

CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2019

GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN RAWLINS -FERNANDEZ AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. I'M JOE PONTANILLA THE CDBG PROGRAM MANAGER.

THE CDBG PROGRAM IS A FLEXIBLE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES COMMUNITIES WITH RESOURCES TO ADDRESS A WIDE RANGE OF UNIQUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. THE CDBG PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY RUN PROGRAMS AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD). MAUI COUNTY HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE CDBG PROGRAM SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1974. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO DEVELOP VIABLE COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING DECENT HOUSING, A SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT, AND OPPURTUNITIES TO EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, PRINCIPALLY FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS.

HUD'S CDBG REGULATIONS REQUIRE RECIPIENTS TO CARRY OUT CDBG ACTIVITIES IN A TIMELY MANNER, THUS ENSURING LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS ARE ASSISTED. THE STANDARD REQUIRES GRANTEES TO BE AT 1.50 CDBG TIMELINESS RATIO 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE END OF OUR PROGRAM YEAR. ON THE TEST DATE OF MAY 2, 2018, WE ACHIEVED A TIMELINESS RATIO OF 1.32 FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2017. THE NEXT ANNUAL TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED ON MAY 2, 2019, FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018. ALSO, HUD NOTED THE COMPLETION OF SEVERAL CDBG-FUNDED PROJECTS IN PY 2017, WHICH INCLUDES KA HALE A KE OLA STAIRCASE SAFETY INITIATIVE, MENTAL HEALTH KOKUA IAO HOUSE REHABILITATION, MOLOKAI EXPANDED RURAL BUS SERVICE A, AND MOLOKAI EXPANDED RURAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE B, LAHAINA SURF PRESERVATION AND THE MAUI FARM REHABILITATION.

THE COUNTY'S 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN DESCRIBES THE FOLLOWING FOUR PRIORITY CONCERNS THAT WE ADDRESSED THROUGH THE CDBG PROGRAM: HOUSING AND SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND FAIR HOUSING. DURING PROGRAM YEAR 2017, THE CDBG PROGRAM EXPENDED \$1,491,522 ON 15 PROJECTS.

PRIOR TO THE PREPARATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019 A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD TO SOLICIT INPUT ON COMMUNITY NEEDS. IN OUR EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE COMMENTS AND VIEWS FROM LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS, THE COUNTY HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS IN LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING HANA, MOLOKAI AND LANAI. PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE ALSO HELD IN HAIKU, WAILUKU, LAHAINA, KIHEI AND UPCOUNTRY. PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, PUBLIC NOTICE WERE PUBLISHED IN THE MAUI NEWS AND A MASS E-MAIL NOTIFICATION TO THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COUNTY. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS EFFORT MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE NUMBER AND QUALITY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019. ALSO, WE HAVE MET WITH MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DISSCUSSED THE PROJECTS THAT WERE SELECTED FOR FUNDING AS WELL AS THE ALTERNATE PROJECTS THAT POTENTIALLY COULD BE FUNDED SHOULD FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE.

CONSISTENT WITH THE EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES MAINTAINED BY THE CDBG OFFICE, THE RECOMMENDED PROJECTS WERE SELECTED VIA AN OPEN COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS (RFP) AND PANEL EVALUATION, FOLLOWED BY THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

THE FIVE MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE EVALUATION AND SELECTION PANEL UTILIZED FOR THE RFP PROCESS INCLUDE A DIVERSE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WITH VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERTISE THAT REPRESENTS THE COUNTY WELL. THEY INCLUDE, PAT MATSUMOTO (V.P. CENTRAL PACIFIC BANK),

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ANGIE HARAMOTO (ACCOUNTANT T-SHIRT FACTORY-RETIRED), RUDY BALINBIN (FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK – RETIRED), MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER MICHEAL MOLINA AND GAY SIBONGA OF MAUI ECONOMIC OPPURTUNITY. LINDA MUNSELL OF HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES SERVED AS THE ALTERNATE.

THE OPEN APPLICATION PROCESS, THE STRUCTURED RATING METHOLOGY UTILIZING PRE-EVALUATION SUCCESS FACTORS AND SCORING PARAMETERS FOR EACH APPLICATION QUESTION, COMBINED WITH THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION BY THE PANEL, ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE, OBJECTIVE AND CREDIBLE APPROACH FOR SELECTION OF PROJECTS.

GIVEN OUR STRINGENT AND COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION AND SELECTION SYSTEM, WE CANNOT AND ARE NOT ABLE TO ARBITRARILY SELECT A TYPE OF PROJECT OVER ANOTHER. THE FUNDING PROPOSAL PRESENTED IN THIS CDBG RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL IS BASED ON AN OBJECTIVE AND FAIR PROCESS.

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WERE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING IN THE 2019 PROGRAM YEAR:

1. HALE MAHAOLU – HALE MAHAOLU LAHAINA SURF PRESERVATION
2. HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES – HALE MAKUA KAHULUI BOILER UPGRADE
3. HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES – HALE MAKUA WAILUKU ROOF RESURFACING AND RECOATING
4. KA HALE A KE OLA HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTERS, INC. – KHAKO RENEWAL PROJECT PHASE II BUILDING 6
5. J. WALTER CAMERON CENTER – CAMERON CENTER REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
6. CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

ALTERNATES:

7. J. WALTER CAMERON CENTER – CAMERON CENTER REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
8. MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. – REHABILITATION OF MFSS BUILDING
9. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS HAWAII, INC. – HALE MAKANA MENTOR RESTORATION
10. HANA HEALTH – HANA HEALTH REHABILITATION & SUPPORT CENTER
11. WOMEN IN NEED – CASE MANAGEMENT SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM
12. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF MAUI, INC. – PAUKUKALO CLUBHOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.
13. KAUPU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. – INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO OLD KAUPU SCHOOL RESTORATION.

WITH YOUR APPROVAL WE HOPE TO FILE THE COUNTY’S APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019 TO THE U.S. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BY MAY 15, 2019.

THANK YOU CHAIRMAN RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