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Applications for CDBG program funding opens Oct. 7

LĪHU'E – The Kaua'i County Housing Agency will be accepting online applications for funding through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in early October.

Starting on Oct. 7, a link to online applications will be available on the Housing Agency's website, www.kauai.gov/Housing. Applications are due by 4 p.m., on December 9, 2022.

The county's CDBG program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A virtual meeting and informational webinar will be held on Oct. 12, at 2 p.m., to discuss the use of federal funds for community needs, receive public comment and input, and provide more information on how to apply for funding. Connectivity information to attend the virtual meeting and webinar is posted on the Housing Agency's website, www.kauai.gov/Housing. Documents, materials, and information on how to apply for CDBG funding are also available on the Housing Agency's website under the "Housing & Community Development" tab.

In-person meetings will also be held for interested applicants as follows:

- **Monday, Oct. 10** – at 3 p.m., at Kapa'a Neighborhood Center (4491 Kou Street, Kapa'a);
- **Monday, Oct. 17** – at 10 a.m., at the Līhu'e Civic Center Mo'ikeha Building, Meeting Room 3, also known as the Liquor Control Commission Meeting Room (4444 Rice St., Līhu'e); and

- **Wednesday, Oct. 19** – at 3 p.m. at Waimea Neighborhood Center (4556 Makeke Rd., Waimea).

Interested persons are invited to attend in-person or virtual public meetings and provide comments. Written comments may be mailed to 4444 Rice Street, Suite 330, Līhu‘e, HI 96766 or emailed to housing@kauai.gov. All comments received by November 28, 2022, will be considered in preparing the Housing Agency’s Annual Action Plan 2023. The Housing Agency is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive federal CDBG program funds.

The CDBG program aims to develop and improve communities by providing decent and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low-and moderate-income people on Kaua‘i. To meet the needs of the community, the Housing Agency relies on collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations, service providers, private and government entities, and non-profit affordable housing developers. Some examples include services to those experiencing homelessness, substance abuse prevention, and education for youth.

Funds have been used to rehabilitate shelters, family centers, and for off-site infrastructure and improvements. CDBG funds have also been used to support transitional housing, affordable rental units, and opportunities for first-time homeownership through home purchases or gap and primary loans. Recent CDBG projects include photovoltaic installation at Kealaula at Pua Loke, a transitional housing project operated by Women in Need; sewer line upgrades and parking lot improvements to include ADA compliance at the emergency homeless shelter managed by Kaua‘i Economic Opportunity; and improvements to Laukona Park in Hanamā‘ulu.

Closed captioning services will be provided for the virtual meeting and webinar.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, email housing@kauai.gov or call 808-241-4444 as soon as possible, preferably ten (10) days prior to the

meeting date. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

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