



# Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness

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NOVEMBER 21, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. HST

# General Housekeeping Items

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# II. Overview and Approval of Agenda

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## ☐ Approval of September Meeting Minutes.

## ☐ New Business

1. Discussion regarding Housing First and Community First approaches to ending homelessness, including lessons learned from other communities and from evaluation of local efforts.
  - a) Presentation by HomeAid Hawaii.
  - b) Presentation by Hawaii Housing Affordability Coalition.
  - c) Presentation by Anna Pruitt, PhD regarding City & County of Honolulu Housing First Increment IV.
2. Discussion regarding advocacy priorities for the 2023 State legislative session and advocacy at the County Council level for calendar year 2023. **(Voting Item)**
3. Discussion regarding annual Point in Time (PIT) count for 2023.

## ☐ Continuing Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding revisions to the Hawaii State Framework to Address Homelessness and ten-year strategic plan.

## ☐ General Announcements



# III. Approval of Minutes

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- ☐ Review and approve minutes for the September 19, 2022 regular meeting.
- ☐ Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/hich/agenda-and-minutes/>



# IV. Public Testimony

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# V.a.i. New Business

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Presentation by HomeAid Hawaii and partners about their recent visit to the Community First! Village in Austin, Texas and the Community First approach.



## V.a.ii. New Business

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Presentation by the Hawaii Housing Affordability Coalition on recent learnings from travel to Finland, and lessons that will inform advocacy related to housing and the Housing First approach.

***NOTE: This item will be moved to later in the agenda to accommodate the HiHAC and previously scheduled commitments.***





## V.a.iii. New Business

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Presentation by Anna Pruitt, PhD from the University of Hawaii at Manoa regarding an evaluation for the City & County of Honolulu of the Housing First Increment IV program, including the use of Ohana Zones pilot program funds to support this increment of Housing First.

**Link: <https://www.Honolulu.gov/cms-dcs-menu/site-dcs-sitearticles/1661-cbdd-home-mm.html>.**



## ABOUT HOUSING FIRST IV

This evaluation report examines program implementation and progress for the City & County of Honolulu's Housing First IV (HF IV) initiative between March 2020 and July 31, 2022. Funded by 'Ohana Zone monies, HF IV includes four subprograms serving distinct subpopulations on O'ahu: youth, LGBTQ+, kupuna (60+ years of age), domestic violence (DV) survivors. The initiative funds two single-site locations and two scattered-site subprograms, providing housing vouchers & case management.



### HALE KIPA: YOUTH

Agency: Hale Kipa  
Site: Scattered  
# Vouchers: 10



### KUMUWAI: KUPUNA

Agency: WORK Hawai'i Division  
Site: Kumuwai  
# Vouchers: 20



### HHHRC: LGBTQ+

Agency: Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction  
Site: Scattered  
# Vouchers: 10



### HALE MAHULIA: DV SURVIVORS

Agency: Domestic Violence & Action Center  
Site: Hale Mahulia  
# Vouchers: 20

## **HIGH HOUSING RETENTION RATES, LOW NUMBERS**

The HF Initiative has served 152 clients, 95 adults and 57 children since March 2020. About a third of adult clients have exited, the majority to permanent housing.

Overall, the HF IV Initiative shows a high housing retention rate at 97%, well above the national average of 85%. Each program also has a high housing retention above the national average:

- HKIPA: 92%
- HHHRC: 100%
- Kumuwai: 92%
- DVAC: 100%.

While the number of people served overall maybe low, particularly for scattered-site programs, this high retention rate suggests the potential for multiple small intensive PSH projects tailored to specific populations to be effective approaches to homelessness.

## **SCATTERED-SITE OR SINGLE-SITE?**

Compared to scattered-site, single-site subprograms have served more people, have reported quicker start-up, and have moved the most people into other permanent housing. However, the differences between the program types may have less to do with the type of housing and more to do with the different populations. Scattered-site subprograms have difficulty finding eligible clients that fit the narrow definitions of the target populations, which comprise smaller percentages of the overall homeless population. For example, youth & LGBTQ+ comprise 5% & 6% of the homeless population, respectively; while, kupuna & DV survivors comprise 10% & 11%. More research is needed to understand what program types best suit which populations.

## **SUB-POPULATIONS SERVED--FILLING A GAP**

In general, the HF IV subprograms' clients reflect the demographics of their target subpopulations, suggesting racial and gender equity in service provision and that the subprograms are operating as intended. While HHHRC clients tended to disproportionately identify as White, male, and non-Hispanic and were not exclusively LGBTQ+ as intended, these clients were the most vulnerable of all four subprograms' clients, suggesting that the program is fitting an important need in the system.



## **POTENTIAL COST-SAVINGS & HELP FOR MOST VULNERABLE**

Clients across subprograms demonstrate high vulnerability and usage of emergency and homelessness services prior to enrollment in HF IV. Given the estimated costs of these services and the cost of the HF IV program, there is potential for substantial costs savings over years of implementation, even with small numbers of clients. High housing retention rates across all subprograms suggests that small programs providing intensive services targeting specific vulnerable subpopulations may be an effective approach to filling gaps within the homeless service system.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on findings, evaluators make the following recommendations:

- Consider expanding 'Ohana Zone monies to fund kauhale-style permanent supportive housing.
- Consider expanding the kumuwai model for additional kupuna housing
- Don't discount small scattered-site programs
- Consider conducting a needs assessment with subpopulations served

## V.b. New Business

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Discussion regarding advocacy priorities for the 2023 State legislative session and advocacy at the County Council level for calendar year 2023.







