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HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BIG ISLAND

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PUBLIC HOUSING APPLICATION OFFICES

Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i (HCDCH) "State Housing"

Hilo Office: 600 Wailoa Street Hilo, HI 96720..... **933-0474**

Kona Office (Kahalu'u Housing) 78-6725 Makolea Street..... **322-1915**

www.hcdch.state.hi.us

HCDCH is a consolidated housing agency whose mission is *"to serve as a catalyst to provide Hawai'i residents with affordable housing and shelter opportunities in a balanced and supportive environment."*

Individuals seeking housing may pick up HCDCH housing assistance applications at either their Hilo or Kona office. If an individual is disabled and therefore unable to pick up an application he/she may contact HCDCH at 933-0474.

SECTION 8 RENTAL APPLICATION OFFICES

County of Hawai'i Office of Housing and Community Development

50 Wailuku Drive Hilo, HI 96720-2484..... **961-8379** or **961-8690**

The US Department of Urban and Housing Development's (HUD) Section 8 program began in 1975 as a means for assisting low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to rent decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the community. Participants on the Section 8 program receive "rental subsidies" that can be used in the private rental housing market of their choice that meets Section 8 program requirements.

Interested persons may pick up applications at either the State Housing office in Hilo, or at the Kona Mayor's office, located at 75-5706 Kuakini Hwy., Suite 103. Applications can be mailed to individuals with disabilities. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

RENTAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

(Ask about the availability of Low Rent Apartments or using your Section 8 Certificate.)

RSM, Inc.

626 Kekuanaoa Street, Ste. 360

Hilo, HI 96720

Phone: **961-5255**

www.rsmrealestate.com

Hawaii Equity, Inc.

99 Aupuni Street

Suite 120

Hilo, HI 96720

Phone: **961-5221**

COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SHELTERS

Big Island Housing Foundation

106 Kinoole St., Ste. 102 Hilo, HI 96720.....**969-3327**

e-mail: bihf@bigislandhousing.com

Big Island Housing Foundation manages eight apartment complexes that provide units for section 8 participants. Applications may be picked up at their Hilo office.

Catholic Charities Services

Ka Hale 'O Kawaihae

Post Office Box 1976, Kamuela, Hawaii 96743..... **882-7609**

www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org

Ka Hale 'O Kawaihae is a 20-unit facility that offers shelter programs to homeless families. Program services include: intensive case management, mandatory and elective life skills and educational programs and classes, budget counseling, housing counseling, and employment training.

Hawaii Island Catholic Ministry

CARE-A-VAN

Hilo Office: 78 Keaa Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720.....**935-3050**

Kona Office: P.O. Box 863-A, Holualoa, Hawaii 96726.....**326-7023**

Provides mobile outreach services to homeless individuals and families on the Big Island. Also offers health care and financial assistance to eligible homeless individuals and families.

The Salvation Army

Hilo Office: 78 Keaa Street, Hilo, HI 96720.....**935-7344**

Kona Office: 75-235 Kalani Street, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.....**329-7800**

Offers counseling, medical care, food and clothing to individuals in need. Church grants are offered on occasion.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living

East Hawai'i: 400 Hualani Street, Suite 16D.....**935-3777**

West Hawai'i: 81-6627 Mamalahoa Hwy., Suite B5.....**323-2221**

The Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living (HCIL) is a non-profit organization run by and for persons with disabilities who are dedicated to ensuring that people with disabilities of all types are able to live independently. HCIL offers: peer counseling, housing (referral and assistance), financial benefits, transportation, independent living skills training, attendant referral, advocacy and outreach/public education.

Care Resource Hawai'i

74-5565 Luhia Street, Ste. 7C, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.....**326-7021**

www.careresourcehawaii.org

CareResource Hawai'i can help individuals and families of all ages who are facing a variety of health challenges such as short or long term illnesses, injury and physical disabilities. A wide range of services are offered, including skilled nursing, personal care, social services and rehabilitative therapies.

Nursing Home Without Walls

East Hawai'i: 224 Haili Street, Hilo, HI 96720.....**933-8820**

West Hawai'i: 75-5995 Kuakini Hwy., Ste. 433, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.....**327-6280**

This long-term care program provides case management and up to 11 different services to persons who choose to remain in their homes as an alternative to nursing home placement. The person must be Medicaid eligible and certified for nursing home care by a medical doctor.

HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES

Steadfast Housing Development Corp.

Telephone: **985-7100**.....e-mail: shdc2@pixi.com

Steadfast Housing provides housing for persons with serious mental illness, who have been referred by the State Department of Health. Steadfast Housing serves to: *“Acquire, develop, own and manage housing suitable for occupancy by persons with serious mental illnesses. Life skills training onsite include, but are not limited to, cooking, household chores, shopping, transportation and money management.”*

140 Wainaku Road, Hilo, HI 96720.....Tel: **935-7167**
75-6082 Alii Drive, Ste. A, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.....Tel: **331-1468**

Mental Health Kokua is actively involved in advocacy for and action to address the needs of individuals whose mental distress, emotional crisis or mental illness is interfering with their lives. Their services include: case management, transitional housing with 24-hour on-site staffing and supportive group housing as a next step from transitional placement. Individuals must be referred by the Department of Health.

Catholic Charities Services

74-5617 Pawai Place #206, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740....Tel: **331-8989**

This branch of Catholic Charities Services provides a foster care program for children and adolescents who suffer from extreme emotional and behavioral disorders. Referrals must be from the Department of Health. No walk-ins.

East Hawaii Coalition for the Homeless

115 Kapiolani Street, Hilo, HI 96720.....**969-4848**

Provides emergency and transitional housing for homeless families and individuals. Offers classes on budgeting, life skills and parenting.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AIDS/HIV

West Hawaii AIDS Foundation

75-240 Nani Kailua Drive, Ste. 5, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740....Tel: **331-8177**

West Hawaii Aids Foundation provides education, advocacy, prevention and referral programs. They are dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of life, and assist with daily living activities, food, transportation, counseling, case management and respite care. Aid for housing, medicine and support groups is offered.

Contact: **George Kennedy**

Big Island AIDS Project

2043 Kinoole Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720....Tel: **981-2428**

We believe that everyone should be empowered with the knowledge that can help them live safe, healthy lives and that people infected with or affected by STD/HIV/AIDS have the right to have their basic human needs met regardless of their ability to pay.

Established in 1986, the Big Island AIDS Project is the only non-profit organization in East Hawai'i providing free, comprehensive, community-based services relating to STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases), HIV (Human Immune-deficiency Virus) and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

IMMIGRANT HOUSING ISSUES

Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Post Office Box 2457, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96745....Tel: **326-1332**

This program provides intensive care management services to low-income immigrants who need immigration-related assistance.