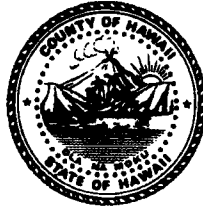


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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION LIST FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE  
JUNE 8, 2024 PUBLICATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE**

Dear Ms. Evans:

With this letter, the County of Hawai'i, Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) hereby requests publication of the attached Exemptions for the proposed projects in the next issue of ERP's The Environmental Notice.

- TMK: (3) 8-2-001:114 – ARC of Kona's Kona Krafts Group Home
- TMK: (3) 2-5-049:009 – Wilder Transitional Home
- TMK: (3) 7-4-010:044 – West Hawai'i Homeless Emergency Shelter
- TMK: (3) 7-4-010:044 – The Friendly Place Resource Center

Pursuant to the administrative rules promulgated under the authority of Chapter 343-6(7), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and specifically Section 11-200.15, and Section 11-200.1-16 Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), the OHCD has determined that each project is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Should you have any questions, please call Alisa Hanselman at (808) 961-8379.

  
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File No.	Island	Street Address	City	Zip Code	TWK	Applicant (as appropriate)	Exempt under HAR 11-200.1-15(c) Type 1 and 4	Action: Title and Description	Notes
C-1000	Hawaii	82-3055 Kila Road	Captain Cook	96704	(3) 8-2-001-114	N/A		Phased maintenance and repair activities. Design cost, building modernization, replacement of existing fixtures (doors, windows, flooring, painting, cabinetry, plumbing fixtures, lighting), interior and exterior common area accessibility improvements, exterior repairs (existing concrete wall, landscaping, roof replacement), and mandatory cesspool conversion.	Kona Krafts is a domiciliary group home that houses individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is owned by the ABC of Kona on land leased by the County of Hawaii. The non-profit ABC of Kona is proposing a project to improve the health, safety and quality of life standards at the facility. These actions will occur at the existing facility in a previously disturbed area. The facility is not located near any sensitive environments and it has been determined that the actions individually and cumulatively will have minimal or no significant effects to the environment.
C-1001	Hawaii	189 S. Wilder Road	Hilo	96720	(3) 2-5-049-009	N/A	Type 1	Renovation improvements. Design, removal of architectural barriers to entryways, kitchen and bathrooms in compliance with ADA standards, purchase and installation of a Photovoltaic solar system and solar hot water heater, roof repairs, gutter repairs or replacement, cesspool conversion to septic wastewater system, interior and exterior painting and repairs, and necessary updates to the electrical panel.	The non-profit Hope Services will renovate the Wilder Transitional House to be utilized as a short stay medical respite providing housing to homeless persons requiring a safe place to stabilize with medical care and support services. Activities will occur at the existing house in a previously disturbed area. The house is not located near any sensitive environments and it has been determined that the actions individually and cumulatively will have minimal or no significant effects to the environment.
H-4719	Hawaii	74-5593 Pawai Place	Kailua Kona	96740	(3) 7-4-010-044	N/A	Type 1	The project will consist of improvements to an existing PV system to improve performance and efficiency.	The facility provides emergency overnight shelter for up to 32 clients. The West Hawai'i Emergency Shelter & Facility Energy Efficiency Improvements will provide a photovoltaic system(PV) with battery back-up to eliminate the current cost of electrical service at the facility thereby allowing those savings to be reprogrammed to cover additional supportive services as well as meeting HUD, State and Federal clean energy goals and requirements. The PV improvements will occur at an existing facility in a previously disturbed area and it has been determined that the actions individually and cumulatively will have minimal or no significant effects to the environment.
H-4788	Hawaii	74-5593 Pawai Place	Kailua Kona	96740	(3) 7-4-010-044	N/A	Type 3	Bathroom renovations to the purpose of ADA access and to increase the number of shower, lavatory, laundry machine units within the existing space, known as "The Friendly Place".	The Friendly Place resource center facility provides supportive services to homeless clients in the West Hawai'i area to improve their quality of life. The existing bath, shower, and laundry areas require renovation to ensure compliance with all Federal, State, County, and ADA requirements. The renovations will occur at an existing facility in a previously disturbed area and it has been determined that the actions individually and cumulatively will have minimal or no significant effects to the environment.