# Looking Ahead to the 2023 State Legislative Session



Presented by:

Bob Wardlaw, PIC Advocacy Chair & Project Vision Hawai'i

Kristen Alice, CAP Advocacy Chair & HOPE Services

Cheryl Bellisario, Office on Homelessness & Housing Solutions



# The 2023 Hawai'i State Legislative Session is right around the corner!

It is that time of year again to look forward to what general legislative areas the Council will be supporting.

The screenshot shows the official website of the Hawai'i State Legislature. The header features the state seal, the text "31st LEGISLATURE, 2022", and the name "Hawai'i State Legislature" with its Hawaiian name "Ka 'Aha'olelo Moku'āina 'O Hawai'i". Navigation links include "LEGISLATURE", "EVENTS", "PARTICIPATE", "LAWS & RESEARCH", and "HELP & INFO". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main banner displays a photograph of the State Capitol building with the text "Aloha! Welcome to the Hawai'i State Legislature." Below the banner are four interactive tiles: "My Legislature" (submit testimony, track measures), "Hearings" (view list of current and upcoming hearings), "Live & On-Demand Video" (view live and on-demand videos), and "Reports & Lists" (lookup current and past legislative reports). Each tile has a "View" button. At the bottom, an "Announcements" section provides information about public access to the State Capitol, including building hours, face mask requirements, and parking information. It also includes a link to a comprehensive guide for the Public Access Room and a note that policies are subject to change based on evolving COVID-19 guidelines.

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1.

Increase housing stock,  
including supportive housing  
and non-traditional housing  
such as Kauhale for people  
experiencing homelessness

2.

Keep people housed & sustain existing services, including maintaining funding for core homeless services

3.

Provide quality services for individuals, especially those with the most urgent needs, by scaling services, increasing access to programs for higher needs populations, and paying workers a living wage



Don't forget to show your support for homelessness & housing programs through the sign-on letter to the Legislature by 11/23!

<https://forms.office.com/r/C29SB9CVaE>



Thank you!



# V.c. New Business

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Discussion of the annual Point in Time (PIT) count of people experiencing homelessness that will be conducted by the Continuum of Care in 2023, including presentations by Partners in Care and Bridging the Gap.



# 2023 Point In Time Count





PIT Date

**January 23, 2023**

Reflecting where people spent the  
night on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.



# Overview of PIT count

- The Point In Time (PIT) is mandated by HUD to be completed biennially.
- The results and quality of the PIT process play a role in federal funding.
- Carried out every January in the last 10 days of the month.
- A snapshot of how many individuals are experiencing homelessness in our community on a single day.
- On the local level, Point-In-Time counts help communities plan services and programs to appropriately address local needs, measure progress in decreasing homelessness, and identify strengths and gaps in a community's current plan.



