

# Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale

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## RESIDENT SELECTION PLAN

Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale consists of 64 apartments that provides housing for very low and extremely low-income elderly households 62 years and older\*, without regard to race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability status, familial status, age, ancestry, marital status, source of income, actual or perceived sexual orientation, HIV status, gender identity or any other arbitrary personal characteristics.

## AGE REQUIREMENT

The age requirement for Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale vary depending on when applicants were placed on the waiting list.

Effective June 15, 2019, **all new applicants** must be age 62 or older at the time of application.

Current residents (moved-in prior to June 15, 2019) with a verified physical disability who require the accessible features of an accessible apartment will be placed on Kahuku's internal transfer list for an accessible apartment. Residents will be processed in chronological order for accessible apartments.

Current applicants (applied prior to June 15, 2019) under 62 years of age with a physical disability and who require the accessible features of an accessible apartment will be grandfathered-in and processed for an accessible apartment in chronological order.

Current applicants (applied prior to June 15, 2019) under 62 years of age that do not meet the definition of a person with a physical disability and require the accessibility features of the apartments must meet the age requirement (62 years of age or older)

at the time of application processing. Applicants that applied prior to June 15, 2019 for housing at Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale that do not meet the age restriction or have a physical disability and require the accessibility features of the accessible apartments will not be grandfathered-in and will be denied housing.

Note: Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale, with HUD approval originally set-aside eight (8) accessible apartments for disabled families or individuals who were neither elderly nor near-elderly but required the accessible features of the apartments. June 24, 2013, Kahuku Elderly Partners, LP signed Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for Low-Income Housing Credits. Section 4c of the agreement require all apartments to be rented to qualified applicants 62 years of age or older.

#### SECTION 504 AND FAIR HOUSING ACT COMPLIANCE

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance from HUD. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing and housing related transactions based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability and familial status. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance from HUD.

Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale is an Equal Opportunity Housing Facility, admitting people in accordance with Local, State and Federal Fair Housing laws, HUD Section 8 Program Regulations, Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) and the Affirmative Fair Housing and Marketing Plan (AFHMP) HUD Form 935.2.

All marketing, resident selection and residential management policies and procedures shall be conducted in accordance with these laws. Management staff operates and administers the property to enable persons with disabilities to have equal access to participate in the program. Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will ensure effective communications with applicants,





residents, and the public to ensure that policies regarding how the property is operated do not adversely affect applicants, residents and the public.

When a family member requires an accessible feature(s), policy modification, or other reasonable accommodation to accommodate a disability, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will provide the requested accommodation unless doing so would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of the program or an undue financial and administrative burden.

A reasonable accommodation is a change, exception, or adjustment to a program, service, building or dwelling apartment that will allow a qualified person with a disability to:

- 1. Participate fully in a program;
- 2. Take advantage of a service; or
- 3. Live in a dwelling.

To show that a requested accommodation may be necessary, there must be an identifiable relationship, or nexus, between the requested accommodation and the individual's disability.

The requirement to provide a reasonable accommodation is present at all times throughout the tenancy of a person with disabilities, including during lease enforcement. Reasonable Accommodation Request forms are available upon request from management.

The person named below has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR, part 8 dated June 2, 1988).

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## **PRIVACY POLICY**

It is the policy of Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale to guard the privacy of individuals conferred by the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, and ensure the protection of such individuals' records maintained by Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale.

Therefore, neither Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale nor its agents shall disclose any personal information contained in its records to any person or agency unless the individual about whom information is requested shall give written consent to such disclosure.

This privacy policy in no way limits Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale's ability to collect such information as it may need to determine eligibility, compute rent, or determine an applicant's suitability of tenancy.

Consistent with the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, any information obtained on disability will be treated in a confidential manner.

## **INCOME LIMITS**

To qualify for **Tax Credit**, the household's gross income may not exceed the maximum income limit per household size as published annually by the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC).

To qualify for **Section 8**, household's gross income may not exceed the maximum income limit per household size for the Very Low Income limit (50% AMI) as published annually by HUD.

The income limits are attached and will be posted in the community's office. Foster members are included in the member count when determining if the household meet the income limit requirements.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Applications will <u>only</u> be available when the Waiting List is open. Applications will <u>not</u> be available when the Waiting List is closed.





When the waiting list is open, applications are available online, in the office during normal business hours or by requesting an application by telephone.

Each applicant must complete an application and be willing to submit to a credit history, rental history, and criminal background inquiry, as well as income and asset verifications.

An application fee(s) (per adult to occupy the apartment) is required at the time an application is processed to determine eligibility. A holding deposit of \$200 will be collected once a unit is offered. These funds must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order. The holding deposit will be applied to your Security Deposit and or first month's rent if your application is approved and you move-in on your scheduled move-in day. If you rescind your application within three (3) days of the date the holding deposit was paid, your holding deposit will be reimbursed within 21 business days. If you cancel after the initial 3 days for any reason your holding deposit will be forfeited. The application fee is non-refundable.

If applications are completed manually (not online), all application entries are to be made in ink or typed. Corrections or changes are to be made by lining through the original entry and entering the correct data. Such changes must be dated and initialed by the person making the change.

