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FEATURE SPOTLIGHT

*Mayor Hanneman of the City & County of Honolulu announces the FIRST success for the Hawaiian Homeowner Effort.*



*Left to Right: Judy Pulido (City & County's FSS & HOP Programs), Vickie Punua-McGinnis (City & County's FSS & HOP Programs), Jerilyn Anderton (Hawaiian Homelands Homeowner), Michael Flores (HUD-PIH), Helen Wai (Homeownership Educator), Clarice Osato (USDA RA Area Specialist), Claudine Allen (HUD-ONAP), Myra Ozawa, (Home Start Liaison, Hawaii National Bank).*

On Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009 Mayor Mufi Hannemann announced that Kapolei resident Jerilyn Anderton is the first participant in the City's Section 8 housing assistance program to purchase a new home built on the Department of Hawaiian Homelands property.

"History has been made!" Hannemann exclaimed. "This accomplishment reflects the successful collaboration of several private and governmental agencies that assisted Ms. Anderton achieve the American Dream of homeownership."

He noted that Ms. Anderton, a single parent with three children, is a successful graduate of both the City's Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program and its Homeownership Option Program (HOP). Her active participation enabled her to secure full-time employment, rebuild her credit after bankruptcy, save for down payment and closing costs, complete financial education and homebuyer education, and purchase her 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Kapolei for \$290,600.

Jerilyn couldn't be happier about her new home and expresses her thanks to the many partner agencies who "counseled and guided me in the right direction" ultimately making this opportunity possible for her and her family. The partner agencies include the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act Grant Program, and the City's Section 8 Rental Assistance Branch and its Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Homeownership Option (HOP) Programs.

Other participating partner agencies are the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Direct Loan Program, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle and its local partner, Hawaii National Bank for its HomeStart Plus Program, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and its Homeownership Assistance Programs, Helen Wai, LLC and Hale Huaka'i for Homebuyer Education, American Savings Bank and Alu Like Incorporated for its Assets for Independence Individual Development Account Program.

Ms. Anderton is the City's 23rd Section 8 Homeowner since 2003 and the 9th program participant to receive a monthly homeownership assistance payment from the City's Section 8 Rental Assistance Branch. The City's Homeownership Option Program staff continues to assist over two hundred Section 8 families in the Family Self-Sufficiency and HOP programs to work toward economic stability and to prepare for future homeownership opportunities. For more information about this program, please call the Community Assistance Division at 768-7078.

Media contact: Judy Pulido, FSS Coordinator, (808) 768-7078

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## PIC AND OTHER SYSTEMS NEWS

### **EIV - Tenant Dispute of EIV Information**

Procedure for contesting record is published in the Federal Register Notice **74 FR 45235**. This notice is available here

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-21087.pdf> and <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-21087.htm>

**Employment and wage information** reported in EIV originates from the employer. The employer reports this information to the local State Workforce Agency (SWA), who in turn, reports the information to the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) database. If a participant of HUD assistance program disputes this information, he or she would contact the employer directly in writing to dispute the employment and /or wage information and request the employer correct erroneous information. If employer resolution is not possible, the program participant should contact the local SWA for assistance.

**Unemployment benefit information** reported in EIV originates from the local State Workforce Agency (SWA). If a participant of HUD rental assistance disputes this information, he or she should contact the SWA directly, in writing to dispute the unemployment benefit information, and request that the SWA correct erroneous information.

**SS and SSI benefit information** reported in EIV originates from the Social Security Agency (SSA). If a participant of a HUD rental assistance program disputes this information, he or she should contact the SSA at (800) 772-1213 or visit the local SSA office. SSA office information is available in the government pages of your local telephone directory or online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

**Debts owed to PHAs and termination information** is reported to HUD by the PHA. If a current or former participant of a HUD rental assistance program disputes this information, he or she should contact the PHA directly in writing to dispute this information and provide any documentation that supports the dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record from EIV.

All other information pertaining to procedures for the amendment or correction of records is located at 24 CFR parts 16.8 and 16.9

**HUD cannot remove disputed information from EIV.** Only the source of the information can correct erroneous information. In accordance with 24 CFR 5.236, if the tenant disputes information derived from a computer matching program, the PHA must request written 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification from the source of the dispute information. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> party does not respond to your request, you should document the family file of your efforts to request the verification.

As a last resort, if the dispute cannot be resolved due to non-responsiveness of an employer or SWA, the tenant should make a declaration in writing why he or she disputes the information and that he or she has not and does not receive income from the source.