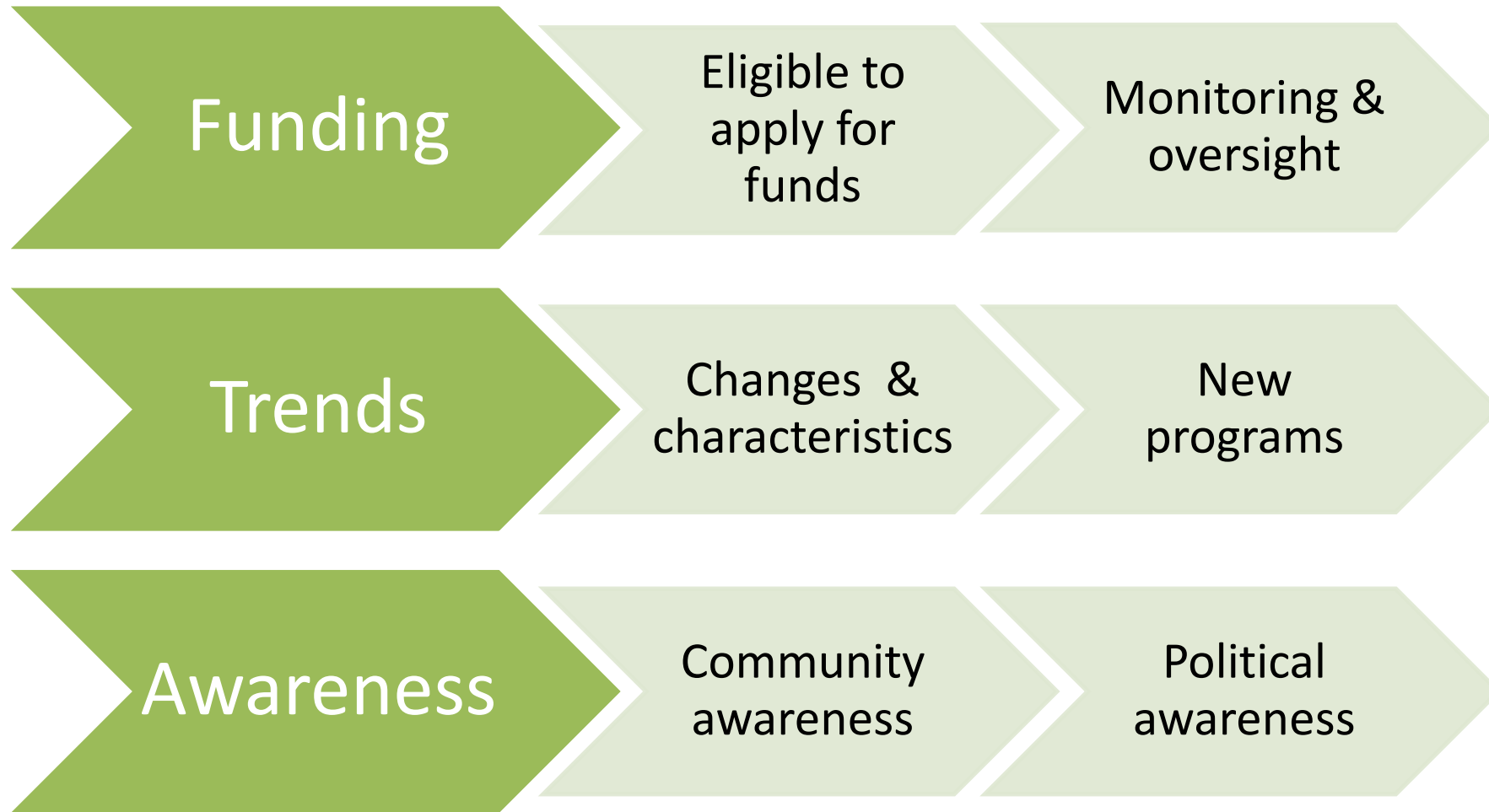
# Survey Tool

# Observation Tool

- There are two web-based tools that will be used during the count
  - Observation Tool
    - Basic demographic information
      - Used only if people refuse to complete full survey, they are sleeping or are in an area that is not safe
  - Survey
    - Full survey with about 30 questions that focus on demographics and reasons behind homelessness



# Why do the PIT?



## WHO TO COUNT

Individuals &  
Families living in:

- Places not meant for human habitation
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- Hotel/Motel paid for by an organization

## WHO NOT TO COUNT

Individuals &  
Families living in:

- Doubled-up situations
- Substandard housing
- Couch surfing
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Hotel/Motel paid for with own funds
- Locations using HUD-VASH vouchers
- Hospitals, treatment centers, jails, institutions, foster care



# Volunteer Roles

- Planning
- Region Headquarters
- Collect Incentives
- Survey
- Survey Support

Speak with your Region Lead about what role is best for you.



# Survey Sample Script

*"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. Would you be willing to take a few minutes to answer some questions? I am helping our community learn more about people experiencing homelessness. Your privacy will be protected and respected. If questions make you uncomfortable, you do not have to answer them."*



# Survey Questions

- Full name & Birthdate
  - This is needed for de-duplication
- Demographics
  - Age, Race, Gender, Sexual Orientation
- Armed Service history
- Length and frequency of homelessness
- Personal information and sensitive questions.





# Report

- HUD Report
- Community Report
  - Includes
    - Demographics from Point In Time Count
    - HMIS information reflecting trends, and services over the prior year
    - Information from non traditional sources such as hospitals, jails, treatment centers
    - Deep dives on sub populations
      - Veterans
      - Hawai`ian, Pacific Islander
      - LGBTQ+



# QUESTIONS?

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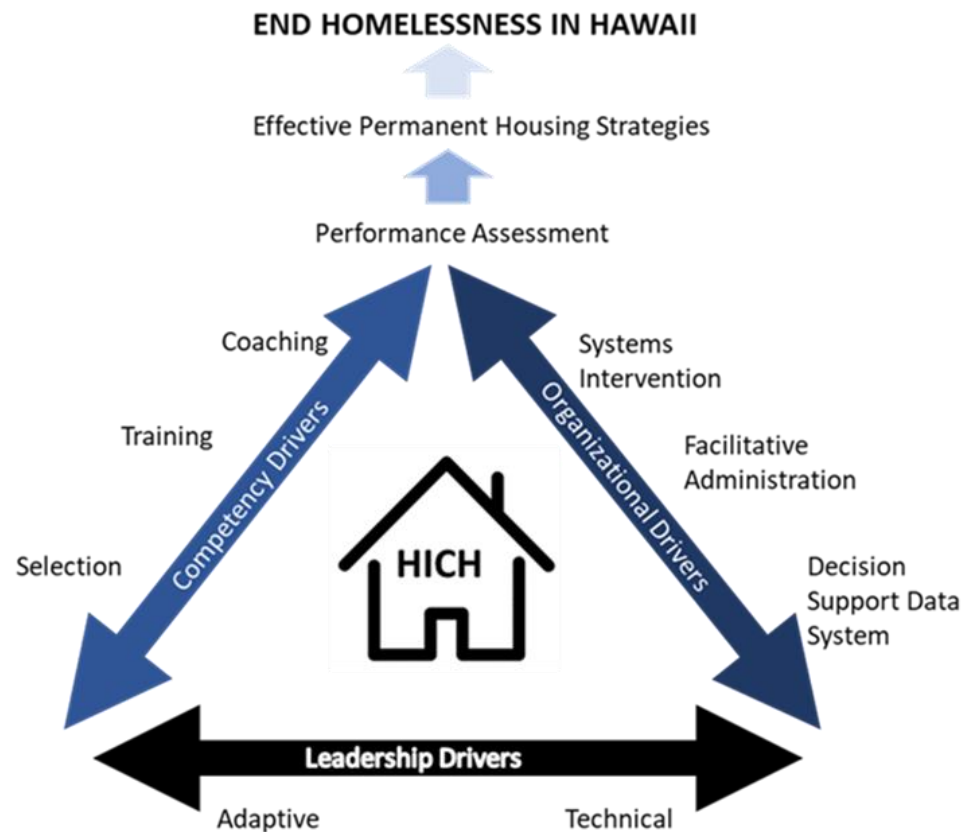
## VI. Continuing Business

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Discussion regarding revisions to the Hawaii State Framework to Address Homelessness and ten-year strategic plan to address homelessness, including specific strategies, tactics, and metrics and examining the intersection between local initiatives and federal initiatives to address homelessness.



