



**COUNTY OF KAUA'I**

# **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2026**

**Second Program Year**

**FOR PROGRAM YEAR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027**

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# Executive Summary

## AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

### 1. Introduction

The County of Kauai (County) through the Kauai County Housing Agency (KCHA) is required to submit a Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to ensure that jurisdictions receiving federal assistance develop a plan on how to invest federal funds to address the needs of low- and moderate-income families.

The Consolidated Plan combines the planning and application requirements of HUD's Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs into a single plan. The five (5) formula programs covered by a Consolidated Plan include CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA).

Annual Action Plan 2026 is the second program year of the County's 5-year Consolidated Plan 2025-2030. The County is eligible for assistance under the Non-Entitlement Counties in Hawaii as a grantee for the CDBG program and receives funding directly from HUD. The overall goal of CDBG is to develop viable communities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons who are at or below eighty percent (80%) of HUD's income guidelines, by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities.

The County is a State Recipient for the HOME and HTF programs and receives funding allocations as a pass-through from Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) on a rotation with the Big Island and Maui counties. The overall goal of HOME is to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for very low- and low-income households, at or below eighty percent (80%) of HUD's income guidelines. The HTF program provides affordable rental housing units serving households with incomes at or below thirty percent (30%) of the area median income.

ESG and HOPWA programs are administered by the State of Hawaii through the Homeless Programs Office (HPO). HPO provides ESG and HOPWA funding directly to recipient organizations that are approved by HPO to receive and expend these grants.

## 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Consolidated Plan addresses three (3) principal areas of need: Housing and Special Needs Housing, Homeless, and Community Development needs. The Consolidated Plan fulfills four (4) major functions, to serve as:

- 1) A planning document for the County of Kauai, developed through a community needs assessment and consultation process;
- 2) An application for federal funds under HUD formula programs including CDBG, HOME, HTF, ESG and HOPWA;
- 3) A strategy to be followed when using HUD formula programs to address priorities in areas of housing, homelessness, and community development for low- and moderate-income families; and
- 4) A five-year Action Plan that provides HUD and the County with a basis for measuring progress and assessing performance.

Based on the intent when funding, an activity will have one of three (3) low-mod objectives:

Suitable Living Environment – activities are designed to benefit communities, families or individuals by addressing their living environment.

Decent Housing – activities are designed to cover housing programs to meet individual family or community needs.

Creating Economic Opportunities – applies to the types of activities related to economic development, commercial revitalization, or job creation.

Once an objective is selected for an activity, an outcome will be selected from three (3) categories:

Availability/Accessibility – this outcome category applies to activities that make services, infrastructure, public facilities, housing or shelter available or accessible to the low- and moderate-income population, including those with disabilities.

Affordability – this outcome category applies to activities that provide affordability to the low- and moderate-income population through creating, improving, or maintaining affordable housing, basic infrastructure, or services for transportation.

Sustainability – this outcome category applies to projects that are aimed at improving communities and neighborhoods by making them livable or viable for the low- and moderate-income population.

KCHA will focus its HTF activities on the production, preservation and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing and use funds to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe and sanitary affordable rental housing, for primarily extremely low-income (30% AMI) households.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The County of Kauai Housing Agency has effectively administered the CDBG grant for more than three (3) decades and has been successful in implementing activities that meet the four (4) priority concerns by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): housing and special needs housing, homelessness, community development, and fair housing.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The County's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes the policies and procedures for citizen participation in the administration of CPD programs. The plan seeks to involve citizen participation, especially among persons in lower income groups. The Citizen Participation Plan also describes the County's process and priorities relating to disaster and recovery for all federal Community Planning and Development programs: CDBG, CDBG-DR, CDBG-CV, HOME, and HTF. The CPP is included in CP 2025-2030: <https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Housing-Agency/Housing-Community-Development/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Program-CDBG>

### **5. Summary of public comments**

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

In developing the Consolidated Plan and second year AAP 2026, a series of in-person public meetings and video teleconference meetings via Teams were held to solicit input on community development, affordable housing and homeless needs for the Plan. Public hearing notices were published in The Garden Island Newspaper. In October 2025, three (3) public workshops were conducted at various locations on the island and one video teleconference was held—not only to receive input but also to provide information on eligibility to receive CDBG grant funding and the application process.

On October 8, 2025, KCHA and the State of Hawaii, Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation (HHFDC) held a joint hearing. In January 2026, KCHA published a public notice to solicit written comments on the draft AAP 2026. On February 4, 2026, KCHA will hold a public hearing at the Moikeha Conference Room 2, and virtual teleconference via Teams to solicit comments during a 30-day comment period for the Annual Action Plan.

Copies of the draft plans were made available for review at the Housing Agency and online at the County's website at [www.kauai.gov](http://www.kauai.gov).

All public in-person sites were accessible to individuals with mobility limitations.

**6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

A summary of attendees and public testimonies will be included after the public comment period ends on February 20, 2026.

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## PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

### 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	KAUAI COUNTY	Housing Agency
	KAUAI COUNTY	Housing Agency

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative (optional)

The County is a grantee for the CDBG program and receives CDBG allocations directly from HUD. The County is a state recipient, or sub-grantee for the HOME and HTF program and receives allocations as a pass-through from the State of Hawaii. ESG and HOPWA programs are administered by the State of Hawaii through the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Information on Kauai's HOME and HTF program can be found in the State's Consolidated Plan.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

KCHA has administrative responsibility for the CDBG program and the implementation of the five-year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. KCHA works with a variety of public agencies and non-profit organizations to ensure that benefits from the CDBG program are delivered to the community. The County is also a designated State HTF Subgrantee, to develop and preserve affordable rental housing serving extremely low-income (30% AMI) households.

### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

To enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers, the Housing Director participates in monthly meetings with other directors from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Hawaii Housing, Finance, & Development Corporation (HHFDC), Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), City & County of Honolulu, Maui and Hawaii County housing divisions. The Housing Director also attends weekly meetings with department heads from Kauai County to coordinate with planning, economic development, aging, public safety, parks, public works, and other County officials. Other housing staff participate in meetings and serve on various committees involving: fair housing; Section 8 eviction hearings; and CDBG & HOME programs. CDBG staff partner and collaborate with various state health agencies and community organizations, such as: State of Hawaii Adult Mental Health, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Developmental Disabilities Division; Easter Seals of Hawaii, Project Vision Hawaii, Department of Veteran’s Affairs, Malama Pono Health Services, community advocates for the intellectual & developmentally disabled community, and more. Consultations are available on a year-round basis with diverse providers that service the low- to moderate-income populations on Kauai.

### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The State of Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS) and Homeless Programs Office (HPO) contractually requires all homeless provider agencies funded by state and/or federal resources to participate in their respective County Continuum of Care (CoC) for collaboration and input into community planning efforts. These agencies provide outreach, emergency/transitional shelters, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, Housing First Program, and

other support services. These programs serve the following populations: chronic substance abuse; persons with HIV/AIDS; victims of domestic violence; and unaccompanied youth.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) is a geographically based group of relevant stakeholder representatives that carries out the planning responsibilities of CoC programs and the goal to end homelessness. BTG is the union of three (3) rural county chapters:

- 1) Kauai Community Alliance (Kauai Chapter of BTG)
- 2) Community Alliance Partners (Hawaii Island Chapter of BTG)
- 3) Maui Homeless Alliance (Maui Chapter of BTG)

Members of the local chapters collectively convene at least twice annually for general membership meetings. Because of the non-contiguous nature of each island, the meetings are conducted via electronic means (webinar, video teleconference, teleconference, or other generally available technologies).

The SOH HPO convenes the statewide Continuum of Care meeting every other month. Members of the group include the chairperson of each local chapter and a respective county government representative. The statewide planning body collaborates on priorities, strategic planning and resources. The group also takes an expanded role of advising the state on funding priorities and legislative initiatives.

In accordance with the HEARTH Act, BTG works to use multiple resources to prevent homelessness or quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing trauma and dislocation. BTG mandates collaboration among providers, promotes access to homeless assistance programs, encourages effective utilization of mainstream programs especially for special populations, and strives to optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

In recent years, neighbor island representatives have become much more engaged in planning, advocacy, and data committee activities in conjunction with Partners In Care (PIC), and the Oahu Continuum of Care. BTG and PIC implemented the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) solution to comply with HUD's data standards. Additionally, BTG has adopted a formal HMIS Security and Privacy Plan and a Policies and Procedures Manual which include security policies that detail how data is secured in HMIS; data sharing policies that detail with whom data is shared and for what purposes; and use access to HMIS. A formal data quality plan has also been adopted to define what constitutes a record for each program type; and determines timeliness, completeness and accuracy standards.

Data-driven performance standards are being updated and refined. These enhancements will allow the CoCs to utilize outcome measures to determine funding levels for applicants. HPO is in the process of developing a means to transform state funding determinations to more concisely reflect performance standards and performance-based funding as HUD. While these systemic changes will take time to fully implement, the mechanisms to achieve and maintain progress have been executed.

To further promote collaboration among the CoC bodies, a portion of each Bridging the Gap meeting is set aside for the PIC chair and City and County of Honolulu representative to share information. This allows for discourse on legislative, advocacy, policy and data issues being addressed statewide. Additionally, many more neighbor island participants have requested placement on the PIC mailing list so that they can keep their agencies and their counties up-to-date, especially on state government issues during the legislative session. These efforts are building toward a greater sense of community across the state for homeless service providers, and thus, a more cohesive approach to our statewide infrastructure.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

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**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MALAMA PONO HEALTH SERVICES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit service provider.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII-KAUAI COMMUNITY OFFICE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit service provider.

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Women In Need
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit service provider.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COUNTY OF KAUAI OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government economic development entity.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	KAUAI COUNTY HOUSING AGENCY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government housing development entity.

6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	GOODWILL HAWAII
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit service provider.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government entity serving seniors.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kauai Housing Development Corporation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit housing developer.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kauai Habitat for Humanity, Inc
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit housing developer.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Other government - State

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government entity serving Native Hawaiians.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF HAWAII
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Education Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a service provider for youth and at-risk youth.
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	County of Kauai Transportation Agency
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - County Transportation
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government entity providing island wide transportation.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Hawaii State Department of Health
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government health entity.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	KKCR KAUAI COMMUNITY RADIO
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Non-profit community radio station
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Emergency/crisis information
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit community radio station.
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	DOH-KAUAI COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Mental Health Services

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government mental health services entity.
16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	The Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit property developer and management organization.
17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	KAUAI FIRE DEPARTMENT
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County Community First Responder
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government entity providing first response services to the community.
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WAIMEA HIGH SCHOOL
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Education Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government education entity.
19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	County of Kauai Department of Water
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Water services/management
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government entity serving the community.
20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit service provider.
21	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PROJECT VISION HAWAII
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit health service provider.
22	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Federal
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Veterans Veterans Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government entity serving veterans.
23	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	YWCA of Kauai
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit service provider.
24	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Legal Aid Society of Hawaii - Kauai
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service-Fair Housing Legal Assistance
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit legal service provider.
25	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CMG Home Loans
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services - Financial
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a lender for the community.
26	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kauai Federal Credit Union
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services - Financial Community Development Financial Institution
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a lender and community development financial institution for the community.
27	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kilauea Neighborhood Association
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Community Organization Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a community organization.
28	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HOOMANA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Business and Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit service and training provider for youth and adults with disabilities.
29	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Ahe Group
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a housing developer.
30	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	County of Kauai Finance Department
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government entity.
31	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Leadership Kauai
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Leadership
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Leadership Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit leadership development service provider.
32	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kauai Humane Society
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Community Animals
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community Animal Needs/Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit community animal service provider.
33	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Advocate for Intellectual and Developmental Disabled Community
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Advocacy-Intellectual and Developmental Disabled Persons

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Intellectual and Developmental Disabled Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as an individual community advocate.
34	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Friendship House
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Employment Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a government entity providing services for persons with disabilities.
35	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Keala Foundation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Youth/At-Risk Youth
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit serving youth and at-risk youth.
36	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kauai Prison Ministry
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Inmates/Prisoners
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Inmate Needs

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit service provider.
37	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Lihue Missionary Church
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Neighborhood Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in online 2025-2030 COK Housing Agency Consolidated Plan Needs Survey to provide input as a non-profit faith-based organization.