Signed and dated applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The application must be completed and signed by the head of household and all household members over 18 before an applicant can be placed on the Waiting List. If an application is not completely answered, the date of it being fully completed will be the date that the application is considered accepted for rental purposes.

When a completed application is received, the application will then be logged by date and time received and placed on the waiting list. When a vacancy at the property exists, or is expected within the next one hundred and twenty (120) days, the verification-selection process will begin immediately for the next applicant on the waiting list in regard to income, assets, and eligible program allowances for certification and Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hales's references for selection or rejection.

Notices will be mailed to the first three (3) to five (5) applicants on the list for the particular size apartment to be available advising them that if they are still interested in a apartment, they should contact the manager within fourteen (14) days from the date of the letter. For those contacted who respond on time, the manager shall arrange a meeting for the interested applicant highest on the waiting list to begin the selection and verification process. If they do not respond to telephone calls and/or letters in that fourteen (14) day period, their name shall be removed from the waiting list.

## **PREFERENCES**

It is the policy of the Property that a preference does not guarantee admission. Every applicant must still meet the Property's Resident Selection Plan standards for acceptance as a resident.

For apartments accessible to or adaptable for persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments, households containing at least one person with such impairment will have first priority. These apartments will be offered first to current residents, and then to applicants, who have noted the need for such features on their application, based upon their chronological order on the waiting list.

Persons displaced by government action or a presidentially declared disaster will be given a preference on the waitlist.

For accessible apartments and apartments not designated as accessible, the preference order is as follows:

- 1) Persons displaced by government action or a presidentially declared disaster.
- 2) Applicants who are in the extremely-low income limit category. (See Extremely Low Preference section below).
- 3) Applicants by earliest application date.





## **Extremely Low Preference**

Forty percent (40%) of Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale's Section 8 subsidized vacancies each year must be set-aside for households whose income does not exceed 30% of the area median income ("extremely low-income") as published by HUD. Therefore, persons lower on the waiting list could be offered an apartment first to satisfy this 40% regulation. Extremely low-income is defined as very low income families whose income does not exceed the higher of 30 percent of the area median income or the federal poverty level.

To implement this preference we will select the first extremely low-income applicant on the waiting list (which may mean "skipping over" some applicants with higher incomes) for the available apartment, and then select the next eligible applicant currently at the top of the waiting list (regardless of income level) for the next available apartment. As subsequent apartments become available, Resident selection continues to alternate between the next extremely low-income applicant and the eligible applicant at the top of the waiting list until the 40% target is reached.

Where preferences apply, applicants with a verified preference will be moved to the top of the waiting list above persons without a preference.

## **APARTMENT TRANSFER POLICY**

A Apartment Transfer List is maintained for those residents who have been approved for transfer on the basis of:

- a change in household size or household composition;
- a deeper subsidy (Section 8);
- a medical reason certified by a third party professional; or
- a need for an accessible apartment.

Transfers for accessibility or medical reasons will have priority over those for changes in household composition. Residents on the Apartment Transfer List will have priority over the applicants on the Waiting List.

Residents occupying apartments modified for accessibility for persons with disabilities that do not meet the definition of a disabled household will be transferred to a vacant, non-modified apartment if a household with members meeting the definition of a disabled household and requiring the features of the accessible apartment apply for housing and meet the eligibility criteria for Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale.

Section 8 ONLY: If a determination is made by management that a transfer is required, the resident will be given the option to remain in the apartment and pay the HUD-approved market rent; or must move within 30 days after written notification that a apartment of the required size is available within the property. Depending upon the circumstances of the transfer, a resident may be obligated to pay all costs associated with the move. However, if a resident is transferred as a reasonable accommodation to a household's disability, then management must pay the costs associated with the transfer, unless doing so would be an undue financial and administrative burden.

## **OCCUPANCY GUIDELINES**

Occupancy guidelines are the criterion established for matching a household with the most appropriate size and type of apartment. "Two plus one" occupancy guidelines will be followed to avoid under or over utilization of the apartments as follows:

Bedroom	Household Minimum	Household Maximum	
1	1	3	

To determine the proper bedroom size for which a household may qualify, the following household members are to be included:

- 1. All full-time members of the household, and
- 2. Live-in attendants.





NOTE: Live-in attendants are subject to the criminal and landlord provisions of this plan with the exception of criteria that determines ability to pay rent.

Exceptions to these Occupancy Standards may be made when required as a reasonable accommodation for a disabled household member.

#### DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

All applicants for assistance and program participants must disclose the social security numbers (SSNs) assigned to themselves and all members of their household (including live in aides and foster members). Exemptions are provided for:

- Non citizens who do not contend eligible immigration status. Assistance to these household members will be prorated.
- Current participants who are 62 years of age or older as of January 31, 2010, whose initial determination of eligibility was begun before January 31, 2010.
  - o Qualifying seniors are exempt from the SSN disclosure mandate for all future examinations. even if the senior moves to a new HUD-assisted property.

Documents required in order to verify the SSNs include:

- A valid SSN card issued by the Social Security Administration;
- An original document issued by a federal or state government agency, which contains the name, SSN, and other identifying information of the individual: or.
- Other acceptable documents that are listed in Appendix 3 of the HUD handbook 4350.3.