Or use the **Optional Certification Page** to document the tenant’s agreement or dispute of EIV information that is reviewed with the individual during an interim or annual reexam. The document is available under the **By Head of Household** function for obtaining income information. It is recommended that you have each adult sign a separate Certification Page if the response is different. Simply select the desired number of copies when printing the form using the **Printer-Friendly Version** link.

**All PIH RHIP/EIV inquiries should be sent to [PIH.RHIP.TA@HUD.GOV](mailto:PIH.RHIP.TA@HUD.GOV) with a copy to the local HUD office.**

## PUBLIC HOUSING NEWS

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND THE ARRA



**UPDATE:** Hawaii Region uses of the Recovery Act Capital Funding by Formula

**To the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)**

**Total ARRA Amount Awarded: \$16,245,443.00** (this amount does not include future ARRA awards by competitive process)

Project Name	Improvement Description	ARRA Funds Obligated	Start Date	Anticipated Completion
Hale Hauoli, Honokaa	Painting, Reroofing, Renovation (construction)			
Kahekili Terrace, Maui	Physical Improvements (construction) roof, site work, exterior renovation			
Kaimalino & Kealakehe, Kona	Reroofing (construction) exterior renovation			
Kalanihuia	Reroofing and Elevator Lobby Improvements (construction)			
Makani Kai Hale, Maui	Physical Improvements			
Makua Alii	Structural and Spall Repairs (construction)			
Administrative Costs	Operations (not > 20% of grant); Administration (not > 10% of grant); contingency (not > 8% of grant); Management Improvements; Audit			

**TOTAL ARRA Funds Obligated**

**To the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA)**  
**Total ARRA Amount Awarded: \$1,984,167.00**

Project	Improvement Description	ARRA Funds Obligated	Improvement Start Date	% Completed as of Oct 2009
AMPs 1 & 4	Exterior Painting	\$ 227,446.00	16-June-2009	60.48%
AMPs 2 & 3	Exterior Painting	\$ 94,934.00	23-June-2009	43.39%
AMPs 1 & 4	Water blasting, Roof Coating, Heat Reduction	\$ 1,332,650.00	03-June-2009	28.03%
AMP 2	Water blasting, Roof Coating, Heat Reduction	\$ 89,618.23	03-June-2009	84.00%
AMPs 1,2 & 4	Kitchen Cabinets/Counters/Tops	\$ 189,518.77	26-June-2009	100.00%

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**Recovery Act Reporting Requirements**

Since passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) on February 17, 2009, HUD has been working to provide PHAs with funding for projects that create jobs, improve the public housing inventory, increase energy efficiency and improve the quality of life for our residents. One of the requirements of the Recovery Act is the reporting of activities and outcomes.

All PHAs receiving Capital Fund Recovery Grants are required to meet additional reporting requirements. Transparency and accountability are critical priorities of the Administration and HUD in the funding and implementation of the Recovery Act. In particular the Recovery Act includes two quarterly reporting requirements. These reports do not take the place of existing reporting requirements for HUD programs.

1. **Reporting on Jobs and Activities.** Section 1512 of the Recovery Act requires all recipients to report on their activities, job creation, and job retention. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the direction of the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board (RATB), created [FederalReporting.gov](http://FederalReporting.gov) to manage the reporting process for this provision. [FederalReporting.gov](http://FederalReporting.gov) will be the official record of jobs created and activities performed with Recovery Act Funding. By reporting to the system in a timely and accurate manner, HUD grantees will assure their achievements are documented and presented to the public.

Site: <http://www.federalreporting.gov>

Training materials on [FederalReporting.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov/Recovery/WebinarTrainingMaterials/): <http://www.whitehouse.gov/Recovery/WebinarTrainingMaterials/>

For further information contact [FederalReporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov) help desk: <https://www.federalreporting.gov/federalreporting/help.do>

2. **National Environmental Policy Act Reporting.** Section 1609 of the Recovery Act requires all federal agencies to report on compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for all Recovery Act funded projects. To gather this information, HUD has created the Recovery Act Management and Performance system (RAMPS).

For further information and to access RAMPS: <http://portal.hud.gov/pls/portal/url/page/Recovery/Reporting>

For Energy Investment Guidance, see [PIH 2009-25 \(HA\)](#)

Additional information can be obtained on the [Office of Capital Improvements Recovery Act Information page](#).

3. **Anticipated January Reporting.** PHAs will be asked to provide additional information to track and report on the housing-specific information related to their investments. This will include; number of units started, number of units developed, number of units rehabbed, number of units completed, and number of units receiving energy conservation or green improvements (broken down into numbers of green affordable housing units developed, and number of green affordable housing units rehabbed). HUD is exploring ways to track energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reduction in these units and will be providing further guidance towards that end.

