
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§201H- Infrastructure program. (a) There is
5 established within the corporation an infrastructure program.

6 The program shall have the authority to:

7 (1) Make grants in its discretion to counties for design,
8 construction, building, land acquisition,
9 rehabilitation, repair, and other improvements to
10 publicly-owned infrastructure, including but not
11 limited to sewers, utility extensions, streets, roads,
12 curb cuts, parking, water treatment systems,
13 telecommunications systems, transit improvements, and
14 pedestrian and bicycle ways;

15 (2) Make grants in its discretion for commercial and
16 residential transportation and infrastructure



1 development, improvements, and various capital
2 investment projects;

3 (3) Make grants in its discretion to match other public
4 and private funding sources to build or rehabilitate
5 transit-oriented housing located within one-quarter-
6 mile of a bus transit station or ferry terminal or
7 one-half mile of a rail transit station; provided that
8 at least fifty per cent of such housing shall be
9 affordable housing. As used in this paragraph,
10 "affordable housing" means the same as defined under
11 section 201H-57; and

12 (4) Assist counties in developing and advancing projects
13 that support job creation and expansion, housing
14 developments and rehabilitation, community
15 development, and small-town transportation projects;
16 provided that projects supporting smart growth as
17 defined by the State's sustainable development
18 principles shall be preferred.

19 (b) Grants made pursuant to this section shall only be for
20 projects affecting publicly-owned infrastructure located on



1 public land. Projects using grants made pursuant to this
2 section shall be procured by a county.

3 (c) The corporation shall provide at least one open
4 solicitation period every year to accept and consider grant
5 applications. Not less than twelve weeks before each open
6 solicitation period, the corporation shall release to the public
7 the criteria for the acceptance of applications. The criteria
8 shall include the following:

- 9 (1) A minimum project readiness standard;
10 (2) Overall spending targets by project type;
11 (3) Preferences for projects that adopt the State's
12 sustainable development principles; and
13 (4) Any other preferences or criteria the corporation
14 deems necessary or desirable.

15 Grants may be made outside of the open solicitation period at
16 the discretion of the executive director. The corporation shall
17 consult with the appropriate regional planning agency prior to
18 making a grant.

19 (d) An eligible county, acting by and through its officers
20 or by and through any agency designated by county officers to
21 act on their behalf, may apply for a grant in a specific amount



1 to fund a specified project. Two or more counties may apply
2 jointly with one county acting as fiscal agent or through a
3 regional planning agency acting as fiscal agent. Grants made
4 under this section may be in addition to other forms of local,
5 state, and federal assistance received by the county.

6 (e) The executive director shall establish rules in
7 accordance with chapter 91 to govern the application for and
8 approval of grants under the program. The rules shall include
9 provisions for joint applications by two or more eligible
10 counties for a single project serving those counties.

11 (f) The executive director shall include in its annual
12 report to the legislature, pursuant to section 201H-21(3), the
13 activities and status of the program. The report shall include
14 a list and description of all projects that received grant funds
15 under the program and for each project shall provide the
16 following information:

- 17 (1) The amount of the grant received;
18 (2) Any other sources of public funds that supported the
19 project;
20 (3) A detailed analysis of the economic impact of the
21 project including, where applicable, the number of



1 construction and full-time equivalent jobs to be
 2 created, number of housing units to be created, and
 3 identification of any private investment in the
 4 project; and
 5 (4) Tax revenues expected to be generated from the
 6 project."

7 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation;
Infrastructure Program; Grants to Counties

Description:

Establishes an infrastructure program within the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to make grants and provide assistance to counties for infrastructure projects on public land. Requires the executive director of the corporation to adopt rules pertaining to the application for and approval of grants.

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