

## **Common Housing Acronyms/Terminology**

**AI:** Analysis of Impediments - a review of barriers that affect the rights of fair housing choice. It covers public and private policies practices, and procedures affection choice. The Analysis services as the basis for fair housing planning, provides essential information to policy makers, administrative staff, housing, providers, lenders and fair housing advocates and assists in building public support for fair housing efforts.

**AMI:** Area Median Income – median household income for the area adjusted for household size as published and annually updated by United Stated Housing and Urban Development.

**BTG:** Bridging the Gap- Coalition of Neighbor Island service providers who work with the homeless population.

**CDBG:** Community Development Block Grant – acquisition, construction, rehabilitation from non-residential structures for residential use, energy improvements, water efficiency improvements, testing for lead based paint. Public services include employment and job training, health care and substance abuse services, child care, crime prevention, fair housing counseling, neighborhood revitalization.

**CES:** Coordinated Entry System - streamlines the process of finding housing for those who are chronically homeless

**CoC:** Continuum of Care: federal program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness

**Con Plan:** Consolidated Plan - a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under the Community Development Block Grant and other housing programs.

**ESG:** Emergency Solutions Grants – services related to emergency shelter and street outreach, emergency shelter operation and renovation, short term and medium term rental assistance for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, housing relocation and stabilization services.

**Fair Housing Act** 1968 amended in 1974 and 1988 providing HUD with fair housing enforcement investigation responsibilities.

**FSS:** Family Self Sufficiency

**FUP:** Family Unification Program

**HAP:** Housing Assistance Payments

**HOME:** Home Investment Partnerships – build, buy and renovate, demolish dilapidated housing to make way for HOME assisted development, making building accessible, provide rental subsidies to eligible households, provide tenant based rental assistance contracts for up to two years. Participating jurisdictions must match every dollar of HOME funds with 25 cents from non-federal sources.

**HOPWA:** Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS – housing assistance and supportive services for low income people with HIV/AIDS and their families.

**HTF:** Housing Trust fund – production, preservation of affordable housing through the acquisition, new construction, and/or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities. All HTF assisted units will be required to have a minimum of affordability period of 30 years.

**HQS:** Housing Quality Standards

**HUD:** Housing and Urban Development

**HUD-VASH:** Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program – voucher program for veterans only

**HCV:** Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 housing assistance payment program (Housing and Community Development Act of 1974)

**HMIS:** Hawaii Management Information System - for tracking homeless

**MF:** Multi Family Projects

**NED:** Non Elderly Disabled

**NOFA:** Notice of Funding Available - HUD funding

**PIC:** Partners in Care - Coalition of Oahu services providers who work with homeless population.

**PBRA:** Project Based Rental Assistance

**PATH:** Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing - homeless program

**PHA:** Public Housing Authority

**Rent Supplement** payments to owners of private housing on behalf of qualified low income tenants. HUD Act of 1965)

**Rental Rehabilitation** grants to cities and states for rehabilitation of rental housing (Housing Act of 1937)

**SRO:** Single Room Occupancy

**SEMAP:** Section 8 Management Assessment Program

**Section 202 Loans** for construction/rehabilitation of housing for the elderly or handicapped.

**Section 202/811** Programs for housing assistance to the elderly and people with disabilities.

**Section 236** multi-family mortgage insurance with subsidies on interest for low/moderate income projects.

**S+C:** Shelter Plus Care

**SHP:** Supportive Housing Program

**Subsidy:** Financial assistance by the government to help provide housing.

**TRACS:** Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System

**TBRA:** Tenant Based Rental Assistance

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture

**VA:** Veterans Affairs

**VAWA:** Violence Against Women Act and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005

**VISPADT:** Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool –Homeless assessment tool

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