Executive Session are closed to the public.





## XI. Meeting Schedule

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- Monday, June 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Monday, September 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Monday, December 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.



## XI. Adjourn

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- Thank you for your participation.
- If you have any questions, please contact **(808) 586-0193** or e-mail [gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov](mailto:gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov).