# Overview of HICH Strategic Plan



**Leadership Drivers** include supporting local and regional-level plans from the counties and CoC island chapters that feed into the larger HICH plan, and USICH federal strategic plan, specifically:

- Establishing a common understanding and language.
- Keeping a consistent focus on permanent housing as the end goal.
- Reenforcing the need for collaboration and coordination across all levels of the homelessness system.



# Overview of Other Federal and Local Strategic Initiatives

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- U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) is expected to formally release their updated federal strategic plan in December 2022 or early January 2023.
- The following local communities are in the process of updating their local-level strategic plans or in discussions to update local level plans:
  - Maui County
  - Kauai County
  - City & County of Honolulu
  - Oahu Continuum of Care
- As previously discussed, the County of Hawaii recently convened a series of facilitated conversations earlier in 2022 and produced a strategic Road Map to address homelessness in their County.



# VIII.a. Chairperson and Staff Report

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- **Current term ends on December 5, 2022.**

The Chair's term ends in early December. Thank you to the Council members and members of the public for your continued engagement and steadfast commitment to ending homelessness in Hawaii.

- **U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) site visit.**

Last week, the USICH Executive Director and staff visited Hawaii. The visit included meetings with Governor-elect Green and Mayor Blangiardi. USICH also visited a number of sites, including Puuhonua O Waianae, Kamaoku Kauhale, Kahauiki Village, HONU, Sand Island, and had the opportunity to meet and shadow the City's CORE team and homeless outreach/street medicine providers.

- **Supportive Housing Work Group.**

The work group held its final meeting last week Tuesday. SOHHS is working on a case statement/final report of the work group, which will be shared with the Legislature and other stakeholders.

- **October Policy Brief on Understanding Impact of ARPA funds on Homeless Services.**

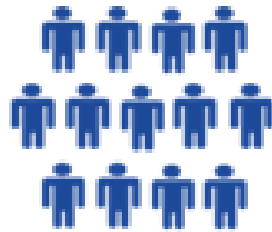
In October, HICH and SOHHS released a policy brief regarding the use of ARPA funds for homeless services. The brief highlighted the need to sustain critical core funding for homeless services in FY24 and beyond.



# HICH Performance Metrics (As of September 30, 2022)

- = Positive change since last period.
- = No change since last period.
- = Negative change since last period.

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.

- **5,973 people**  
(2022 PIT Count)
- **OAHU: 3,951 people**
- **NI: 2,022 people**



## CAPACITY

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

- **4984 PH Beds**  
(2022 HIC Inventory)
- **OAHU: 3687 Beds**
- **NI: 1297 Beds**



## HOUSING PLACEMENTS

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

- **36% Exits to PH**  
(January 2022 – September 2022)
- **OAHU: 33% Exits to PH**
- **NI: 45% Exits to PH**



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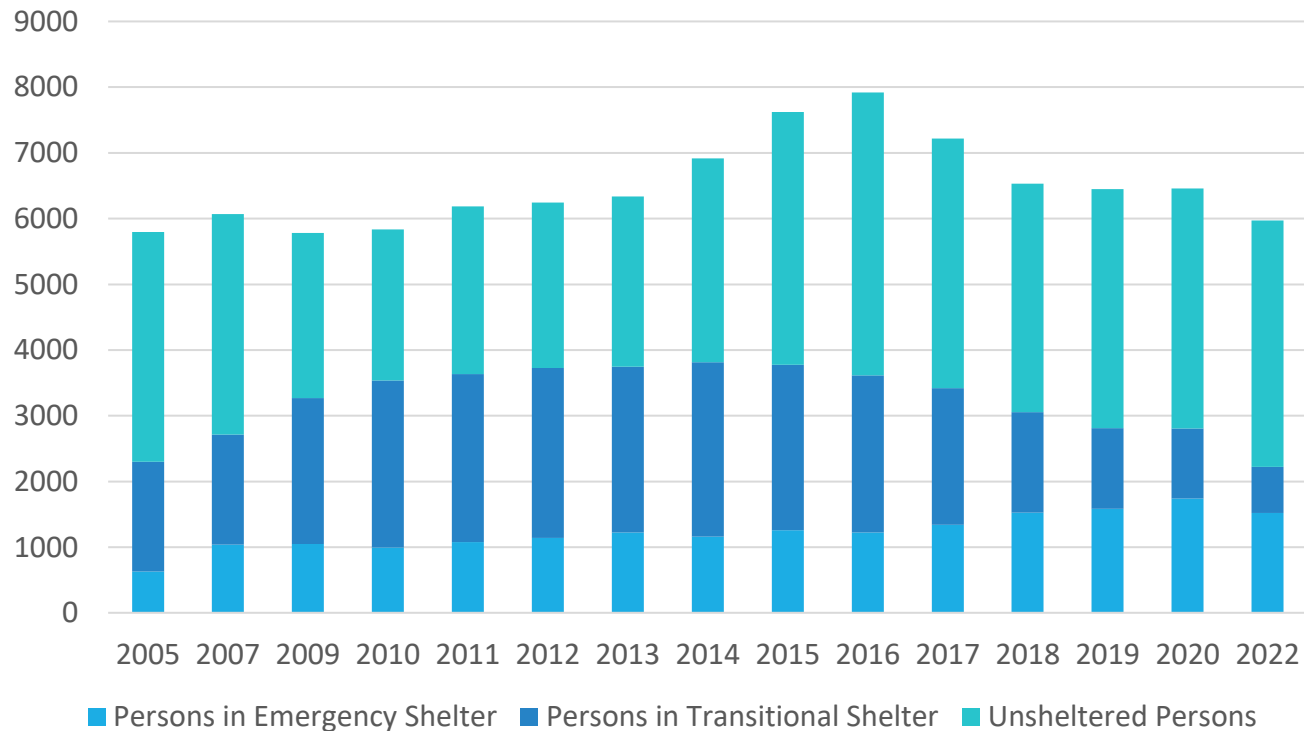
The average number of days a person is enrolled in a homeless program, such as shelter.