If all household members have not disclosed and/or provided verification of their SSNs at the time a unit becomes available, the next eligible applicant must be offered the available unit.

If a determination has been made that the applicant is otherwise eligible for admission into the property, and the only outstanding verification is that of disclosing and providing verification of the SSN, the applicant may retain his or her place on the waiting list for the 90-day period during which the applicant is trying to obtain documentation.

After 90 days, if the applicant has been unable to supply the required SSN and verification documentation, the applicant will be determined ineligible and removed from the waiting list.

New household members under the age of 6 who already have a SSN are subject to the same disclosure and verification requirements as new household members who are at least 6 years of age. For new members who have not been assigned a SSN, a 90 day period for verification is allowed. If the household does not provide the SSN and verification within 90 days due to unforeseen circumstances outside the resident's control, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will grant an extension of one additional 90-day period.

If a child under the age of 6 years is added to the household within the 6-month period prior to the household's date of move in, the assistance applicant may become a resident, so long as the SSN documentation is provided to Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale within 90 calendar days from the date of admission. Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will grant an extension of one additional 90-day period if it is determined that failure to comply was due to circumstances that could not reasonably have been foreseen and were outside the control of the assistance applicant. If the applicant family fails to produce the SSN documentation within the required time period, the entire household WILL lose its tenancy or assistance even if only one member of the household does not comply with the SSN disclosure requirements.

The owner/agent must deny and/or terminate HUD assistance, in accordance with the provisions governing the program, if the





assistance applicant does not meet the applicable SSN disclosure, documentation, and verification requirements.

The Social Security Number provided will be compared to the information recorded in the Social Security Administration database (through HUD's Enterprise Income Verification System) to ensure that the Social Security Number, birth date, and last name match. If EIV returns an error that cannot be explained or resolved, assistance and/or tenancy may be terminated and any assistance paid in error must be returned to HUD. If the applicant/resident deliberately provides an inaccurate Social Security Number, the owner/agent and/or HUD may pursue additional penalties due to attempted fraud.

## **RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO NON-CITIZENS**

By law, only US citizens and eligible non-citizens are eligible for rental assistance. All family members, regardless of age, must declare their citizenship or immigration status. The following documents are required:

- 1. Family Summary Sheet and Owner Summary Sheet (lists all household members who will reside in the assisted apartment),
- 2. Citizenship Declaration (Each household member listed must complete. Parents will complete and sign for household members under 18),
- 3. Forms and/or evidence of citizenship/immigration status.

Applicants that are U.S. Citizens must sign a declaration of citizenship and provide acceptable documents such as birth certificate, U.S. passport, certificate of citizenship or naturalization certificate.

Applicants that are Non-citizens claiming eligible status must sign a declaration of eligible immigration status, consent form and provide a DHS-approved document. Acceptable documents as proof of eligible immigration status include Form I-551 - Permanent Resident Card, Form I-94 - Arrival - Departure Record, a receipt issued by

the INS indicating that an application for issuance of a replacement in one of the above-listed categories has been made and the applicant's entitlement to the document has been verified or other acceptable evidence if the documents are determined by the DHS to constitute acceptable evidence of eligible immigration status (announced by notice published in the Federal Register).

Non-citizens not claiming eligible immigration status must sign a declaration that they are not claiming eligible immigration status.

The manager is required to verify the validity of documents submitted by the applicant with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through their automated verification system. An applicant that provides documentation but is later determined by the DHS to be invalid documentation will have the assistance removed for that household member. Non-citizens age 62 and older must provide proof of age and sign a declaration that they have eligible immigration status.

Mixed families, a family that contains both eligible and non-eligible members may receive prorated assistance. Applicants who hold non-citizen student visas and non citizens living with the student are considered ineligible for assistance.

Applicants who cannot provide documentation of eligible immigration status at the time of the applicant interview will be given a 14 day period to provide this documentation, if they provide a certification that the documentation is temporarily unavailable. Provided that at least one family member has provided documentation, the family may move in with prorated assistance provided they are otherwise eligible. Families that are found to be ineligible have the right to appeal the decision. The notice of ineligibility will describe the applicants' options.

Student's eligibility for Section 8 assistance will be determined at move-in, annual recertification, initial certification (when in-place residents begins receiving Section 8), and at the time of an interim





recertification if one of the family composition changes reported is that a household member is enrolled as a student.

A student enrolled Part-Time or Full-Time in an Institute of Higher Education as defined by the Higher Education Act of 1965-Amended 1998 will be deemed eligible for assistance if the student meets all other eligibility requirements, passes screening criteria and is:

- 1. Living with parents/guardians, or;
- 2. 24 years of age or older, or;
- 3. A veteran of the United States armed services, or;
- 4. Married, or;
- 5. Has a dependent child, or;
- 6. Can prove independence of parents including:
  - a. Being of legal contract age under state law;
  - b. Having lived separately from parents or legal guardians for at least one year *or* meeting the U.S. Department of Education's definition of an independent student;
  - c. Certification that parents or legal guardians did not claim the student as a dependent pursuant to IRS regulations, *and* certification of the financial assistance provided by parents and signed by the individual providing the support, even if no assistance is provided.
- 7. Disabled and was receiving Section 8 assistance as of November 30, 2005
- 8. Having parents who are income eligible for the Section 8 program
- 9. Is individually eligible to receive Section 8 assistance or has parent (individually or jointly) who are income eligible to receive Section 8 assistance.

