

Kauhale Initiative

Info Session

September 27, 2023

Agenda

- Kauhale Initiative – Roots and Role Models
- Resources Available and Draft Criteria
- Questions & Answers
- Next Steps and Timeframe

Root Cause: Lack of Deeply Affordable Homes

- Drug use and mental illness are not driving homelessness
- Hawaii has low rates of addiction and mental illness
- Hawaii has the largest gap between wages and housing costs

	Rates of Drug Use & Addiction	Rates of Mental Illness	Housing Costs-Wage Gap	Rates of Homelessness
National Rank	50	42	1	2

Sources:

2022 Wallethub Analysis of federal SAMSHA data: <https://wallethub.com/edu/drug-use-by-state/35150>

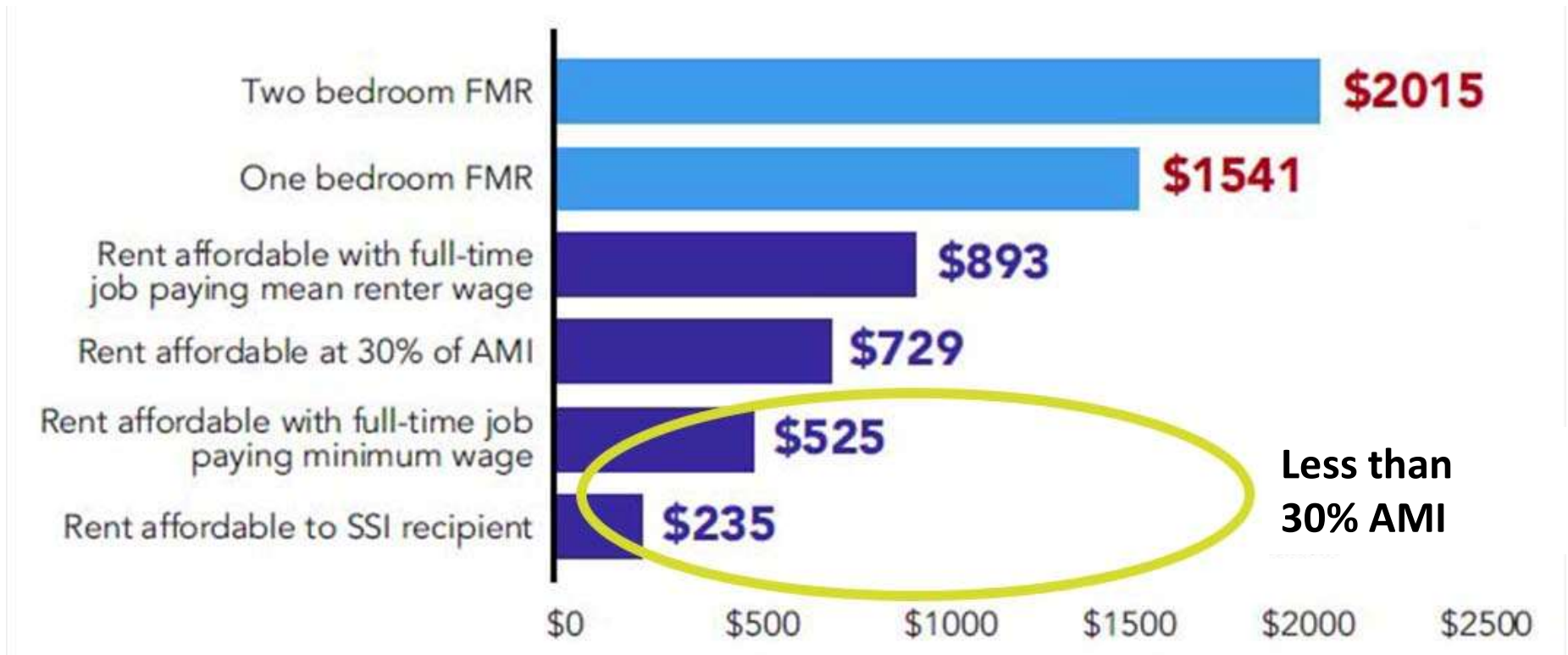
2022 Mental Health America Ranking of States for rates of mental illness: <https://mhanational.org/issues/2022/ranking-states>

2023 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out Of Reach Report, Page 23: <https://nlihc.org/orr>

2022 World Population Review analysis of USICH data: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/homeless-population-by-state>

“Deeply affordable” communities

...for housing and healing our people.



Five Priorities

1. Deeply Affordable Communities – Conventional Housing
2. Deeply Affordable Communities – Kauhale
3. Space for Mental Health & Substance Use Healing
4. Clear Obstacles in the Continuum of Care
5. Flip NIMBY to YIMBY to Support all of the Above

Deeply Affordable Space – Kauhale

Kauhale – lasting affordability, rooted in community and *kuleana*

- Intentionally designed and operated to build community
- Demonstrate new, cost-effective models of housing and healing
- Communal space for cooking, dining, recreation, agriculture, or other
- Residents take care of place
e.g., security, groundskeeping, maintenance, improvement projects
- Residents take care of people
e.g., look after kupuna or disabled, peer navigation/support
- Community within community – build relationships with housed neighbors

- **Not just tiny home villages – repurposed hotel, office, dorm, apartment**
- **Not traditional services – build resident capacity, reduce need for services**

Phase 1
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No Home Without Community



O'ahu
Median Home sale price
\$1,000,000
July 2021
-Locations Hawai'i

Deeply Affordable Community

Puuhonua O Waianae – Waianae



“Build Relationships & Community First”

Puuhonua O Waianae – Waianae



“Break Down Barriers”

Puuhonua O Waianae – Waianae



“Kuleana Wakes Up Mana”

Puuhonua O Waianae – Waianae





Deeply Affordable Community

Hui Mahiai Aina – Waimanalo



Housing & Healing People

Pulama Ola Medical Respite Kauhale



Deeply Affordable Community

Community First Village – Austin, TX



Resources

- **Kauhale Initiative Funding FY23** **\$15M**
 - 12 village in the next 3 years
 - 6 Oahu, 2 each Neighbor Isle County
 - Operating costs decrease as community takes *kuleana*
- **Kauhale Initiative Funding FY24** **\$33M**
 - TBD
- **Covered under the Homeless Emergency Proclamation so exempt from Procurement Code**