

STATEWIDE RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS IN HAWAII

The undersigned organizations are proud to join in support of sustained annual commitments by the Legislature toward truly affordable housing and core homelessness services.

Almost five decades ago, the state of Hawaii declared a “housing crisis” that has continued to worsen as housing costs outpace wage increases. More families are forced to choose between having a place to live and having life’s basic necessities, including food. Groups such as Partners in Care (PIC), Bridging the Gap (BTG), and the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) are working together to turn around this housing and homelessness crisis, but our efforts alone cannot solve this problem.

Last session, the Hawaii Legislature made a bold and unprecedented commitment of \$200 million for truly affordable housing and \$50 million for resources to address homelessness – nearly seven times the amounts committed from the year before. This level of investment is necessary to make significant progress in ending this crisis.

With that in mind, we the undersigned support:

- Sustained annual commitments for truly affordable housing, including targeted housing for the chronically homeless;
- Sustained annual commitments for core homelessness services that work (such as Housing First) to ensure their long-term viability and success;
- Funding to test new programs that fill gaps in existing services, such as a program to help kupuna facing eviction;
- Changes to mental health laws, ensuring that people incapacitated by mental illness and suffering on the streets are connected with the help they need.

Programs to address affordable housing and homelessness need sufficient, long-term funding to truly make a difference. Too many Hawaii residents are teetering on the brink of homelessness because there is not enough affordable housing, and core homelessness programs such as Housing First have proved their value and effectiveness. We urge the Legislature to explore options to make such sustained funding possible for housing and homelessness.



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