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

None.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation  
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The County held in-person public meetings, virtual public meetings, teleconferencing and audio conferencing, and conducted CDBG informational webinars in coordination with the State of Hawaii, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). The County made virtual meetings accessible via closed captioning and in-person public meetings were conducted at accessible sites. Public notices were published in the local newspaper and the County’s website which provided a way to disseminate information to the public and receive comments. Citizen participation and input was received via surveys, consultations and/or collaboration and was included in the development of the Consolidated Plan and the County’s goals.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community				
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community				

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

Based on prior years' annual allocation from HUD, CDBG anticipates receiving approximately \$700,000.00 in grant funds this program year. Funds will be used for County projects, County initiatives, and eligible community development activities under the categories: public services, acquisition, economic development, housing, public facilities and administration. CDBG funds will serve individuals and households whose income is at or below eighty percent (80%) of HUD's income limits.

The County does not expect to receive CDBG program income during the PY 2026 Action Plan. The amount available in "Prior Year Resources" reflects the current combined balances from PY 2025 CDBG revolving loan fund activities, Homebuyer Loan Program, and Home Purchase Program. Home sales, ground lease fees and loan repayments generated from housing programs will be receipted to the designated revolving fund. Upon approval of AAP 2026, the County will request to reprogram \$42,936.00 from the RLF to subsidize the goal H-1, Kealaula Phase II Photovoltaic System Installation project.

As a state sub-grantee, the County receives HTF funding from HHFDC on a rotation basis with other neighbor island counties. Federal investments will be made towards acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing and will serve households with incomes at or below thirty percent (30%) of the area median income. The County anticipates receiving the next rotation of HTF funding in 2028.

The HOME Program expects to receive funding from HHFDC in 2028. Funds will be used for new construction of multi-family units to serve households at or below eighty percent (80%) percent of HUD's income limits.

#### DISASTER RESPONSE and RECOVERY

The County makes disaster response and recovery priority for all Community Planning and Development programs funded by HUD, to include: CDBG, CDBG-CV, CDBG-DR, HOME and HTF programs. CPD funds may be redirected or reprogrammed. To meet the immediate needs of the community in the event of a natural disaster, local government emergency proclamation or presidentially declared national emergency, the

County will identify the projects and agencies, organizations and/or County departments to carry-out the activities in collaboration with community partners, stakeholders, health and emergency management, and the County's administration.

The County will serve and assist, but not limited to, extremely low to low- to moderate-income individuals to include HUD's definition of presumed low-income and vulnerable populations. In accordance with project eligibility and federal program requirements, the following potential response and recovery categories/activities may be funded:

- Public Services - short-term emergency subsistence payments on behalf of LMI, food security programs, public safety services, relocation, and other services for seniors, homeless, disabled, youth, substance abuse, victims of domestic violence, and more.
- Housing - emergency shelters, homeless facilities, transitional housing
- Economic Development - retain or create new jobs - microenterprise
- Public Facilities/Infrastructure - interim assistance, clearance demolition, child/youth/senior centers, centers for persons with a disability, health facilities, neighborhood centers, parks and recreation facilities
- Cleanup, debris removal, trash removal, water removal (pumping), shoring drainage, demolition, remediating environmental contamination

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and other disaster related activities that will expeditiously contribute to the community’s recovery.

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	738,234.00	0.00	577,150.00	1,315,384.00	2,100,000.00	Prior Year Resources reflects the amount available from the CDBG revolving loan fund from the Homebuyer Loan Program and Home Purchase Program (approx. \$577,150).
Housing Trust Fund	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Housing Multifamily rental new construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	As the designated recipient, the County anticipates receiving HTF funds from the state, HHFDC in PY 2028.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

Many community non-profit organizations leverage CDBG funds with other private and non-federal public sources. The leveraging of resources and anticipated amounts are identified with the description of CDBG activities that will take place during the program year. Other sources of funds that are potentially available to support the objectives of an Annual Action Plan may include: Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, Economic Development Initiative, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development programs, private foundations, state CIP funds, and County funds.

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**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

To meet the housing needs of Kauai County, there are various public housing for elderly and families developed with funding or support from federal, state or County resources. The following is a list of County-owned or leased land or property that could meet housing needs identified in the plan:

- 1) Kalepa Village I, II, III, IV - existing; 180 affordable rental units.
- 2) Paanau Village I & II - existing; 110 affordable rental units.
- 3) Kanikoo (Rice Camp Senior Housing) - existing; 90-unit affordable rental complex for seniors 62 years or older; for households not greater than 60 percent of the area median income limits.
- 4) Lima Ola - 75 acres for workforce housing development; could potentially develop 550 affordable rental and homeownership opportunities of various units types to include single-family detached units, duplexes and small-lot units intended for aging in place. Currently there are 45 units, multi-family affordable rental project and 40 units senior rental housing project on two of the Phase 1 parcels; 32-unit permanently supportive rental project for those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness; 38 single family for sale lots started construction with the first 8 units completed, sold, and occupied.
- 5) Koae Makana - existing; 134 workforce housing rental units.
- 6) Pua Loke - existing; 1.5 acres; 54 affordable multi-family rental units.
- 7) Waimea Huakai Apartments – existing; in partnership with the Ahe Group and Kauai Habitat for Humanity; 35 multi-family rental 1,2- and 3- bedroom units for households at or below 60 percent of Kauai median income.
- 8) Waimea 400 - in 2019, the County of Kauai purchased a 417-acre parcel between Kekaha and Waimea. Through a master plan prepared by the County’s Planning Department, it was determined that approximately 40-acres could be used for housing. The proposed housing would be a mix of single-family homes for sale and multi-family rentals for mixed income groups up to 120% AMI. KCHA is currently going through the master planning process.
- 9) Kilauea Namahana (aka Kilauea Town Expansion) - in 2023, the County of Kauai purchased a 53-acre parcel just north of the existing Kilauea Town. The proposed housing would be a mix of single-family homes for sale and multi-family rentals for mixed income groups up to 120% AMI. CDBG-DR funds will be used to develop a multi-family rental project on this parcel. KCHA is currently going through the master planning process.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	PS-1	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	Island of Kauai	Community Development Needs - Public Services	CDBG: \$110,735.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 145 Persons Assisted
2	PF-1	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	Island of Kauai	Community Development Needs - Public Facilities	CDBG: \$322,788.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18 Households Assisted
3	H-1	2025	2030	Homeless	Island of Kauai	Homeless Needs - Emergency Shelter & Transitional	CDBG: \$323,353.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 63 Households Assisted
4	HO-1	2025	2030	Affordable Housing	Island of Kauai	Housing and Special Needs Housing - Homeowner	CDBG: \$577,150.00	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 1 Households Assisted
5	FH-1	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	Island of Kauai	Community Development Needs - Fair Housing Needs	CDBG: \$2,000.00	Other: 60 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	A-1	2025	2030	Administration	Island of Kauai	Community Development Needs - Planning and Admin	CDBG: \$147,646.00	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	PS-1
	Goal Description	Provide funds for new or expanded social service programs.
2	Goal Name	PF-1
	Goal Description	Provide funds to remove architectural barriers from parks, recreational and community centers, other public facilities; public facility or infrastructure activities for low/moderate income housing benefit.
3	Goal Name	H-1
	Goal Description	Provide CDBG, HOME and HTF funds to acquire, rehab, or construct emergency shelters or tiny homes for the homeless, or rental units to assist working homeless transition to permanent housing.
4	Goal Name	HO-1
	Goal Description	Use CDBG and HOME funds to purchase, rehab, and re-sell homes or provide low-cost financing to assist first-time homeowners purchase existing homes.
5	Goal Name	FH-1
	Goal Description	Provide funds for education, outreach, and training to housing agency staff, landlords, tenants, non-English or limited-English speaking groups, and the general public. Maintain coordination between federal, state and county agencies.
6	Goal Name	A-1
	Goal Description	Provide appropriate, efficient and effective use of funds for the administration of federal grant programs.