- **97 days in ES (Oahu)**
- **86 days in ES (Hawaii)**
- **123 days in ES (Kauai)**
- **151 days in ES (Maui)**

\*For the month of September 2022

# HICH Performance Metrics: PIT Count

2005 – 2022 Point in Time Count

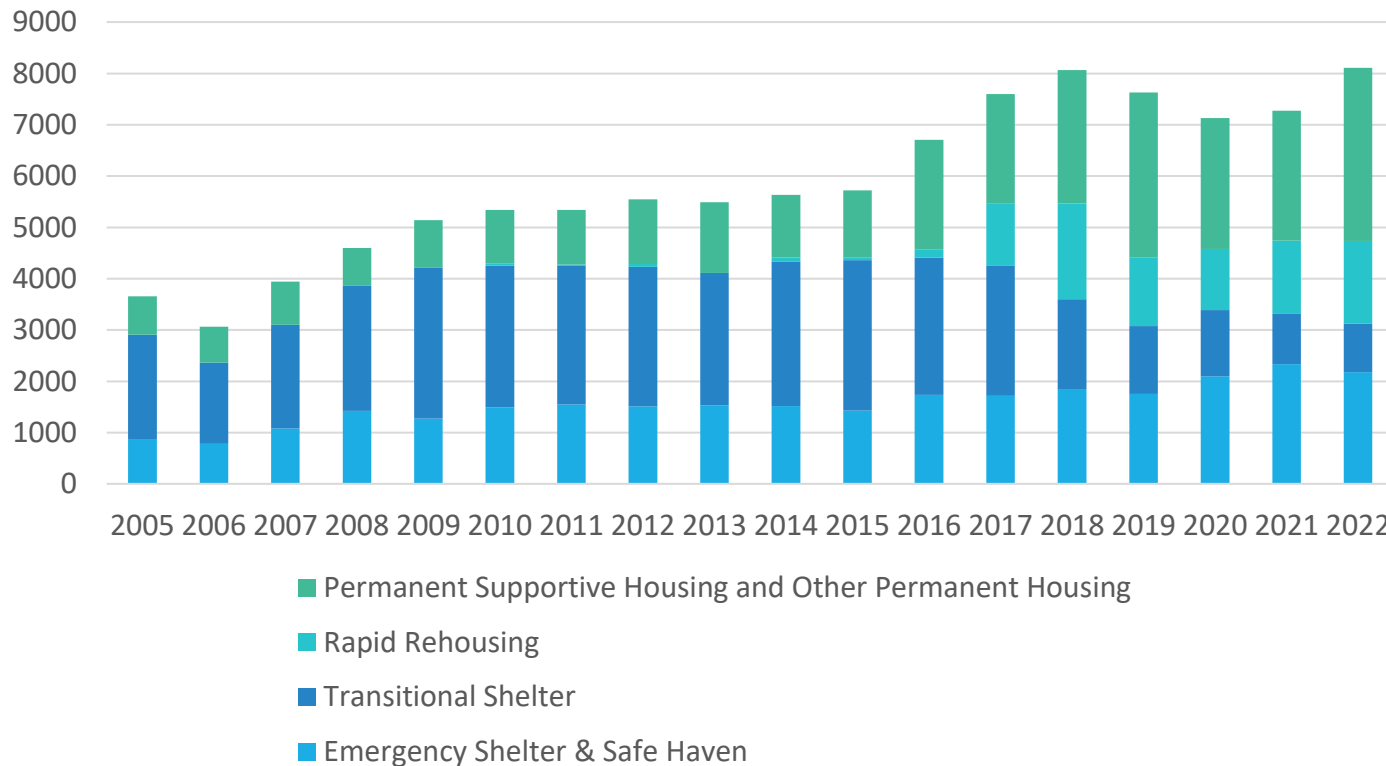


- The 2022 statewide PIT Count was **5,973 individuals** – the lowest statewide count since 2010. This reflected an overall 7.5% *decrease* statewide between 2020 and 2022. During the same time period the following changes occurred on the four main islands:
  - **OAHU** overall count decreased 11.2% (-497)
  - **HAWAII** overall count increased 5% (+40)
  - **KAUAI** overall count increased 4.7% (+20)
  - **MAUI** overall count decreased 6.5% (-48)
- Decreases were primarily driven by decreases in family homelessness, and in sheltered homelessness.
- Increases were driven by increases in unsheltered homelessness, particularly among adult-only households.
- The PIT count has multiple limitations, including changes in methodology over time, differences in methodology between jurisdictions, time and weather limitations, and reliance on volunteers and observational counts.



