

November 2, 2022

RE: County Emergency Rental Assistance Program – Status Update

Aloha ERAP Applicant,

I am writing on behalf of Hawaii Community Lending (HCL) and our partner nonprofits to inform you that **the Hawaii County Emergency Rental Assistance Program will begin to wind down starting November 1, 2022.**

As the County waits for additional federal funding there is limited amount of funds available for rent and utility assistance.

All financial assistance approved moving forward will be prioritized and funds will be disbursed to households facing eviction, utility shutoff, or who have an unemployed in their household and are at-risk of homelessness.

Financial assistance will be paid out on a first come, first serve basis.

The County will be working to develop a new rent and utility assistance program that will include connectivity to housing stability services such as workforce development programs, financial empowerment services, community services and resources and the development of a sustainable housing plan.

Next Steps

You do not have to take any additional steps.

The nonprofit organization responsible for your application will be contacting you to inform you of the status of your application and direct you to additional resources to help you at this time.

We encourage all applicants to contact other organizations for available resources to assist you at this time.

First Month's Rent Deposit/Utility Assistance

- Catholic Charities HI ESG-CHAP: (808) 961-7050 and press number for ESG-CHAP
- HOPE Services HI: (808) 935-3050
- Alu Like: (808) 535-6700 and press 1 for emergency grant assistance (for Native Hawaiians ONLY)

Housing Navigation

- NPP Family Resource Center: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g9i1P6PuoxBw5FcrbK6y_A-TYwshXvgzZgOljPIIBCo/viewform?ts=617875ec&edit_requested=true
- HOPE Services HI: (808) 935-3050

Mediation/Legal Assistance

- Ku'ikahi Mediation Center: (808) 935-7844
- West Hawaii Mediation Center: (808) 885-5525
- Legal Aid Society of Hawaii: (808) 536-4302
- Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii: (808) 313-8210
- Affordable Lawyers Project: (808) 527-8027
- Self-Help Center: (808) 909-2845

Affordable Housing Resources

- Big Island Housing Foundation: (808) 969-3327
- Hawaii Housing: (808) 933-0474
- Kauhele Olu Apartments: (808) 964-5015
- Affordable Housing Inventory: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hhfdc/files/2022/06/Affordable-Housing-Inventory-JUNE-2022.pdf>

Financial Counseling/Employment

- Financial Empowerment Center: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/office-of-housing/financial-empowerment-center>
- American Job Center: (808) 935-6527
- GoodWill Employment: (808) 933-9675

Crisis Services

- Crisis Line: 1-800-753-6879
- Mental Health America of Hawaii: Neighbor Islands (Toll-Free) 1-800-753-6879
- CARE Hawai'i: (808) 930-0777 (Hilo) (808) 327-6500 (Kona)
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division: (808) 974-6006
- Hawai'i Families As Allies Warm Line: (808) 682-1511
- Hui Malama Ola Na Oihi: (808) 969-9220

Family and Individual Therapy

- Kehau Hufanga, LLC Therapy (Children & Adults). Accepting HMSA PPO/HMO and HMSA Quest and Cash (sliding fee scale available): 808-464-0275 614 Kilauea Ave. Suite 15 Hilo HI 96720
- Rochelle S. Wagner, LLC (Children): 808-300-6198

Additional services and job openings currently available can be found on our website at www.HawaiiCountyERAP.org or by calling or texting the Coordination Center at 808.501.1413.

Mahalo for your patience and understanding.



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