Any financial assistance a student receives (1) under the Higher Education Act of 1965, (2) from private sources, or (3) from an institution of higher education that is in excess of amounts received for tuition is included in annual income, except if the student is over the age of 23 with dependent children or if the student is living with his or her parents who are receiving Section 8 assistance.

If an ineligible student is a member of an applicant household or an existing household receiving Section 8 assistance, the assistance for the household will not be prorated but will be terminated.

#### **DEFINITION OF AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT:**

Owners must use, and the student must meet, the following criteria to be eligible for Section 8 assistance as an independent student. The student must:

- 1. be 24 years of age or older by December 31 of the award year;
- 2. is an orphan, in foster care, or a ward of the court or was an orphan, in foster care or a ward of the court at any time when the individual was 13 years of age or older;
- 3. is or was immediately prior to attaining the age of majority, an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in the individuals State of legal residence;
- 4. is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or is currently service on active duty in the Armed Forces for other than training purposes;
- 5. is a graduate or professional student;
- 6. is a married individual;
- 7. has legal dependents other than a spouse;
- 8. has been verified during the school year in which the application is submitted as either an unaccompanied youth who is a homeless child or youth or as unaccompanied, at risk of homelessness and self-supporting;
- 9. is a student for whom a financial aid administrator makes a documented determination of independence by reason of other unusual circumstances.

Owners must verify the students independence from his or her parents. To determine that the students parents income is not relevant in determining the students eligibility for assistance by doing all of the following:

- 1. Review and verify previous address information to determine evidence of a separate household verifying the student meets the U.S. Department of Educations definition of independent student;
- 2. Review a students prior year income tax returns to verify the student is independent or verifying the student meets the Department of Educations definition of independent student;
- 3. Verify income provided by parent by requiring written certification from an individual providing the support. Financial assistance that is





- provided by persons not living in the apartment is part of the annual income.
- 4. Certification is also required if the parent is providing NO support to the student.

The rule does not apply to students residing with their parents in a section 8 assisted apartment or who reside with parents who are applying to received section 8 assistance.

#### **GROUNDS FOR DENIAL**

- 1. Total family income exceeds the applicable income limits published by HUD or household fails to meet the minimum income limit.
- 2. Household cannot pay the full security deposit at move-in.
- 3. Household refuses to accept the second offer of a apartment.
- 4. Household fails to respond to interview letters or otherwise fails to cooperate with the certification process. Failure to sign consent forms.
- 5. ANY adult household members fail to attend eligibility interview.
- 6. Blatant disrespect or disruptive behavior toward management, the property or other residents exhibited by an applicant or family member any time prior to move-in (or a demonstrable history of such behavior).
- 7. Applicant failed to provide adequate verification of income or we are unable to adequately verify income and/or income sources.
- 8. Apartment assignment will NOT be the family's sole place of residency. Qualification for a apartment includes occupying the apartment on a continuous basis and as a primary residence. Residents may not be absent from the apartment for more than 60 consecutive days, or for longer than 180 continuous days for medical reasons.

- 9. Household does not meet the "Restriction on assistance to students" section of this plan.
- 10. Family members failed to provide proof of a social security number. See "Disclosure of SSN" section of this plan.
- 11. Negative landlord references that indicate lease violation, disturbing the peace, harassment, poor housekeeping, improper conduct or other negative references against the household.
- 12. Evictions reported in the last 5 years.
- 13. History of late payment of rent that demonstrates more than 2 late payments of rent in a six-month period for the past two years. More than 1 NSF in a one-year period.
- 14. Any evidence of illegal activity including drugs, gang, etc.
- 15. Providing or submitting false or untrue information on your application or failure to cooperate in any way with the verification process.
- 16. Inappropriate household size for the apartment available (see Occupancy Standards).
- 17. Households whose members include a student enrolled in an institution of higher education that does not meet the criteria of the "Student Rule" will be ineligible for Section 8 assistance.

## **CREDIT**

Please see attached credit criteria.

## **CRIMINAL**

18. Any household containing a member(s) who was evicted in the last three years from federally assisted housing for drugrelated criminal activity





- 19. A household in which any member is currently engaged in illegal use of drugs or for which the owner has reasonable cause to believe that a member's illegal use or pattern of illegal use of a drug may interfere with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment of the property by other residents
- 20. Any household member who is subject to a State sex offender lifetime registration requirement
- 21. Any household member if there is reasonable cause to believe that member's behavior, from abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol, may interfere with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment by other residents

Please see additional criminal background criteria, attached.

### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 2005**

The Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA) applies to project-based Section 8 apartments (Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale) and offers the <u>following protections against eviction or denial of housing based on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking:</u>

- 1. An applicant's or program participant's status as a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking is not a basis for denial of rental assistance or for denial of admission, if the applicant otherwise qualifies for assistance or admission.
- 2. This must support or assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. It must protect victims, as well as members of their family, from being denied housing or from losing their HUD assisted housing.
- 3. An incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking will not

- be construed as serious or repeated violations of the lease or other "good cause" for terminating the assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights of a victim of abuse.
- 4. Criminal activity directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, engaged in by a member of a resident's household or any guest or other person under the resident's control, shall not be cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights of the victim of the criminal acts.
- 5. Assistance may be terminated or a lease "bifurcated" in order to remove an offending household member from the home. Whether or not the individual is a signatory to the lease and lawful resident, if he/she engages in a criminal act of physical violence against family members or others, he/she stands to be evicted, removed, or have his/her occupancy rights terminated. This action is taken while allowing the victim, who is a resident or a lawful occupant, to remain.
- 6. The provisions protecting victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking engaged in by a member of the household, may not be construed to limit Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale, when notified, from honoring various court orders issued to either protect the victim or address the distribution of property in case a family breaks up.
- 7. The authority to evict or terminate assistance is not limited with respect to a victim that commits unrelated criminal activity. Furthermore, if Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale can show an actual and imminent threat to other residents or those employed at or providing service to the property if an unlawful resident's residency is not terminated, then evicting a victim is an option, the VAWA notwithstanding. Ultimately, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will not subject victims to more demanding standards than other residents.





The VAWA protections shall not supersede any provision of any federal, state, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The laws offering greater protection are applied in instances of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Attached to this Resident Selection Plan is the VAWA Notice of Occupancy Rights and Certification form for review. The Notice of Occupancy Rights and Certification form will be provided to applicants when assistance is being denied or at the time of move-in.

This notice explains your rights under VAWA. A HUD-approved certification form is attached to the notice. You can fill out this form to show that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that you wish to use your rights under VAWA.

## **GRIEVANCE/APPEAL PROCESS**

Should the applicants fail to meet the screening criteria, they will receive a notice in writing indicating that they have the right to appeal the decision. This notice must indicate that the applicant has 14 days to dispute the decision.

An appeal meeting with the Property Supervisor or the Compliance staff will be held within 10 business days of receipt of the applicant's request.

If the applicant is a person with disabilities, the owner must consider extenuating circumstances where this would be required as a matter for reasonable accommodation.

Within five days of the appeal meeting, the property will advise the applicant in writing of the final decision regarding eligibility. Apartments will not be held for those applicants in the appeal process.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF WAITING LIST

The property is required to maintain a Waiting List of all eligible applicants. Applicants must be placed on the Waiting List and selected from the Waiting List even in situations where there are vacancies and the application is processed upon receipt. This procedure is necessary to assure the complete and accurate processing of all documentation for all applicants.

Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale has one Waiting List that is established and maintained in chronological order based on the date and time of receipt of the Application. The Waiting List contains the following information for each applicant:

- Applicant Name 1.
- 2. Address and/or Contact Information
- 3. Phone Number(s)
- 4. Apartment Type/Size
- **Household Composition** 5.
- Preference/Accessibility requirements
- Race/ Ethnicity (HUD) 7.
- 8. Income Level
- Date/Time of Application 9.

Applicants must report changes to any of the information immediately.

## **PURGING THE WAITING LIST**

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The Waiting List will be purged annually to ensure that applicant information is current and that any names that should no longer be on the list are removed. Each applicant will receive a letter from the property, which will request updated information and ask about their continued interest. This letter must be returned within the specified time or their application will be removed from the Waiting List. It is the responsibility of the applicant to maintain a current address with the office in order to receive waiting list correspondence. Any correspondence returned undeliverable will result in application being removed from the waiting list.





#### OPENING/CLOSING OF WAITING LIST

Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will monitor the vacancies and waiting lists regularly to ensure that there are enough applicants to fill the vacancies. Furthermore, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will monitor the waiting list to make sure that they do not become so long that the wait for a apartment becomes excessive.

The waiting list may be closed for one or more apartment sizes when the average wait is excessive. When the waiting list is closed, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will advise potential applicants that the waiting list is closed and refuse to take additional applications. Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will publish a notice stating that the waiting list is closed in a publication likely to be read by potential applicants. The notice will state the reasons for Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale's refusal to accept additional applications.

When Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale agrees to accept applications again, the notice of this action will be announced in a publication likely to be read by potential applicants in the same manner as the notification that the waiting list was closed.

Advertisements will include where and when to apply and will conform to the advertising and outreach activities described in the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan for Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale.

## **AVAILABILITY OF RESIDENT SELECTION PLAN**

The Resident Selection Plan shall be posted in a conspicuous and public area at the site. Changes to the Plan will be sent via U.S. mail to all persons on the active Waiting List. When the Waiting List opens, the Resident Selection Plan will be distributed with applications and are available by request from management.

If the Resident Selection Plan or House Rules is revised or updated, applicants will receive a copy of the updated plan and current residents will receive a copy of the updated House Rules.

#### ANNUAL/INTERIM RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All residents must be re-certified annually. Residents are also required to report all interim changes to management that occur between annually scheduled re-certifications.

