

# Kaua'i COVID-19 Resources

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, our local non profits, community leaders, and local/state government have mobilized resources to support the most essential needs in our county. Some of those resources are listed here, including programs for everyone, from kupuna to keiki. Remember to check for updates on each program as benefits may expand or reduce anytime.



## HOUSING

Loan services and landlords are encouraged to work with mortgage holders and renters affected by the COVID-19 emergency to find the best options.

### Homeowners

- Government-guaranteed mortgages such as FHA, USDA, VA, HUD Sec 184, [Fannie Mae](#), or [Freddie Mac](#), are eligible for interest and **penalty-free forbearance** (payments can be paused) for at least 6 months and up to one year with no penalty.

### Shelters

- Houseless Hawaii residents must shelter in place or stay in the Emergency Shelter provided by [Kauai Economic Opportunity INC](#) (KEO). ☎(808) 245-4077
- If houseless Hawaii residents wish to shelter in place at a County campground:
  - They are allowed to stay at Anini, Anahola, Lydgate, Salt Pond, or Lucy Wright parks. County officials are issuing required free permits to those who qualify.
  - Must abide by the County stay-at-home order, respect park facilities, and maintain social distancing at all times.
  - Call first as some parks are already at capacity. ☎(808) 241-4460
- [YWCA](#) provides emergency shelter for people experiencing domestic or sexual violence. ☎(808) 245-5959

### Renters

- During the COVID-19 crisis:
  - Increasing rent is prohibited.
  - No evictions for failure to pay rents, leases, or other related charges, such as maintenance fees, utilities, and taxes.
- Public housing, Section 8, USDA rural housing, or Low Income Housing Tax Credits program are eligible under the CARES Act for:
  - No evictions from March 27 to July 25.
  - After July 15, renters will be responsible for making payments.

### Assistance

To check eligibility for forbearance or rent moratorium, contact:

- [HUD approved housing counselor](#)  
☎1(800) 569-4287
- [Legal Aid Society of Hawaii](#)  
☎1(800) 499-4302
- [Catholic Charities](#) can help with costs such as rent, security deposit, or utilities.  
HOPE line ☎(808) 241-4673
- OHA's [Emergency Assistance](#) - Kahiau Program supports mortgage payment, rent deposit, rent payment, & utility services for Native Hawaiians.  
<https://www.hawaiiancouncil.org/kahiau>  
☎(808) 784-4464