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

For the program year 2026, the County proposes to fund two (2) public service (PS) projects and three (3) public facility (PF) projects for a total of five (5) projects/activities. The County will continue administering its on-going housing projects, Homebuyer Loan Program (HBLP) and Home Purchase Program (HPP), utilizing designated revolving loan funds (RLF). A portion of general administration funds are set-aside for fair housing (FH) activities. One PF project has been identified as an alternate project should additional funds become available from previous year's grant funds, unexpended funds, program income, or RLFs.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	ADA Ramp for Lawai Youth Transition Home
2	Kauai - Aukoi Restoration Project
3	Kealaula Phase II Photovoltaic System Installation
4	Keala Foundation Transportation Program
5	MTC Youth Development Project
6	KCHA Homebuyer Loan Program RLF
7	KCHA Home Purchase Program RLF
8	General Administration
9	(ALTERNATE) Hale Hoomalu Family Center Critical Safety Improvements Project Phase II

Table 7 - Project Information

#### Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The County does not use a formula for allocating CDBG funds for community development projects. Instead, funds are awarded through a competitive application process which scores and ranks proposed activities for eligibility, concept, project readiness, experience and

qualifications, and priorities.

The County of Kauai's annual CDBG allocation from HUD varies from year to year based on federal legislative budget appropriations. Funding cuts pose obstacles to addressing underserved needs. The County must meet timeliness statutory regulations each year to be eligible for CDBG funding. Annual requests for public service funding far exceed the fifteen percent (15%) cap. Organizations are forced to decrease the intended number of participants to serve and/or not receive funding.

### **AP-38 Project Summary**

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<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	ADA Ramp for Lawai Youth Transition Home
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	PF-1
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community Development Needs - Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$40,788.00
	<b>Description</b>	ADA Ramp for Lawai Youth Transition Home (\$40,788), Hale Opio will use funds to design, construct and install a durable ADA-compliant ramp meeting federal accessibility and safety standards. The activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(c), matrix 03D. Additionally, this activity meets the CDBG Program national objective at 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(B), limited clientele or LMC. Other leveraged funds: \$0.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10 LMC
	<b>Location Description</b>	Lawai, Kauai
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Hale Opio will design, construct and install a durable ADA-compliant ramp meeting federal accessibility and safety standards.
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Kauai - Aukoi Restoration Project
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	PF-1
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeless Needs - Group Home
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$282,000.00

	<b>Description</b>	Kauai - Aukoi Restoration Project (\$282,000), Mental Health Kokua will use funds to renovate a group home for adults with serious mental illness. The activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(c), matrix 03C. Additionally, this project meets the CDBG Program national objective under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(B), limited clientele or LMC. MHK will obtain data to determine total family size and income utilizing the County's policy on the Use of Self-Certification of Income Forms by Subrecipient Agencies and the Self-Certification of Annual Income by Beneficiary form to verify that the percentage of low- to moderate-income beneficiaries are at least 51%, or obtain data on participants to determine total household size and income utilizing the agency's Verification of Income and Asset Policy and HUD's Part 5 definition of annual income in order to verify that the income is at or below 80% of HUD's income limits for Kauai County. Leveraged funds \$0.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/1/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	8 LMH
	<b>Location Description</b>	Aukoi Street, Lihue
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	MHK will use funds to renovate a group home for adults with serious mental illness.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Kealaula Phase II Photovoltaic System Installation
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	H-1
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeless Needs - Emergency Shelter & Transitional
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$200,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Kealaula Phase II Photovoltaic System Installation (\$200,000), Kauai County Housing Agency will purchase and install a photovoltaic system to decrease energy costs at Phase II, for families transitioning out of homelessness. This activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(b)(4), matrix 14F. Additionally, this activity meets the national objective under 23 CFR 570.208(a)(3), limited clientele, LMC presumed benefit: homeless. Participants will be certified to meet eligibility requirements under the presumed benefit, homeless. Other leveraged funds: \$0
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/1/2027