## **Enterprise Income Verification (EIV)**

In an effort to ensure the right assistance is provided to the right people, The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided property managers with access to a verification database called the Enterprise Income Verification System (EIV). Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale utilizes EIV during the certification process for applicants and residents. All adult applicants, residents, co-heads (even those under 18 years of age) must give consent to the release of this information by signing HUD Forms 9887 and 9887A.

Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will utilize the EIV **Existing Tenant Search** at the time applications are processed to determine if household members are currently residing at another Multifamily Housing or Public and Indian Housing (PIH) location. The EIV Existing Tenant Search is used and is required for all household members including minors, live-in aides, and foster members. EIV gives Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale the option to query both the TRACS and Public and Indian Housing's (PIH's) Information Center (PIC) databases.

Nothing prohibits a housing assistance recipient from applying to this property. However, the applicant must move out of the current property and/or forfeit any project-based Section 8 voucher assistance before HUD assistance on this property will begin.

If the applicant or a member of the applicant's household is residing at another location, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will discuss this with the applicant, giving the applicant the opportunity to explain any circumstances relative to the applicant being assisted at another location.





Depending on the outcome of the discussion, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale may need to follow-up with the respective PHA or O/A to confirm the individual's program participation status before admission. The Existing Tenant Search report gives Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale the ability to coordinate move-out and move-in dates with the PHA or O/A of the property at the other location.

If the applicant or any member of the applicant household fails to fully and accurately disclose rental history, the application may be denied based on the applicant's "misrepresentation" of information.

## LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) SERVICES

Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will determine, as part of its obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to the Development and its programs by persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), those Oral Language Services (i.e. Interpretation) and HUD provided written translated documents (i.e. Translation) that may be required in connection with the implementation of this Plan.

## **PETS**

Residents are permitted to keep common household pets in the dwelling apartment (subject to the provisions in 24 CFR Part 243 and the pet policy promulgated under 24 CFR Section 243.20). SERVICE or ASSISTANCE animals are not considered pets and are not required to comply with the provisions of the Pet Policy. Service or Assistance animals are those animals specifically required to assist individuals with documented disabilities. Please notify Management if you require a Service or Assistance animal.

## APARTMENT INSPECTION REQUIREMENT

Before signing the lease, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale and the resident must jointly inspect the unit. The resident has five days to report any additional deficiencies to Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale to be noted on the move-in inspection form.

Annual apartment inspections are performed by Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale. Agencies providing funding have the right to inspect the apartment to ensure the property is physically well maintained and that the residents are provided with decent, safe and sanitary housing.

Residents will receive prior written notification for all apartment inspections.

When a resident moves out, a final inspection will be completed. Residents are encouraged to attend the move-out inspection. However, if the resident does not wish to participate in the final inspection, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale management may conduct the inspection alone.

## **EOUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY**

EAH is an "Equal Opportunity" Housing Provider. EAH does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally-assisted programs and activities.



#### **EAH HOUSING** A NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

Expanding the range of opportunities for all by developing, managing and promoting quality affordable housing and diverse communities since 1968. Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale is an equal opportunity housing provider.

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# **INCOME LIMITS**

Maximum household income based on published Income Limits effective April 1, 2021 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Honolulu (subject to change)

	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person
30% of Median	\$25,400	\$29,000	\$32,650
50% of Median	\$42,300	\$48,350	\$54,400







Company Name (Code): EAH, Inc. (EAI) Last Revision Date: 7/17/2019

Screening Policy, Credit Policy:	EAI02, 578	Credit Product
Applies to:	HUD & Senior Criteria	Standard

#### RESIDENT SCREENING CRITERIA

#### WORKFLOW

- 1. RUN CREDIT (INCLUDING SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD CHECK & RISK SCORE), PREMIUM NATIONAL CRIMINAL (INCLUDING NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER), CRIMINAL SUPPLEMENTAL, PREMIUM NATIONAL CIVIL COURT, AND OFAC.
- 2. THE SCREENING IS COMPLETE.
- 3. N/A

CREDIT SCORING PARAMETERS		CREDIT RESULTS				
Problem Type	Years/Balances Scored	Credit Risk Result				
Collections, Charge-offs, Judgments, Open Bankruptcy	7 Years	Limited Established Credit	Accept			
Late Payments	7 Years	No Established Credit	Reject			
Closed Bankruptcy	60 Months	Minor	Accept			
Foreclosures	Score	Moderate	Accept			
Student Loans	Do Not Score	High	Reject			
Medical Debt	Do Not Score	Severe	Reject			
Account Balances	Do Not Score Under \$1					
Second Bureau	No					

INCOME CRITERIA					
Rent-to-Income Ratio	Result				
Ratio less than or equal 45%	Accept				
Ratio between X% - X%	N/A				
Ratio greater than or equal to 46%	Reject				

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No

EMPLOYMENT/ RESIDENCY CRITERIA					
Length of History	Employment	Residency	Result		
	at least X months	least X months at least X months N/A			
	less than X months	less than X months	N/A		
	-	No Residency History	N/A		
	A Negative History	A Negative History	Decline		

