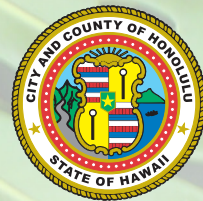


# Neighbor to Neighbor



COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

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MAKIKI/PUNCHBOWL, PAPAOLEA, DOWNTOWN, CHINATOWN, KAKA'AKO, NU'UANU, LILIHA, ALEWA, KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS, KALIHI VALLEY, AIEA, AND MOANALUA



Dear Neighbors,

*I would like to extend a warm mahalo to you for taking the time to read this month's Neighborhood Board report, highlighting some of the unique challenges, tough concerns, and positive accomplishments that my staff and I undertake on a daily basis. I am heartened that with continued outreach and communication, we can work towards positive change in this unique, diverse community. Please contact me if you have an area of concern you'd like to address, or a person or organization that you'd like to acknowledge. I look forward to continuing to assist you in building a better community for all of us!*

Mahalo nui loa,

*Carol Fukunaga*  
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## Rental and Utility Relief Program Portal Temporarily Re-Opened



The City's Rental and Utility Relief Program will temporarily reopen for 8,000 new applications on October 3 at 2 p.m., at [oneoahu.org/renthelp](https://oneoahu.org/renthelp). This will be funded with \$31 million in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and \$4.5 million in reallocated funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

If you have questions about the reopening, please contact the City's Office of Economic Revitalization (OER) at (808) 768-CITY (2489). Call center hours will be extended to 5:30 p.m. to help renters with their questions. To assist applicants, OER recommends taking the following steps to prepare for submitting an application:

- Start gathering needed documents, including a government-issued photo ID, overdue rent or utility bills, tax returns, and proof of financial hardship since March 2020. A household must also earn at or below 80% of the area median income.
- The Program is prioritizing new applicants and renters should apply only once. Duplicate applications will reduce the number of renters who receive help and slow down processing.

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- Renters who have received less than 18 months of support from RURP can also request additional funds directly from Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) at [rurp.recert@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:rurp.recert@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) or the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) at [RURP@hawaiiancouncil.org](mailto:RURP@hawaiiancouncil.org), on or after October 3.
- Please do not reapply at [oneoahu.org/renthelp](http://oneoahu.org/renthelp) and do not reach out to CCH or CNHA to recertify before October 3. Requests for recertification received before October 3 at 2 p.m. may not be honored.

For both new applications and recertifications, CCH and CNHA may request additional information and documentation to validate a household's situation. We encourage renters to review eligibility information in the FAQ at [oneoahu.org/renthelp](http://oneoahu.org/renthelp).

## Update: Synchronization of Traffic Lights and Re-striping of Ulune Street



*Synchronization of Traffic Lights at Kaimakani/Ulune St. and Aliipoe/Ulune St.*

At the last Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting, we received a request for the synchronization of traffic lights on Ulune Street and another request for the striping of Ulune Street.

My staff and I received a tentative update from the Dept. of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Road Division that Work Order #35591 was submitted for the restriping of Ulune Street. However, the Roads Division striping crew is currently working with Dept. of Transportation Services (DTS) to reinstall crosswalks at various locations in Honolulu. They must be completed by the end of October. The next scheduled project for the striping crew is located on Dillingham Blvd.

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Roads Division anticipates that the crew's availability to complete Work Order #35591 will take place towards the end of this calendar year. Please contact DFM Roads Division at [dfmroads@honolulu.gov](mailto:dfmroads@honolulu.gov) if you have additional questions on this project.

My staff and I have not received a response from State Dept. of Transportation Services on the status of the request to synchronize the traffic lights on Ulune Street. The response is due on October 7, 2022.

## City Now Accepting Grants in Aid Applications!

**City announced that qualified nonprofit organizations can now apply for grants available through the City's Grants in Aid (GIA) program.**

The City Charter-mandated GIA fund administered by the Department of Community Services (DCS) was established by a voter initiative to serve economically and/or socially disadvantaged populations, or provide services for public benefit in the areas of arts, culture, economic development, or the environment.

The city is mandated by a Charter Amendment to set aside one-half of one percent of general funds for Grants in Aid for the following two categories:

### **Public Services**

Funds in this category must be used to support qualified public services and programs for the target populations deemed by the city to be most vulnerable such as seniors, persons with disabilities, children, victims of domestic violence, people experiencing homelessness, and those suffering from the effects of substance abuse or poor mental health.

### **Arts, Culture, and Community / Economic Development and the Environment**

Funds in this category must be used to support the sustainable improvement in the well-being and quality of life of local communities, especially low- to moderate income areas. Projects could assist programs that create, develop and empower community based organizations, provide planning, organizational support, and technical assistance to organizations, support financial literacy programs and services, support micro-enterprise and business training, and support programs that promote cultural or environmental enhancement, protection or awareness.

Interested agencies please download the Request for Grant Proposals (RGP) from the State of Hawaii's Hawaii Awards & Notices Data System (HANDS) website at <https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/opportunities>. Further information is available at <http://bit.ly/honolulugia2024> about the grant application process. For further assistance, agencies may contact the Division of Purchasing Help Desk at 808-768-5535.

All agencies must submit their sealed proposals to the Division of Purchasing by **2 p.m. Hawai'i Standard Time on Tuesday, November 22, 2022**, as evidenced by a date and time stamp from the Division of Purchasing. The Division of Purchasing is located at Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street, Room 115, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.