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	60 LMC, presumed homeless
	<b>Location Description</b>	Lihue, Kauai
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	KCHA will purchase and install a photovoltaic system to decrease energy costs for families transitioning out of homelessness.
4	<b>Project Name</b>	Keala Foundation Transportation Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	PS-1
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community Development Needs - Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$57,735.00
	<b>Description</b>	Keala Foundation Transportation Program (\$107,566), Keala Foundation will use funds to purchase fuel, maintenance, insurance and driver salaries to facilitate youth participation in Keala Foundation's drug prevention and intervention programs and offer reliable transportation solutions which remove logistical hurdles and enable more low- to moderate-income youth to engage in free programs supporting mental and physical health. The activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(e), matrix 05D. Additionally, this activity meets the CDBG Program national objective at 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(B), limited clientele or LMC. KF will obtain data to determine total family size and income utilizing the County's policy on the Use of Self-Certification of Income Forms by Subrecipient Agencies and the Self-Certification of Annual Income by Beneficiary form to verify that the percentage of low- to moderate-income beneficiaries are at least 51%. Other leveraged funds \$65,349.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/1/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	120, LMC
<b>Location Description</b>	Lawai: 3580 Koloa Road, Koloa, HI 96756 Lihue: 3-3131 Kuhio Hwy., Lihue, HI 96766 Kekaha: 8171 Kekaha Road, Kekaha, 96752 Anahola: 4307 Anahola Road, Anahola, HI 96703	

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	KF will use funds to purchase fuel, maintenance, insurance and driver salaries to facilitate youth participation in Keala Foundation's drug prevention and intervention programs.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	MTC Youth Development Project
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	PS-1
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community Development Needs - Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$53,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	MTC Youth Development Project (\$53,000), Iwikua will use funds to pay for staff salaries, operational costs and supplies, equipment and assessment tools to provide an after-school service that expands access to safe, structured, and culturally grounded physical fitness opportunities for low- to moderate-income youth. The activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(e), matrix 05D. Additionally, this activity meets the CDBG Program national objective at 24 CFR 570.208 (a)(2)(B), limited clientele, or LMC. Iwikua will obtain data to determine total family size and income utilizing the County's policy on the Use of Self-Certification of Income Forms by Subrecipient Agencies and the Self-Certification of Annual Income by Beneficiary form to verify that the percentage of low- to moderate-income beneficiaries are at least 51%. Other leveraged funds: \$0
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 LMC
	<b>Location Description</b>	Waimea, Kauai
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Iwikua will pay for staff salaries, operational costs and supplies, equipment and assessment tools to provide an after-school service for youth.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	KCHA Homebuyer Loan Program RLF
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	HO-1
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing and Special Needs Housing - Homeowner
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$288,575.00

	<b>Description</b>	Kauai County Housing Agency Homebuyer Loan Program RLF (\$288,575) will use dedicated revolving loan funds to continue its low-cost, primary or gap mortgage financing program for first-time homebuyers. The activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(n), matrix code 13B. Additionally, the project meets the CDBG Program national objective under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3), low- to moderate-income households or LMH. KCHA will obtain data to determine total household size and income utilizing the agency's Verification of Income and Asset Policy and HUD's Part 5 definition of annual income to verify that the income is at or below 80% of HUD's income limits for Kauai County. Other leveraged funds: \$0
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 LMH
	<b>Location Description</b>	4444 Rice Street, Lihue, Kauai
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	KCHA will use dedicated revolving loan funds to continue its low-cost, primary or gap mortgage financing program for first-time homebuyers.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	KCHA Home Purchase Program RLF
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	HO-1
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing and Special Needs Housing - Homeowner
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$288,575.00
	<b>Description</b>	Kauai County Housing Agency Home Purchase Program (\$288,575) will use dedicated revolving loan funds to continue its program that purchases affordably priced homes on Kauai to resell to eligible, first-time, low- to moderate-income families by way of the County's 99-year Ground Lease Program. The activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(n), matrix code 13B. Additionally, the project meets the CDBG Program national objective under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3), low- to moderate-income households or LMH. KCHA will obtain data to determine total household size and annual income by utilizing the agency's Verification of Income and Asset Policy and HUD's Part 5 definition of annual income to verify that income is at or below 80% of HUD's Income Limits for Kauai County. Other leveraged funds: \$0
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 LMH
	<b>Location Description</b>	4444 Rice Street, Suite 330, Lihue, Kauai, HI 96766
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	KCHA will use dedicated revolving loan funds to continue its program that purchases affordably priced homes on Kauai to resell to eligible, first-time, low- to moderate-income families.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	General Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	FH-1 A-1
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community Development Needs - Planning and Admin
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$147,647.00
	<b>Description</b>	Kauai County Housing Agency (\$153,431) will use funds to provide program management that includes: administration, coordination, training, project implementation, compliance monitoring, evaluation, record-keeping and reporting. This activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.206, matrix code 21A; (FH-1, \$2,000) will be used for fair housing activities to conduct outreach, educate, coordinate and train the public: Section 8 participants, landlords, tenants, and property management staff to increase knowledge and awareness of federal and state fair housing laws. Other leveraged funds: \$0.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1
	<b>Location Description</b>	4444 Rice Street, Suite 330, Lihue, Kauai, HI 96766
<b>Planned Activities</b>	KCHA will provide program management that includes: administration, coordination, training, project implementation, compliance monitoring, evaluation, record-keeping and reporting.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	(ALTERNATE) Hale Hoomalu Family Center Critical Safety Improvements Project Phase II
	<b>Target Area</b>	Island of Kauai

<b>Goals Supported</b>	PF-1
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community Development Needs - Public Facilities
<b>Funding</b>	:
<b>Description</b>	CFS Real Property, Inc. (\$80,000) will use funds for design, permitting and installation of window replacements to the family center that will facilitate a more secure and safe environment for low- to moderate-income individuals and families accessing programs and services. The activity is eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(c), matrix 03. Additionally, this activity meets the CDBG Program national objective at 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(B), limited clientele or LMC. CFSRP will obtain data to determine total family size and income utilizing the County's policy on the Use of Self-Certification of Income Forms by Subrecipient Agencies and the Self-Certification of Annual Income by Beneficiary form to verify that the percentage of low- to moderate-income beneficiaries are at least 51%. Other leveraged funds: \$470.funds \$0
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	250 LMC
<b>Location Description</b>	4-1112 Kuhio Hwy., Kapaa, Kauai, HI 96746
<b>Planned Activities</b>	CFSRP will use funds for design, permitting and installation of window replacements to the family center.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