APARTMENT CC	MMUNITY FILTER	UTILITY RELATED COLLECTIONS OR JUDGMENTS		
Scoring Criteria		Scoring Criteria Scoring Criteria		
Sum of Balances in last 60 months exceeding \$1	Decline	Sum of Balances in last X months exceeding \$ X	N/A	
X or more (on credit report)	N/A	X or more (on credit report)	N/A	
		Exclude from Scoring	N/A	

NOVA INTERNATIONAL CREDIT				
Minimum Credit Score	New Result			
XXX	N/A			

CRIMINAL SCORING POLICY				
Product:	PREMIUM NATIONAL CRIMINAL (INCLUDING NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER), CRIMINAL SUPPLEMENTAL			
Activation Date:	7/18/2019			
Revision Date	N/A			

	NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY RECORDS		
National Sex Offender Record Found	Accept		

CRIMINAL RECORDS						
Offenses	Felony (Years)	Pending Felony (1 Year)	Misdemeanor (Years)	Pending Misd (1 Year)	Patterns of Misdemeanors	Return Records
1) Alcohol Related	7		0		2 in 7 years	
2) Arson	7		7			
3a) Assault and Battery I	7		0		2 in 7 years	
3b) Assault and Battery II	7		7			
4) Bad Checks	7		0		2 in 7 years	
5a) Burglary I	7		0		2 in 7 years	
5b) Burglary II	7		7			
6) Crimes Against Animals	7		0		2 in 7 years	
7) Crimes Against Children	7		7			
8) Crimes Against Gov't	7		0		2 in 7 years	
9) Cyber Crimes	7		0		2 in 7 years	
10) Destruction of Property	7		0		2 in 7 years	
11) Disturbance of Peace	7		0		2 in 7 years	
12) Domestic Crimes	7		0		2 in 7 years	
13a) Drug Offenses I	7		0		2 in 7 years	
13b) Drug Offenses II	0		0		,	
14a) Drug Offenses III	7		7			
14b) Drug Offenses IV	7		7			
14c) Drug Offenses V	7		7			
14d) Drug Offenses VI	7		0		2 in 7 years	
14e) Drug Offenses VII	7		7		,	
15) Embezzlement	7		0		2 in 7 years	
16a) Fraud I	7		7		,	$\sim$
16b) Fraud II	7		7			
17) Gambling	7		0			NEVER
18) Harassment	7		7			
19a) Homicide I	7		7			
19b) Homicide II	7		7			_
19c) Homicide III	7		7			
19d) Homicide IV	7		7			
20a) Kidnapping I	7		7			
20b) Kidnapping II	7		7			
21) Organized Crime	7		7			
22) OUI, OVI, DWI	7		0		2 in 7 years	
23) Petit Theft	7		0		2 in 7 years	
24) Purposely Obstructs the Law	7		0		2 in 7 years	
25) Robbery	7		7			
26) Sex Crimes - Other	7		0		2 in 7 years	
27a) Sex Crimes Against a Person	7		7		Z III 7 youre	
27b) Sex Crimes Against a Child	7		7			
28) Theft/Larceny	7		0		2 in 7 years	
29) Traffic Violations	7		-		-	
30) Trespassing	7		0		2 in 7 years	
31a) Weapons Related I	7		7		,	
31b) Weapons Related II	7		7			
32) Incarceration (Due to Conviction) Release Date	7		0		-	
33) Any Offense Not Listed	7		0		2 in 7 years	
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HOUSING CRITERIA							
	RENTAL HISTORY						
	Problem Type	Quantity	Timeframe (Months)	Minimum Value	Result		
	Late Payments	3	24	-	Decline		
Rental History	NSFs	2	24	_	Decline		
	Outstanding Balances	2	60	_	Decline		
	Write-Offs	<u>-</u>	60	\$100.00	Decline		
	Collections	-	60	\$100.00	Decline		

CIVIL COURT RECORDS						
Civil Court Records	Problem Type	Quantity	Timeframe	Minimum Value	Result	
	Filings / Unlawful Detainers	3	5 Years	-	Decline	
	Monetary Judgment	1	5 Years	\$100	Decline	
	Possession / Forcible Detainers	1	5 Years	-	Decline	
Dispute Exception	N/A					

REEVALUATION INSTRUCTIONS	
N/A	
N/A	

## GROUP SCORING INSTRUCTIONS

Group Scoring Instructions: Use the AVERAGE score of the group.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS				
N/A	N/A			

CORPORATE APPLICATION SCORING CRITERIA				
INTELLISCORE	RESULT			
N/A	N/A			
N/A	N/A			
N/A	N/A			
Notes	N/A			

#### DISCLAIMER

RENTGROW REPORTS INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. HOWEVER, OTHER FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS MAY APPLY TO YOUR USE OF THIS INFORMATION. IN SETTING UP YOUR SCREENING POLICY AND WHEN MAKING RENTAL DECISIONS, INCLUDING DECISIONS BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY RENTGROW, IT IS YOUR SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND ABIDE BY ALL SUCH LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

## Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Emergency Transfers

**Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale** is concerned about the safety of its residents, and such concern extends to residents who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale allows residents who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the resident's current apartment to another unit. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The ability of Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale to honor such request for residents currently receiving assistance, however, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the resident is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and on whether Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale has another dwelling apartment that is available and is safe to offer the resident for temporary or more permanent occupancy.