Contact Bill Sabalbuero at (808) 522-8175 ext 238 with questions related to Capital Improvement and the ARRA.

## SECTION 8 VOUCHER NEWS

### HCV HOMEOWNERSHIP REPORT

From CY 03 through to date CY09 there were 35 closings amongst 7 Hawai`i PHAs:

PHA	CY03/08	CY09	Totals
Hawai`i Public Housing Authority (HPHA)	7	5	12
Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA)	0	0	0
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)	0	0	0
City & County of Honolulu	20	3	23
Hawai`i County	2	0	2
Maui County	0	0	0
Kaua`i County	8	3	11

Contact your assigned HUD reviewer with questions related to HCV Homeownership.

### SEMAP Reminder

**SEMAP certifications for PHAs with fiscal years ending September 30, 2009 are due in PIC no later than November 29, 2009.**

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

### ON THE FRONTLINE



*Claudine Allen, Program Specialist  
HUD - Office of Native American Housing*

Claudine Allen is the Program Specialist for Native Hawaiian Programs in HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) within the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH).

Outstationed from ONAP in Washington DC, Claudine is the point of contact in Honolulu for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) and Section 184A Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee programs.

HUD provides the NHHBG to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide affordable housing opportunities to low-income Native Hawaiian families eligible to reside on Hawaiian Home Lands.

In partnership with 184A-approved mortgage lenders, HUD provides homeownership opportunities to Native Hawaiian families on Hawaiian home lands through issuance of loan guarantees. This issue's FEATURE SPOTLIGHTs the successful collaboration for the Hawaiian Homeowner.

For more information on the NHHBG and Section 184A programs, please contact Claudine Allen at (808) 522-8175, extension 223 or by email at [claudine.c.allen@hud.gov](mailto:claudine.c.allen@hud.gov).

*Is there someone **on the frontline** of your organization applying a proactive approach when providing service(s) to internal and external clients/customers? We are honored to recognize these men and women **On the Frontline**. Send a photo and particulars to [Marie.Miquel-Cortez@HUD.gov](mailto:Marie.Miquel-Cortez@HUD.gov)*



## HUDCLIPS

The HUDCLIPS website provides direct access to HUD forms, notices, handbooks, regulations and other information about the HUD programs. HUDClips is located here:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips>

## New Notices as of August 2009

<a href="#">PIH 2009-44 (HA)</a>	Guidance to address financial shortfalls by reducing costs in the HCV Program
<a href="#">PIH 2009-43 (HA)</a>	Renewable energy and green construction practices in Public Housing
<a href="#">PIH 2009-42 (HA)</a>	Guidance on preparing the market analysis for public housing property
<a href="#">PIH 2009-41 (HA)</a>	Instructions for submitting regulatory waivers
<a href="#">PIH 2009-40 (HA)</a>	Distribution of FY2009 HCV/FSS Administrative Fee Funding to Public Housing
<a href="#">PIH 2009-39 (HA)</a>	Reiterates that PHAs may not charge application fees for PH or HCV Programs
<a href="#">PIH 2009-38 (HA)</a>	Requirement for PHA to provide copy of audit and management letter to Local HUD Field Office
<a href="#">PIH 2009-37 (HA)</a>	Clarifies one time \$250 ARRA payment to SS beneficiaries, etc.. is not included as income
<a href="#">PIH 2009-36 (HA)</a>	Supplemental Information to applicants on Identification of support tenants
<a href="#">PIH 2009-35 (HA)</a>	Encourages establishment of standards and processes with zero tolerance to sex offenders
<a href="#">PIH 2009-34 (HA)</a>	Supplemental Information related to submission of audits and financial statements
<a href="#">PIH 2009-33 (HA)</a>	Describes CFP awards for FY2009
<a href="#">PIH 2009-32 (HA)</a>	Guidance on Conversion to Asset Management to Discontinue Reduction in Operating Subsidy,
<a href="#">PIH 2009-31 (HA)</a>	Guidance For the Buy American Requirement
<a href="#">PIH 2009-29 (HA)</a>	Request for Applications under the Moving to Work Demonstration Program
<a href="#">PIH 2009-26 (HA)</a>	Process to award HAP set-aside funds

## WEBCASTS

### AN IMPORTANT PART OF HUD TRAINING

If you have missed a scheduled live broadcast or want to review a previously aired one, webcasts are usually archived within 24 hours after being aired. Recent and archived webcasts are located here:

<http://www.hud.gov/webcasts>

This newsletter and previous issues are accessible on the HUD website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/local/hi/working/ph/honolulunews.cfm>

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