# HICH Performance Metrics: Housing Inventory Count

2005-2021 Housing Inventory Count



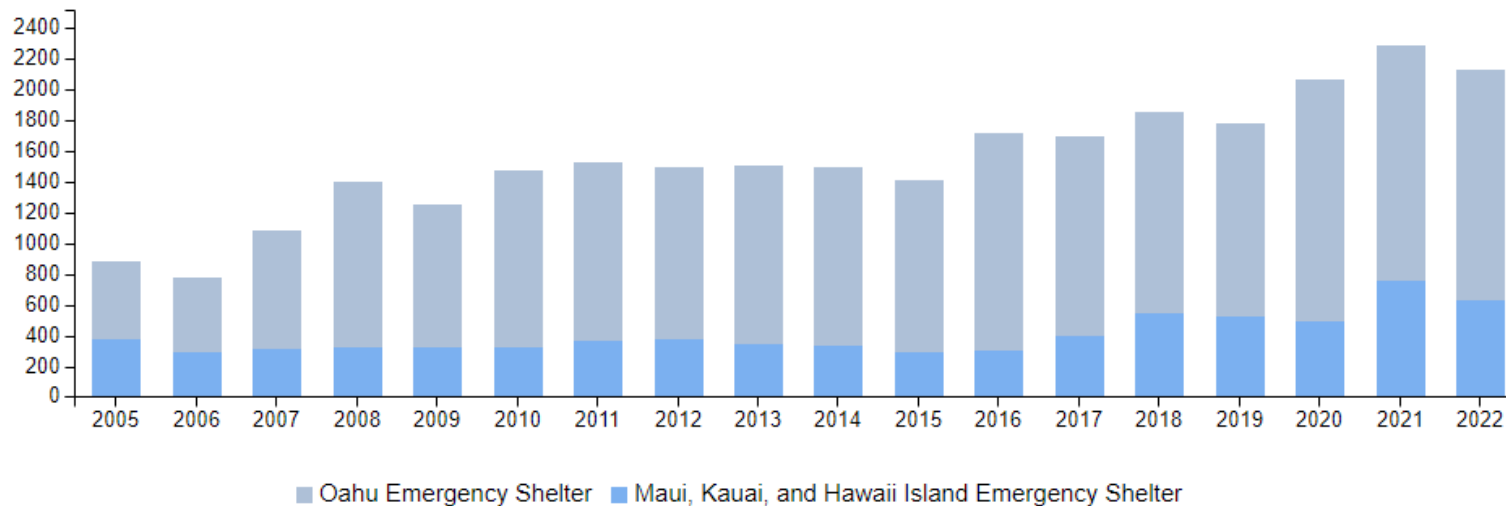
- Since 2015, the composition of beds in the HIC has changed significantly:
  - ES bed inventory increased 52% (+749 beds)
  - TS/TH bed inventory decreased 68% (-1987 beds)
  - RRH inventory increased over 2000% (+1,558)
  - PSH/OPH inventory increased 158% (+2,067)
- 2022 OPH includes Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) for HPHA, and all counties except Honolulu.
- Trends reflect change in federal, state and local funding and policy.
- TS/TH has in some cases been converted to ES beds.
- Not all OPH inventory is captured in the HIC – there may be additional projects prioritizing homeless individuals not included in this count.

# Housing Inventory Count: Changes in Emergency Shelter Beds Over Time

## EMERGENCY SHELTER INVENTORY

The two Continua of Care track the number of emergency shelter beds and report this data annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Below is a chart that illustrates the number of emergency shelter beds reported each year from 2005 to 2022, and includes a breakdown of beds on Oahu and beds for the neighbor islands (Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii Island).

**Statewide Housing Inventory Count – Emergency Shelter Beds (2005 to 2022), Source: Partners in Care and Bridging the Gap.**

