

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 903.17 and 24 CFR Part 903.21, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), Hawaii Department of Human Services, hereby provides notice that it will hold public hearings on amendments to the Public Housing Agency (PHA) 2009-2014 Annual and 5-Year Plan.

Background: The 2009-2014 HPHA Annual and 5-Year Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on July 14, 2009 states the HPHA's mission, goals, and objectives for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families during the five years covered by the Plan. Through the PHA Plan, HPHA advises its residents, HUD and members of the public on its strategy in addressing the needs of residents in federal public housing and recipients of Section 8 tenant-based assistance. The Plan includes a list of building projects to be completed with HUD funds.

Amendment: This change in the Plan is necessary in order to modify the list of projects to be completed with funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). HPHA is proposing to add capital improvement projects at Kahekili Terrace (Maui), Kalanihulia (Oahu), and Kalakaua Homes (Oahu) to the list of projects funded by ARRA.

Projects that will no longer be funded by ARRA but will instead be funded with other federal capital fund sources are: the reroofing projects at Hale Hookipa and Mayor Wright Homes; electrical repairs at Puuwai Momi; and renovations of type "c" extensively damaged units at various sites statewide. Also, portions of the David Malo Circle project(s) previously included in the ARRA plan cannot be completed within the time frames required by ARRA, and a different funding source will be used to complete that project. All of these projects will still be completed; only the funding source changes.

Without this amendment to the Plan, HPHA will be required to return some of the ARRA funds to HUD and Hawaii will not receive the full benefit of ARRA. Modification of the Plan was approved for public comment and hearing by the HPHA Board of Directors on February 18, 2010. Under 24 CFR Part 903.21 as modified by PIH Notice 2009-12(HA) issued March 18, 2009, this amendment to the Plan is subject to a ten-day public notice period instead of the 45 day period usually required for substantial changes to the Plan.

Public Review: The amended portions of the 5-Year and Annual Plan are available for public viewing at the HPHA and site management offices at the following locations between 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority
1002 North School Street, Bldg. E
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Lanakila Homes
600 Wailoa Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Ka Hale Kahaluu
78-6725 Makolea Street
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Kahekili Terrace
2015 Holowai Place
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Kapaa
4726 Malu Road
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

Also available on the HPHA website at:
www.hpha.hawaii.gov/housingplans/index.htm

Public Hearings: Public hearings will be held at the following locations on Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m., except Lanakila Homes in Hilo, which will start at 5:00 p.m.:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)
1002 No. School Street, Bldg. "E"
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Kealakehe Housing
74-991 Manawalea St, Room A101
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Lanakila Homes Conference Room (**5:00 pm**)
600 Wailoa Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Kapaa Community Hall
4726 Malu Road
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

Kahekili Terrace Office/Community Hall
2015 Holowai Place
Wailuku, HI 96793

All interested persons are invited to provide comments relating to the Plan amendments, either orally or in writing.

Oral comments should be presented at the public hearing. All oral and written testimony presented at the public hearing will be considered. Persons who cannot attend the hearing and prefer not to provide written comments may phone (808) 832-4686 and leave their comments as a voicemail message.

Written comments may be presented to the presiding officer at the public hearing, or mailed to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Attention: PHA Plan, at P.O. Box 17907, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817. Written comments may also be faxed to (808) 832-4679, or sent by electronic mail to hpha@hawaii.gov. Written comments not presented at the public hearing should be received at HPHA office in Honolulu by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Any person requiring assistance to participate, such as large print, taped materials, interpreters for sign language or limited English proficiency, etc., should make a request to HPHA at least ten working days prior to the public hearings in order to allow time to make arrangements. Requests can be made by writing to HPHA at the address above or by calling (808) 832-4680.

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Department of Human Services

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