Online applications for CDBG 2022 projects to open Oct. 8

LĪHU’E – The Kaua’i County Housing Agency is preparing to launch its annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application process for 2022 projects.

A link to online applications will be available on Oct. 8, on the CDBG webpage via the Housing Agency’s website, www.kauai.gov/housing, under the “Housing & Community Development” tab. Applications are due on Dec. 10, by 4 p.m.

A virtual meeting and informational webinar will be held on Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., to discuss the use of federal funds for community needs, receive public comment and input, and provide information on how to apply for funding. Connectivity information to attend the virtual meeting and webinar is located on the Housing Agency’s website, www.kauai.gov/housing. Documents, materials, and information on how to apply for CDBG funding is also available on the CDBG webpage.

The CDBG program is a federally funded grant program which aims to develop and improve communities by providing decent and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low-and moderate-income people on Kaua’i.

To meet the needs of the community, the Housing Agency relies on collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations, service providers, private and government entities, and non-profit affordable housing developers. Some examples include services to those experiencing homelessness, substance abuse prevention, and education for youth.
CDBG funds have been used to rehabilitate shelters, family centers, and for off-site infrastructure and improvements. CDBG funds have also been used to support transitional housing, affordable rental units and opportunities for first-time homeownership through home purchases or gap and primary loans.

Recent CDBG grant projects include energy efficiency improvements and photovoltaic installation at Līhuʻe Theater Senior Housing by Kauaʻi Housing Development Corporation; Friendship Club provided pre-vocational training in their food service program; and the homeless emergency shelter operated by Kauaʻi Economic Opportunity is currently making ADA improvements and upgrading their wastewater system. Other CDBG funded projects are identified in the county’s Annual Action Plan available on the CDBG webpage.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact the Housing Agency at housing@kauai.gov as soon as possible, or call 241-4444. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

For more information, please contact Kerri Barros, CDBG Coordinator, at 241-4435.

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