

PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu's Continuum of Care

Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.

PARTNERS IN CARE – 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES NARRATIVE (updated 4/9/2022)

Affordable rental housing stock and Support Services:

Lack of affordable housing throughout Hawaii is one of the biggest issues that affect our entire community. Whether you are a teacher, a gas station attendant, food worker, janitor or literally homeless, there are few options for housing at any level. Partners In Care supports the creation of new affordable housing units in every community on Oahu as well as housing support programs such as Rapid Rehousing (providing short- and long-term rent to enable people to become self-sufficient), Permanent Supportive Housing (housing with wrap-around social services, such as Housing First) and rent supplement programs (Section 8, Rent To Work). Along with traditional housing, Kauhale and tiny homes bring a new type of housing to our citizens. Housing is also needed for special populations such as elderly and those in need of a higher level of care.

Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF): **SB 2372; HB 1600 SD1 (\$310 M for affordable housing) \$15 M-** Mayor Wright development (HPHA)
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): ~~HB 1744~~ ; **HB 1600 SD1 (\$6 M GO bonds for PSH to HPHA)**
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL): **HB 2511, SB 3359; HB 1600 SD1 (\$600 M)**
Rent Supplement Program (RS)-general: ~~HB 1859~~; **HB 1600 SD1 (\$500,000)**
Rental assistance pilot program for elders: **SB 2677**
Rent subsidies for TANF/TAONF: **HB 2233; SB 2150; +**
HB 1600 SD1 (\$3,925,980 M in general funds + \$19,168,020 in federal funds)
Ohana Zones: **HB 2512; SB 3168; HD 1600 SD1 (\$15 M)**
HB 1600 SD1 (\$2.5 M for Homeless Triage Center Pilot; funding + 1 program specialist
Supportive Housing Task Force: ~~HB 1749~~

Address up-front barriers to accessing existing rental housing:

Along with the actual creation of housing in our community, we need to address other barriers associated with housing. Many landlords refuse to rent to individuals who have Section 8 or other rental vouchers; Source of Income Discrimination would prohibit that discrimination. Additionally, the cost of application fees prevents many from even being considered for housing. We also have a responsibility to address landlord concerns about the timeliness of housing voucher programs and possible damage to their units. Landlord Incentives and Damage Mitigation funds will encourage more landlords to rent out properties to low-income families because their property will have support.

Source of Income Discrimination: **SB 206 HD1**
Landlord Incentives: **HB 1752; SB 2504**
Application Screening Fees: **SB 2877**

SB3048, SB2588 Ad Litem, SB3048