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PROGRAM GUIDANCE

PROGRAM: Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG)

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TOPIC: Income Limits for the NHHBG program under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA)

Purpose: This guidance provides the latest published HUD Income Limits applicable to the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant Program (NHHBG) program, effective April 24, 2019.

Background: HUD Notice PDR-2019-02, issued April 24, 2019, contains the latest published median income limits for the HUD's public housing and Section 8 programs. These limits are also applicable to establishing median income limits for the NHHBG program. The HUD notice, along with the county and state median income limits, are available on HUD's website at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#2019_data.

Guidance: Pursuant to 24 CFR § 1006.10, median income for the NHHBG program is defined as:

With respect to an area that is a housing area [an area of Hawaiian home lands to which the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is authorized to provide affordable housing assistance under NAHASDA], the greater of:

- (1) The median income for the housing area, which shall be determined by HUD; or
- (2) The median income for the State of Hawaii.

Thus, if the income limit for a county located within the housing area is greater than the income limit for the State of Hawaii, the median income limit for the county must be used as the income limit for that housing area.

The HUD published, State of Hawaii median income limit by family size for FY 2019 is as follows:

State of Hawaii	1-person	2-person	3-person	4-person	5-person	6-person	7-person	8-person
Low-Income	\$51,650	\$59,000	\$66,400	\$73,750	\$79,650	\$85,550	\$91,450	\$97,350

The HUD published, County median income limits by family size for FY 2019 are as follows:

County	1-person	2-person	3-person	4-person	5-person	6-person	7-person	8-person
Honolulu	\$67,500	\$77,150	\$86,800	\$96,400	\$104,150	\$111,850	\$119,550	\$127,250
Hawaii	\$44,000	\$50,250	\$56,550	\$62,800	\$67,850	\$72,850	\$77,900	\$82,900
Kauai	\$50,400	\$57,600	\$64,800	\$72,000	\$77,800	\$83,550	\$89,300	\$95,050
Maui	\$54,700	\$62,500	\$70,300	\$78,100	\$84,350	\$90,600	\$96,850	\$103,100

Therefore, in accordance with § 1006.10, the FY 2019 median income limits applicable to providing NHHBG assistance are:

County	1-person	2-person	3-person	4-person	5-person	6-person	7-person	8-person
Honolulu	\$67,500	\$77,150	\$86,800	\$96,400	\$104,150	\$111,850	\$119,550	\$127,250
Hawaii	\$51,650	\$59,000	\$66,400	\$73,750	\$79,650	\$85,550	\$91,450	\$97,350
Kauai	\$51,650	\$59,000	\$66,400	\$73,750	\$79,650	\$85,550	\$91,450	\$97,350
Maui	\$54,700	\$62,500	\$70,300	\$78,100	\$84,350	\$90,600	\$96,850	\$103,100

Note that Kalawao County no longer has a separate income limit. The median income limits for Kalawao County are now included in the Maui County limits above.

To calculate the income limit for families with more than eight members, use the four-person income limit as the base amount, multiply the base amount by increments of 8 percent increasing for each additional person, and round up the amount to the nearest 50 dollars.

1-person	2-person	3-person	4-person	5-person	6-person	7-person	8-person
70%	80%	90%	BASE	108%	116%	124%	132%

Using the four-person income limit as the base amount:

9 person limit = 4 person limit x 140%

10 person limit = 4 person limit x 148%

Then round up to the nearest \$50

Example: 9 person limit = 4 person limit x 140%

Using the Honolulu income limits:

\$96,400 x 140% = \$134,960 rounded up to the nearest \$50 = **\$135,000.**

Thus, the nine-person income limit for Honolulu is \$135,000.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this Program Guidance, contact Claudine Allen, Native Hawaiian Program Specialist, at 808-457-4674 or by email at Claudine.C.Allen@hud.gov