The County will utilize CDBG funds that provide direct benefits to various locations island wide. Area-wide benefits for geographic areas of the island designated as low-mod areas (LMA), the County will use the American Community Survey LMISD - All block groups based on 2020 ACS dataset--as required by HUD, to qualify LMA where 51% have income at or below 80% of HUD's limits. For this AAP, there were no projects that qualified under the LMA benefit.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Island of Kauai	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The entire island of Kauai will be considered for allocating CDBG funds based on eligibility and meeting the national objective. The County does not use a formula for allocating CDBG funds for community development projects. Instead, funds are awarded through a competitive application process which scores and ranks proposed activities for eligibility, concept, project readiness, experience and qualifications, and priorities.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	60
Non-Homeless	12
Special-Needs	8
Total	80

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	1
Acquisition of Existing Units	1
Total	2

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

TABLE 9:

Homeless: 60 – Keaula Phase II Photovoltaic Project Installation (6)

Non-Homeless: 12 – ADA Ramp for Lawai Youth Transition Home (10); KCHA Homebuyer Loan Program (1); KCHA Home Purchase Program (1)

Special-Needs: 8 – Kauai – Aukoi Restoration Project

TABLE 10:

Rehab of Existing Units: 2 – Kauai – Aukoi Restoration Project (1)

Acquisition of Existing Units: 1 - KCHA Home Purchase Program

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

Refer to the State of Hawaii Annual Action Plan.

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

The Housing Agency will continue its efforts to outreach and provide information on current housing programs that: 1) offer low-cost, low-interest loans to eligible first-time homebuyers; 2) provide homebuyer education and counseling classes; 3) provide opportunities for first-time buyers to purchase their own home via the County's Leasehold Program; and 4) collaborate with County staff from the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

Not applicable.

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## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

Kauai County partners with local agencies to leverage resources and extend services to specific client needs. Social service agencies assist clients with individual needs in their area of expertise and refer them to other agencies to assist with needs that may require special attention. Special needs services are tailored to clients and agencies work together to ensure each client receives the necessary services.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The State Homeless Outreach Program provides comprehensive geographic coverage of the state's four counties: Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii. Outreach agencies are contracted by the state to locate unsheltered homeless individuals on beaches, in parks, on the streets, and other places where the homeless population congregates. The unsheltered homeless and at-risk population who might not otherwise receive assistance are provided with basic intake and assessment to identify their individual needs and barriers. The Outreach Program facilitates progress toward a healthier, more stable living condition with the goal of attaining and retaining permanent housing through self-sufficiency. The agencies are required to:

- Provide outreach and engagement with the unsheltered.
- Address and provide access to basic survival needs, including without limitation: food and/or shelter; medical attention; clothing; supportive services; access to financial and medical benefits; and legal assistance.
- Provide representative payee program services to help the seriously mentally ill to manage their finances.
- Encourage and form open relationships and trust with participants.
- Help participants to implement solutions to address barriers and initiate the transition to permanent housing and self-sufficiency by linking homeless persons with appropriate community services.
- Complete a Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) through Bridging the Gap, neighbor island providers use the coordinated assessment process.

The annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count will be conducted from Sunday, January 25 to Saturday, January 31, 2026. The night in question will be Sunday, January 25, 2026.

Local CoC KCA has created a separate meeting ahead of their monthly meeting for outreach providers to gather and compare notes. KCA will recognize Kauai Homelessness Awareness Month in November. Among the activities being planned are three separate outreach events serving the east, central area

and westside of the island.

Project Vision Hawaii provides hot showers via mobile hygiene unit and provides health and vital support services to those experiencing homelessness. Currently, the showers have routine stops three times a week for three hours at three separate locations on the west side, central and east side of the island.

Hoola Lahui is also providing mobile primary care and behavioral health services and the County partnered with them for several kickoff events highlighting their new mobile medical clinic.

Additionally, the County recently assisted Family Life Center in funding an additional outreach position to help increase capacity and access of homeless individuals to housing.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The State Homeless Program funds emergency and transitional shelters with the intent to achieve broad geographic accessibility through the state. Hawaii's shelters provide a secure environment where individuals and families can stabilize their lives, address their needs and strengthen their economic situation. These facilities provide a broad spectrum of services to address the multiple needs of homeless clients, including substance abuse, mental health and educational services; job and life skills training; and family support.

The state's program requires that all shelters provide access to basic needs, such as a safe and decent place to sleep, prepared meals and/or food/kitchen facilities, and hygiene essentials.

Each shelter performs an intake and assessment of each client that identifies the individual's areas of need. These are then incorporated into a social service plan that focuses on the participant's individual goals, achievement activities, and timeline for completion. The shelters also provide referrals and on-site classes or services to further assist clients in realizing their goals.

The County has recently taken steps to plan for a conceptual redesign of the Kauai Economic Opportunity shelter. KEO is Kauai's only homeless shelter. We have also begun the process of hiring a consultant to assist the County in developing a five-year strategic plan for addressing homelessness. Finally, KCHA will begin a grant-in-aid program, providing assistance to increase capacity to our homeless service providers in the coming year.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were**

## **recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

Kauai's Ohana Zone project, a partnership with the State and County, is Kealaula on Pua Loke. This housing project provides residents with personalized On-Site Case Management for their stay, which can be up to two years. Case management continues for one year after residents have graduated from the program into permanent housing. Support services are in place to provide guidance and resources for individuals and families transitioning from shelter or transitional housing to permanent housing, or independent living for homeless individuals and their families. Agencies assist with completing applications, rental deposit assistance and financial assistance when available. Agencies also provide job skills training to prepare them for employment, transportation to interviews and bus passes (when available) to help sustain employment.

Lima Ola, KCHA's new supportive housing development in Ele'ele on Kauai's west side, provides an additional 32 supportive housing units.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

The State Homeless Programs Office works diligently to seek and provide funds to assist with the prevention of homelessness. The Housing First model provides housing as a first step, without preconditions. Once off the street, services are provided and recovery begins. The model is created to assist individuals or families with support and/or social services to sustain and thrive in their new living environment and thus become productive members of their communities.

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

In the context of building homes that are affordable, many government regulations are in place to ensure health and safety and to protect natural resources. However, government regulations can work against developing affordable housing. The most common types of regulation that affect housing are building codes, environmental regulations, zoning, land use, impact fees and exactions, fiscal policy and administrative practices. The negative effects from regulation are delays and additional costs to develop. In developing affordable housing, this can directly impact project feasibility.

