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Honorable Alan M. Arakawa  
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Riki Hokama  
 Chair, Budget and Finance Committee  
 Maui County Council  
 200 South High Street  
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Dear Chair Hokama:

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2018 BUDGET (HC-3) (BF-1)**

Thank you for your correspondence of March 10, 2017 requesting information related to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. The questions posed in your letter are listed below in bold and are followed by the Department's responses.

- 1. Provide statistical data relating to the total number of Section 8 housing voucher recipients, include length of residency in Maui County, residency area, and other related demographic information available.**

There are currently 1,510 voucher holders on Maui County's Section 8 HCV program. The breakdown of residency area is as follows:

**VOUCHER HOLDERS**

Maui County	1,209
State, but not in Maui County	223
Mainland	9
Searching for Units	69
	1,510

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The breakdown for those individuals residing in Maui County by residency area is as follows:

• Haiku (96708)	71 voucher holders
• Hana (96713)	8
• Paia (96779)	33
• Pukalani (96788)	37
• Kula (96790)	47
• Wailuku (96793)	198
• Kahului (96732)	198
• Kihei (96753)	165
• Lahaina (96761)	63
• Makawao (96768)	198
• Kaunakakai (96748)	144
• Hoolehua (96729)	16
• Maunaloa (96770)	14
• Kualapuu (96757)	14
• Lanai City (96763)	3
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,209</u>

In regard to the length of residency in Maui County, our housing software does not track such information.

**2. Provide the number of Section 8 housing voucher holders ported from other jurisdictions, include the jurisdiction and amount of voucher.**

There are currently 32 active port-ins, all of which are from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Vouchers range from \$138 to \$1,314 monthly.

**3. Provide the number of vouchers that are ported from Maui County to other jurisdictions, include jurisdiction and amount of voucher.**

Currently, there are a total of 64 vouchers that are ported out from Maui County to other jurisdictions which are listed below:

- Hawaii County Housing Agency: 21
- City and County of Honolulu: 26
- Hawaii Public Housing Authority: 3
- Vancouver Housing Authority (WA): 3
- Housing Authority of Portland (OR): 2
- County of Tarrant Housing Authority (TX): 1
- Orange County Housing Authority (CA): 3
- Housing Authority of Thurston County (WA): 2
- San Diego Housing Commission (CA): 1
- Housing Authority of the City of El Paso (TX): 1
- King County Housing Authority (WA): 1

Vouchers range from \$88 to \$2,494 monthly.

**4. Provide the eligibility requirements for the Section 8 housing voucher program, including residency requirements.**

Per Chapter 3 of the Administrative Plan, the eligibility requirements for the HCV program are as follows:

- Consent to the Public Housing Authority's (PHA) collection and use of family information as provided for in PHA-provided consent forms.
- To be eligible for assistance, an applicant must qualify as a family. *Family* as defined by HUD includes a group of persons residing together. A family also includes two or more individuals who are not related by blood, marriage, adoption, or other operation of law but who either can demonstrate that they have lived together previously or certify that each individual's income and other resources will be available to meet the needs of the family.
- Income limits are used for eligibility only at admission. Income eligibility is determined by comparing the annual income of an applicant to the applicable income limit for their family size. A family must be a very low income family or an extremely low income family. The income limits are listed below.

Household Size	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven
Very Low Income	\$28,200	\$32,200	\$36,250	\$40,250	\$43,500	\$46,700	\$49,950
Extremely Low Income	\$16,950	\$19,350	\$23,190	\$27,950	\$32,470	\$37,470	\$42,230

- Housing assistance is available only to individuals who are U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals (herein referred to as citizens and nationals), or noncitizens that have eligible immigration status. At least one family member must be a citizen, national, or noncitizen with eligible immigration status in order for the family to qualify for any level of assistance.
- The applicant and all members of the applicant's household must disclose the complete and accurate social security number (SSN) assigned to each household member, and the documentation necessary to verify each SSN.
- The applicant family is not required to reside in Maui County when an application is submitted. However, if neither the head of household nor the spouse/cohead of an applicant family had a domicile in the PHA's jurisdiction at the time of the family's initial application for assistance was submitted, the family must lease a unit within the initial PHA's jurisdiction for at least 12 months before being able to move to another PHA jurisdiction. There are exceptions to the policy based on reasonable accommodation or reasons related to domestic violence.

In addition to the requirements above, HUD requires the PHA to deny assistance in the following cases:

- Any member of the household has been evicted from federally-assisted housing in the last 3 years for drug-related criminal activity.
- The PHA determines that any household member is currently engaged in the use of illegal drugs.
- The PHA has reasonable cause to believe that any household member's current use or pattern of use of illegal drugs, or current abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol, may threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.
- Any household member has ever been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for the production or manufacture of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing.
- Any household member is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a state sex offender registration program.

**5. Provide the number of Compacts of Free Association (COFA) citizens receiving Section 8 housing vouchers and provide information on other programs available relating to housing needs for COFA citizens.**

Ethnicity is broken down into five major ethnicity categories:

- White (865 individuals)
- Black (77 individuals)
- American Indian (117 individuals)
- Asian (322 individuals)
- Pacific Islander (796 individuals)

The Pacific Islander category includes those from Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and Native Hawaiians. Available data does not specify those identifying their ethnicity as COFA citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7805.

Sincerely,



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