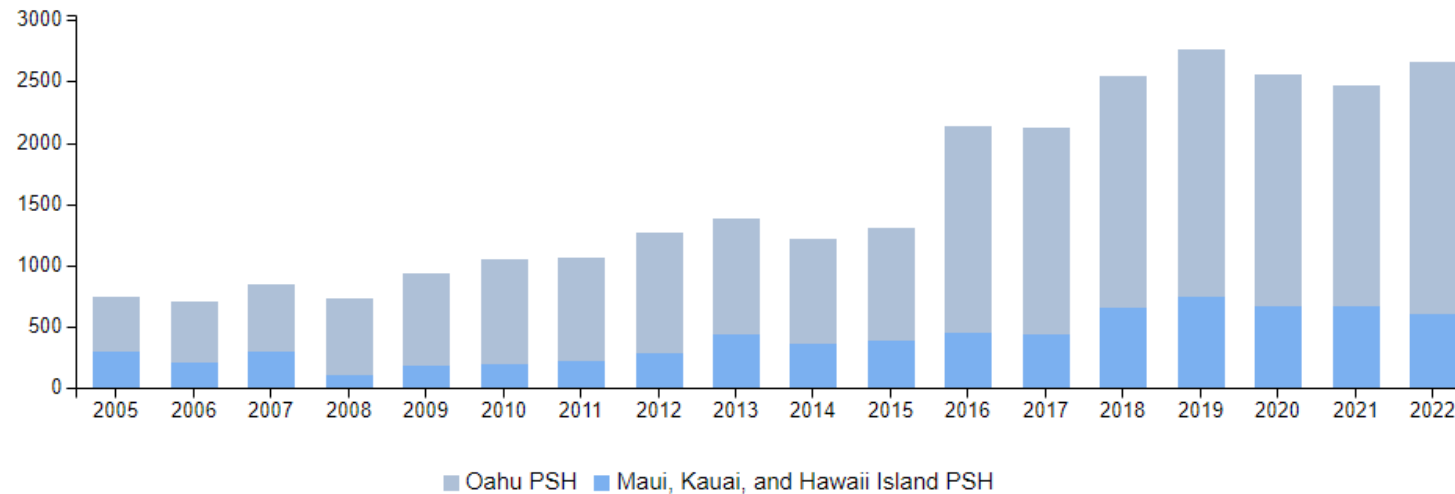


# Housing Inventory Count: Changes in PSH Beds Over Time

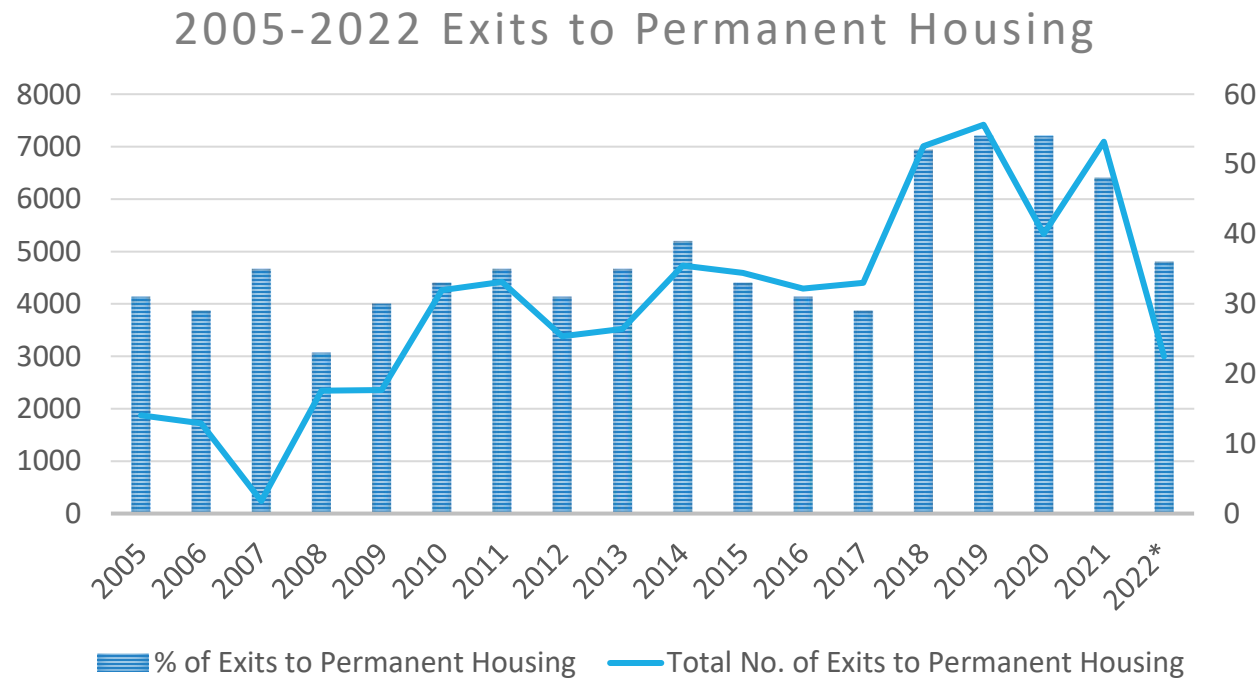
## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INVENTORY

The two Continua of Care track the number of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds and report this data annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Below is a chart that illustrates the number of PSH beds reported each year from 2005 to 2022, and includes a breakdown of beds on Oahu and beds for the neighbor islands (Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii Island).

**Statewide Housing Inventory Count – Permanent Supportive Housing Beds (2005 to 2022), Source: Partners in Care and Bridging the Gap.**














# HICH Performance Metrics: Permanent Housing Placements



\*2022 numbers are as of 09/30/2022

- Percentage of exits to PH overall declined since 2020 – *This decline does not seem to align with an increase in PH beds counted in the HIC during this period.*
- In 2022, there were significantly fewer people exiting from homeless services overall compared to the prior year.
  - 2021: Avg. of 1234 total exits per month
  - 2022: Avg. of 919 total exits per month
- As of September 2022, the % of exits to PH for the current calendar year differs significantly between the CoCs:
  - OAHU: 33% exit to PH
  - NI: 45% exit to PH
- Limited capacity for PSH and other ongoing subsidies, as well as limited overall rental unit inventory may be contributing to lower PH exit rates in 2022.

# Exits to Permanent Housing (PH) by Program-Type and County (Jan 2022 – Sept 2022)

	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Shelter/Housing
Oahu (as of July 2022)	6.0%  (114 exits to PH out of 2,031 total exits)	21%  (567 exits to PH out of 2,760 total exits)	50%  (241 exits to PH out of 482 total exits)
Hawaii	21%  (63 exits to PH out of 298 total exits)	32%  (65 exits to PH out of 206 total exits)	74%  (25 exit to PH out of 34 total exits)
Kauai	20%  (32 exits to PH out of 164 total exits)	20%  (4 exits to PH out of 20 total exits)	31%  (4 exit to PH out of 13 total exits)
Maui	22%  (98 exits to PH out of 448 total exits)	42%  (124 exits to PH out of 294 total exits)	N/A (No exits in calendar year 2022)

# HICH Performance Metrics: Emergency Shelter LOS

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## 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</b>	123 days	159 days	103 days	85 days
<b>2022</b> (as of 09/30/22)	89 days	184 days	116 days	96 days

- Goal is 90 days to exit from emergency shelter stay.
- Length of stay may be impacted by limited housing inventory and housing resources.
- Kauai data based on a limited number of exits.

# Emergency Shelter LOS: Stayers

	Oahu	Maui	Kauai	Hawaii Island
2022 (as of Sept. 30)	226 days	175 days	250 days	100 days

**NOTE:**

For Oahu, the median length of stay was 148 days compared to the mean of 226 days. The data set may be skewed by a small number of very long-stayers, so the average (mean) may not necessarily pull the most accurate representation.

Looking forward, both CoCs may want to consider analysis of both mean and median numbers for length of stay, for both stayers and leavers.

# HICH Performance Metrics: Transitional Shelter LOS

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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</b>	345 days	N/A	166 days	395 days
<b>2022</b> (as of 09/30/22)	318 days	N/A	241 days	579 days

- 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.
- Maui data for 2021/2022 is N/A due to no exits from TS/TH during this period.
- Length of stay may be impacted by limited housing inventory and housing resources.