### **Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

Tax Policy -- No actions or reform steps proposed.

Land Use Controls -- The Housing Agency will support efforts that streamline the planning, zoning and permitting process through the administration of the County's 201-H policy and processing of development exemptions for eligible applicants that develop at least 51% of the total project units as affordable housing.

Affordable Housing Task Force -- The Housing Agency will continue to assist private developers through it's the Affordable Housing Task Force. The Task Force consists of representatives from County line review agencies and provides a private developer with the opportunity to dialogue and receive feedback to help streamline project review time.

Expedited Permitting -- The Housing Agency, under the authority of the mayor, will continue to recommend expedited permitting for affordable housing projects. Projects so designated will be given preferential permitting by review agencies.

Fee and Charges -- The Housing Agency will continue to administer requests for waivers of fees and charges allowed for affordable housing pursuant to Kauai County Code for building permits, sewer connection fees, environmental impact assessment fees, etc.

Growth Limits -- The Housing Agency will continue to support the development of comprehensive planning for the island's communities consistent with the General Plan update and endorse planning principles that integrate reasonable growth principles.

Policies that Affect the Return on Residential Investment -- The County will impose deed restrictions on the transfer of dwelling units according to the minimum requirements of Ordinance No. 860. This deed restriction requires owner occupancy of the units. If the owner wishes to sell their unit within a buyback

period, the unit must be first offered to the County at a price determined by a prescribed formula.

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## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

Promoting activities within the County brings awareness and education to the public regarding relevant issues on fair housing. Under the Annual Action Plan 2026, the County will continue to take actions to address obstacles to meet underserved needs, foster and maintain housing, and remove barriers to affordable housing.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

To address obstacles, the County will undertake the following actions:

- Leverage federal resources (Low Income Housing Tax Credits) to increase the supply of rental housing for underserved lower income populations.
- Invest federal resources to maintain the supply of rental housing for the underserved lower income populations.
- Invest federal resources (HOME, HOME-ARP, and HTF) to produce low-cost rental units for transitional programs for a segment of the island's population preparing for a transition to permanent housing.
- Utilize the County's Fast Track Permitting for Workforce Housing Projects to accelerate development for new affordable housing.
- Support applications that seek funding by non-profit organizations from other federal sources that are consistent with Consolidated Plan objectives and priorities.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

- Provide CDBG loan assistance through the Home Buyer Loan Program to provide low-cost mortgage loans to low- and moderate-income households.
- Provide CDBG funds to purchase and/or rehabilitate homes to resell, via the County's leasehold program, to low-and moderate-income households.
- Operate and maintain County's inventory of 160 affordable rental units primarily for low-income households at affordable and stable rents.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The County will continue to address lead-based paint to:

- Comply with federal guidelines under 24 CFR 35 for testing and abating lead-based paint hazards in projects receiving federal assistance;
- Require owner participants in the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program to certify that they will advise the County and tenant-family of any lead-based paint on surface of homes used to participate in the program;

- Provide each tenant participant in the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, Home Buyer Loan Program and Home Purchase Program with a copy of the EPA Bulletin, "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home"; and
- Abate lead-based paint on structures undergoing major renovation with financing through government programs, such as HOME and CDBG, and provide technical assistance in the abatement design and construction process.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The County will continue to operate a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program that assists Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher clients develop skills, abilities, and self-confidence needed to find and maintain jobs which pay adequate wages to minimize a need for public assistance.

The County will support services designed towards achieving self-sufficiency:

- Provide funds to non-profit organizations with social services that will strengthen families;
- Make funds available to organizations that provide protective services for children and adults; and
- Provide funds to organizations for job training and placement services to help individuals become financially self-sufficient.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The County will utilize the Fast Track Permitting for Workforce Housing policy to speed up the permitting process on projects with at least 51% affordable housing units.

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

The County will continue to provide public meetings in which citizens, agencies and interested parties are encouraged to give input and participate in identifying community needs and strategies. The County will continue to foster relationships with private organizations, businesses, and developers to build partnerships that can initiate and support economic and community development. Additionally, the County will continue to maintain, foster, and find new public agencies and non-profit organizations to ensure that benefits from the CDBG program are delivered to the community.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

**Introduction:**

The County does not expect to receive CDBG program income during the AAP 2026 program year. Program income generated from a leasehold home sale through the Home Purchase Program and all ground lease fees and loan repayments generated from County Housing programs will be receipted to the designated activities' revolving fund.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed  | 0        |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan. | 0        |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements  | 0        |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan   | 0        |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities   | 0        |
| <b>Total Program Income:</b>   | <b>0</b> |

#### Other CDBG Requirements

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|---|---------|
| 1. The amount of urgent need activities   | 0       |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 100.00% |

**Housing Trust Fund (HTF)  
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(5)**

1. Distribution of Funds

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).

Rental Housing - County will focus HTF funds on providing affordable rental housing to 30% AMI households. HTF funds may be used for the production, preservation, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities.

All rehabilitation projects must meet applicable HTF rehabilitation standards and the requirements of 24 CFR 93.301(b). However, the County intends to expend HTF funds received in PY 2022 only for the new construction of rental housing.

Eligible HTF activities and expenses include: real property acquisition, site improvements and development hard costs, related soft costs, conversion, demolition, financing costs, relocation assistance, operating cost assistance and reasonable administrative and planning costs for HTF program administration.

b. Describe the jurisdiction's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.

An organization, agency or other entity (including a public housing agency, or a for-profit entity, or a nonprofit entity) is eligible to apply for HTF assistance as an owner or developer to carry out an HTF-assisted project. An HTF Recipient must:

- Make assurances to the County that it will comply with the requirements of the HTF program during the entire period that begins upon the selection of the recipient to receive HTF funds, and ending upon the conclusion of all HTF-funded activities;
- Demonstrate the ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply and manage the eligible activity;
- Demonstrate its familiarity with the requirements of other Federal, State, or local housing programs that may be used in conjunction with HTF funds to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements and regulations of such programs; and
- Have demonstrated experience and capacity to conduct an eligible HTF activity as evidenced by its ability to own, construct, or rehabilitate, and manage an affordable multifamily rental housing development.

c. Describe the selection criteria that the jurisdiction will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.