This plan identifies residents who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to residents on safety and security. This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Federal agency that oversees Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale's subsidy programs to ensure they are in compliance with VAWA.

#### **Eligibility for Emergency Transfers**

A resident who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as provided in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart L is eligible for an emergency transfer, if:

- 1. The resident reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the resident remains within the same apartment.
- 2. If the resident is a victim of sexual assault, the resident may also be eligible to transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises within the 90-calendar-day period preceding a request for an emergency transfer.

A resident requesting an emergency transfer must expressly request the transfer in accordance with the procedures described in this plan.

Residents who are not in good standing may still request an emergency transfer if they meet the eligibility requirements in this section.

## **Emergency Transfer Request Documentation**

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To request an emergency transfer, the resident shall notify Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale's management office and submit a written request for a transfer to **Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale, 56-154 Puuluana Place, Kahuku, HI 96731** and include documentation of the occurrence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking if resident has not previously provided such documentation of the occurrence. Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities.

The resident's written request for an emergency transfer should include either:

- 1. A statement expressing that the resident reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the resident were to remain in the same dwelling apartment assisted under Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale's program; or
- 2. A statement that the resident was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendarday period preceding the resident's request for an emergency transfer.

Acceptable documentation of the occurrence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking must be provided if resident has not provided such documentation. Acceptable documentation includes any one of the following forms of verification:





- 1. A complete HUD-approved certification Form 5-382;
- 2. A document:
  - a. Signed by the resident and an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or medical professional, or a mental health professional (collectively, "professional") from whom the victim has sought assistance relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse:
  - b. That specifies, under penalty of perjury, that the professional believes in the occurrence of the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that is the ground for protection and remedies under this subpart, and that the incident meets the applicable definition of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under 24 C.F.R. § 5.2003;
  - 3. A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency; or
  - 4. At the discretion of Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale, a statement or other evidence provided by the resident.

If Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale receives conflicting evidence that an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed (such as certification forms from two or more members of a household each claiming to be a victim and naming one or more of the other petitioning household members as the abuser or perpetrator), Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale has the right to request that you provide third-party documentation within thirty (30) calendar days in order to resolve the conflict. If you fail or refuse to provide third-party documentation where there is conflicting evidence, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale does not have to provide you with the protections in this notice.

## **Confidentiality**

Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will keep confidential any information that the resident submits in requesting an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer, unless the resident gives Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale written permission to release the information on a time limited basis, or disclosure of the information is required by law or required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance from the covered program. This includes keeping confidential the new location of the dwelling apartment of the resident, if one is provided, from

the person(s) that committed an act(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the resident. See the Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act For All Residents for more information about Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale's responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of information related to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

#### **Internal Emergency Transfer Timing and Availability**

Internal emergency transfers refer to an emergency relocation of a resident to another apartment where the resident would not be categorized as a new applicant. The resident may reside in the new apartment without having to undergo an application process. Internal emergency transfers generally are only available within the community in which the resident is residing.

Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process a transfer request. Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will, however, act as quickly as possible to move a resident who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another apartment, subject to availability and safety of a apartment. Transfers for these reasons will take priority over all other transfer requests including those made to accommodate a disability and to address over- or under- utilization of a apartment.

If a resident reasonably believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the resident may request a transfer to a different apartment. If a apartment is available, the transferred resident must agree to abide by the terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the apartment to which the resident has been transferred. Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale may be unable to transfer a resident to a particular apartment if the resident has not or cannot establish eligibility for that apartment.

## **External Emergency Transfers**

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External emergency transfers refer to an emergency relocation of a resident to another apartment where the resident would be categorized as a new applicant. The resident must undergo an application process in order to reside in the new apartment.

While EAH Housing may manage other communities within the area, each are (1) owned by different entities which are the actual housing providers at those communities for whom EAH Housing is acting as agent, (2) has its





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own wait lists and (3) is subject to its own regulatory agreements. As such, except in rare circumstances where the Owner also owns another community, EAH Housing must process transfers to other communities, even those managed by Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale, as external transfers. In most circumstances, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale is unable to give priority for such external transfers even if Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale manages the property or EAH Housing manages the property for the other Owner. As such, external transfers generally will require the transferring resident to go on any pending waitlist in the same position as any other new applicant at the other property.

#### **Additional Assistance**

If Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale has no safe and available apartments for which a resident who needs an emergency is eligible, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will assist the resident in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available apartments to which the resident could move.

At the resident's request, Kahuku Elderly Hauoli Hale will also assist residents in contacting the local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are attached to this plan.

## **Safety and Security of Residents**

Pending processing of the transfer and the actual transfer, if it is approved and occurs, the resident is urged to take all reasonable precautions to be safe.

Residents who are or have been victims of domestic violence are encouraged to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233, or a local domestic violence shelter, for assistance in creating a safety plan. For persons with hearing impairments, that hotline can be accessed by calling 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Residents who have been victims of sexual assault may call the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network's National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE, or visit the online hotline at https://ohl.rainn.org/online.

Residents who are or have been victims of stalking seeking help may visit the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at <a href="https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center">https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center</a>.

**Attachment:** Local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.