# Transitional Shelter LOS: Stayers

	Oahu	Maui	Kauai	Hawaii Island
2022 (as of Sept. 30)	304 days	N/A	224 days	365 days

**NOTE:**

For Oahu, the median length of stay was 231 days compared to the mean of 304 days. The data set may be skewed by a small number of very long-stayers, so the average (mean) may not necessarily pull the most accurate representation.

Looking forward, both CoCs may want to consider analysis of both mean and median numbers for length of stay, for both stayers and leavers.

## VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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### ❑ **Department of Education (DOE)**

- DOE has added statewide navigator positions to address three challenging areas: Transportation, Early Childhood Education, and Re-engagement of students who have separated or are at risk of separating from school.
- Finding ways to support families in unstable housing who are doubled up due to economic hardship remains a challenge. Nearly 70% of identified students fall into this category.

### ❑ **County of Maui**

- Of 76 EHV's allocated, 61 vouchers have been issued, and 27 leased up. Another 20 are actively seeking units.
- RFP for development of Maui County Homeless Strategic Plan closed on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and eight proposals were received.
- The Wahi Ho`omaluku o Wailuku pallet shelter ended on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The rate of exits to permanent housing was 80+%.



## VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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### ❏ **County of Maui (cont.)**

- Mayor Victorino signed Bill 108 relating to Use of Vehicles for Human Habitation at County Parking Lots. A lot has been identified but details of the project are still being worked out with the Mayor's Office and Maui County Council.
- The County is working with Family Life Center and Malama I Ke Ola Community Health Center on a Medical Outreach Program that seeks to partner homeless outreach with a medical provider. The County has applied for Supplemental NOFO funds to assist in supporting this project.
- The County continues to support the Huliau Ohana Zones project, and intends to use potential new funding to sustain property and case management services, as well as landscaping.



## VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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### ❑ **County of Kauai.**

- For EHV's, 16 households are leased up and 5 households are actively searching – This is out of 28 total EHV's.
- TBRA currently has 4 households leased up and 5 searching.
- Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, CRUA began winding down, as no further funding is available. Starting Nov. 1, monthly payment maximums were reduced from \$4500 to \$1500. Starting December 1, eligibility will be limited to households facing imminent eviction, households with combined income at or under 50% AMI, kupuna age 62 and older, and DV survivors.
- There are three upcoming housing developments: (1) Port Allen – 45 units breaking ground late 2022; (2) Lima Ola – 4 different projects including workforce rentals, supportive housing, senior housing and single family homes; and (3) Lihue – 66 units on Rice St. and 96 units on highway across from DOW.
- Kauai County is accepting online applications for CDBG. Deadline is 12/9 by 4:00 p.m.



## VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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### ❑ City & County of Honolulu.

- City finalized its \$37.75M real estate acquisition of the Waikiki Vista building in Moilili. This transaction will add 100+ more affordable housing rental units to the City inventory. Following the end of School Year 22-23, DCS will look to contract the rehabilitation and renovation of Waikiki Vista through a development agreement with an affordable housing developer. More details will be available in early 2023.
- The City is accepting applications for its GIA program, which closes tomorrow (Nov. 22) at 2 p.m.
- On October 5, the City Council passed a resolution approving Kealahou West oahu to manage the City's newest special need housing property in Makaha.
- City RURP is now closed to new applications after temporarily reopening. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. No application or recertification is guaranteed funding or 18 months of eligibility.



## VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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

- The Oahu CoC requested a total of \$14,268,616 through the regular CoC NOFO – almost \$10M is going to PSH, \$1.3M for joint transitiona-RRH, and \$2M for support service programs (e.g., diversion, HMIS, planning and mobile outreach).
- The Oahu CoC applied for \$7,588,944 over a 3 year period through the special CoC NOFO for unsheltered homeless individuals. After the initial 3 year grant, this will increase overall CoC funding for Oahu to almost \$17M if approved.
- Work on Veteran Homelessness continues and Community Solutions will be visiting Oahu in January 2023 to work with all stakeholders on this initiative.
- PIC is currently working on the selection of a facilitator to develop a consolidated strategic plan for the Oahu CoC. This plan will be used to help develop programs based on evidence-based practices. The process will tentatively start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2023.



## VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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### ❏ **Partners in Care (Oahu CoC) – continued.**

- EHV State Vouchers – 175 are currently active, including 163 housed, and 12 who are unsheltered but submitted RFTA or are actively searching. There are also 7 other available vouchers, including 3 with referrals and 4 that are open and need referrals.
- The Oahu Housing Now (OHN) program continues to assist with exit plans for 54 clients – all 54 are applying for EHV through the State or the City.
- EHV City Vouchers – 317 households have been verified as eligible and of these:
  - 246 households are active referrals
  - 68 of the active referrals have leased up.
  - An additional 71 households have been verified as eligible, including 5 ready for referral and 66 still working on collecting documents before they are ready for referral.



# X. Topics for Upcoming Meetings

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Please share any ideas or suggestions for upcoming HICH meetings with the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (SOHHS), which provides administrative support for the HICH.





# 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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Due to the ending of the Chair's term on December 5<sup>th</sup>, there is no schedule set for 2023.

The incoming administration will set a calendar for the HICH moving forward.



# XI. Adjourn

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- Thank you for your participation.
- A recording of this meeting will be posted online at:  
<https://homelessness.hawaii.gov>.
- If you have any questions, please contact **(808) 586-0193**  
or e-mail [gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov](mailto:gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov).