The following selection criteria shall be used in the evaluation of HTF Applications:

- **Timeliness and Readiness to Proceed (Max. 30 pts.)** – The proposed project is feasible and will meet the required timelines to commit and expend HTF funds. Factors to be considered for timeliness and readiness are site control, financial commitments, environmental factors, zoning, utilities and site and neighborhood standards;
- **Consolidated Plan Priorities (Max. 10 pts.)** – The extent to which the project proposes accomplishments that will meet the rental housing objectives for the County. Preference to projects will be based on several factors, such as accessibility to employment opportunities, public transportation, schools, etc. Geographical distribution will be targeted to the three primary areas of Kauai’s transit and employment, which are, Kawaihau district, Lihue district and the Koloa district. Other factors are considered, are housing that includes green building and sustainable building features or housing that serves special needs populations;
- **Development Experience and Financial Capacity (Max 25 pts.)** – Applicant’s ability to obligate HTF dollars and undertake funded activities in a timely manner, past performance using federal funds, evidence of experience in developing and managing projects of similar type of scope, staff qualifications, fiscal soundness, and qualifications of the proposed project team, including proven record of experience with comparable projects;
- **Financially Feasible Project (Max. 25 pts.)** – Project pro forma to cover a minimum 30-year HTF affordability period and include rents that are affordable to extremely low-income households. Priority to be given for projects with extended affordability periods and project-based rental assistance; and
- **Use of Non-Federal Funding Sources (Max. 10 pts.)** – For extremely low-income targeting of 30% AMI, other funding sources compatible with HTF are needed. Priority consideration will be given to the extent HTF leverages non-federal funding sources.
- A minimum score of 50 points (out of the 100 total points) must be scored in order to be recommended for the award of HTF funds. Successful Recipient(s) will receive a Notice of Award, which will state that the County’s intent to award HTF funds is subject to approval by the approving authorities of the County, HHFDC, and HUD.
- **Maximum Per-Unit Development Subsidy Limits** – Each year, HHFDC must establish maximum limitations on the total amount of HTF funds that may be invested per-unit for development of non-luxury rental housing projects. The HOME Program Maximum Per-Unit Subsidy Limits have been adopted for the HTF program. The development costs of affordable rental housing across the state are generally higher in comparison with the HOME subsidy limits. However, due to the limited funding, the HTF projects will require leveraging with other significant sources of funds. The HOME subsidy limit provides a reasonable maximum to develop a greater number of HTF assisted units throughout the state.

d. Describe the jurisdiction’s required priority for funding based on geographic distribution, which is a description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year.

Geographical distribution will be given preference to the three primary areas of Kauai’s transit and employment, which are: Kawaihau district, Lihue district and the Koloa district. Other factors considered

are housing that includes green building and sustainable building features or housing that serves special needs populations.

e. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.

An organization, agency or other entity (including a public housing agency, or a for-profit entity, or a nonprofit entity) is eligible to apply for HTF assistance as an owner or developer to carry out an HTF-assisted project. An HTF Recipient must:

- Make assurances to the County that it will comply with the requirements of the HTF program during the entire period that begins upon the selection of the recipient to receive HTF funds, and ending upon the conclusion of all HTF-funded activities;
- Demonstrate the ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply and manage the eligible activity;
- Demonstrate its familiarity with the requirements of other Federal, State, or local housing programs that may be used in conjunction with HTF funds to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements and regulations of such programs; and
- Have demonstrated experience and capacity to conduct an eligible HTF activity as evidenced by its ability to own, construct, or rehabilitate, and manage an affordable multifamily rental housing development.

f. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which rents for units in the rental project are affordable to extremely low-income families.

Rental Housing – County will focus HTF funds on providing affordable rental housing to 30% AMI households. HTF funds may be used for the production, preservation, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing through acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities.

g. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.

Financially Feasible Project – Project pro forma to cover a minimum 30-year HTF affordability period and include rents that are affordable to extremely low-income households. Priority to be given for projects with extended affordability periods and project-based rental assistance.

h. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the jurisdiction (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).

Consolidated Plan Priorities – The extent to which the project proposes accomplishments that will meet the rental housing objectives for the County. Preference to projects will be based on several factors,

such as accessibility to employment opportunities, public transportation, schools, etc. Geographical distribution will be targeted to the three primary areas of Kauai's transit and employment, which are: Kawaihau district, Lihue district and the Koloa district. Other factors considered are housing that includes green building and sustainable building features or housing that serves special needs populations.

i. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the location of existing affordable housing.

The National Housing Trust Fund priority for funding based on the location of existing affordable housing is to focus on the preservation of rental housing for extremely low-income (30% AMI) families in Kauai County.

j. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources.

Use of Non-Federal Funding Sources – For extremely low-income targeting of 30% AMI, other funding sources compatible with HTF are needed. Priority consideration will be given to the extent HTF leverages non-federal funding sources.

2. Does the jurisdiction's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds? Yes

3. Does the jurisdiction's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements? Yes

4. **Performance Goals and Benchmarks.** The jurisdiction has met the requirement to provide for performance goals, consistent with the jurisdiction's goals established under 24 CFR 91.215(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens. Yes

5. **Rehabilitation Standards.** The jurisdiction must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The jurisdiction's description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The jurisdiction must attach its rehabilitation standards below. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds for the rehabilitation of housing, enter "N/A".

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable); and broadband infrastructure (if applicable).

N/A. During this program year, HTF funds will not be used for Rehabilitation.

**6. Resale or Recapture Guidelines.** Below, the jurisdiction must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

N/A

**7. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits.** If the jurisdiction intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

The jurisdiction will use the HUD issued affordable homeownership limits.

**8. Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences.** Describe how the jurisdiction will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan. If the jurisdiction will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter "N/A."

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the jurisdiction must not limit or give preferences to students. The jurisdiction may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303 only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan. N/A

**9. Refinancing of Existing Debt.** Enter or attach the jurisdiction's refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the jurisdiction will refinance existing rental housing project debt. The jurisdiction's refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the jurisdiction will not refinance existing debt, enter "N/A." N/A