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### **Renters, landlords encouraged to apply for financial assistance through CRUA program**

LĪHU'E – The County of Kaua'i's Coronavirus Rental and Utility Assistance Program (CRUA), administered by Kaua'i Federal Credit Union (Kaua'i FCU), has reopened and officials are encouraging renters and landlords in need of financial assistance to apply.

Kaua'i renters and/or landlords are encouraged to apply for assistance at [www.KauaiRentHelp.com](http://www.KauaiRentHelp.com).

"We are incredibly grateful to our partners with Kaua'i Federal Credit Union for their efforts to continue to this program, as many in our community are still struggling to make ends meet," said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. "We also thank our partners with Hawaiian Community Assets for helping residents who are also preparing to transition out of financial assistance."

In the past, funding for the CRUA program was limited to renters and landlords who suffered financial hardship due to the pandemic. That scope has since expanded, and the program can now accommodate renters or landlords who have experienced financial hardship anytime during the pandemic.

"We want to encourage anyone needing financial assistance, to call or email Kaua'i FCU if they have any questions about eligibility," said Housing Director Adam Roversi. "There may be something we can do that wasn't an option during our previous program. Please call if you'd like to know what your options are and if there are other resources you may be eligible for and can utilize."

As the island transitions to post-pandemic times, renters across Kauaʻi are also encouraged to develop sustainable plans for the payment of rent and utilities without CRUA assistance. Residents who need assistance transitioning away from CRUA benefits, are welcome to contact the Kauaʻi Financial Opportunity Center run by Hawaiian Community Assets. The Financial Opportunity Center has HUD-certified counselors who can work with residents to find financial solutions that fit their family, including grant and loan options. For assistance and more information on this service, please call (808) 784-3841 or email [kauaifoc@hawaiiancommunity.net](mailto:kauaifoc@hawaiiancommunity.net).

For more information on Kauaʻi's Coronavirus Rental and Utility Assistance Program, visit [www.KauaiRentHelp.com](http://www.KauaiRentHelp.com), email [rent@kauaicreditunion.org](mailto:rent@kauaicreditunion.org) or 808-482-3777.

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