

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION (AHP) PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

- **Q: Can an individual use funds from the AHP Program to purchase, rehabilitate, or construct housing for personal use?**
A: No, only public agencies, non-profits, for-profits, and land trusts are eligible to apply for AHP Program funds.

- **Q: Does any of the AHP Program funding come from Federal Funding Sources?**
A: No, AHP Program funds are solely derived from County funds.

- **Q: Can AHP Program funds be transferred to other organizations once they are awarded?**
A: No, the funds from the AHP Program cannot be distributed or redistributed to other organizations.

- **Q: Can AHP Program funds be used to cover administrative costs?**
A: No, AHP Program funds shall not be used to cover any overhead or administrative expenses related to the project.

- **Q: Does Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 343 Environmental Impact Statements apply to the AHP Program?**
A: Yes, Chapter 343 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes applies to the AHP Program for all activities involving the use of County funds.

- **Q: Does Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 104 Wages and Hours of Employees on Public Works apply to the AHP Program?**
A: Yes, Chapter 104 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes applies to the AHP Program for construction activities exceeding \$2,000.00 involving the use of County funds.

- **Q: Can an applicant rent or sell affordable housing units for less than what is identified in the Affordable Housing Guidelines?**
A: Yes, the limits in the Affordable Housing Guidelines are maximum limits. Assuming the rental or sales price is below these limits, it is acceptable. However, if an applicant's proposal targets a specific Area Median Income (AMI) group, the prospective tenants or buyers must belong to that specific AMI group and not a lower one.

- **Q: What is the 5-year experience requirement to apply for the AHP Program?**
A: Applicants must have 5 years of experience in activities similar to those outlined in the proposed project, such as construction, rehabilitation, financial programs, adaptive reuse, etc. This experience must be demonstrated by previously completed projects of a comparable scale.