Rental Properties Wanted for Temporary Disaster Housing

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FEMA has approved two direct housing programs for Maui County survivors. For each program, FEMA will work with property management companies that act on behalf of the government and contract with property owners of rental units. The units are offered to survivors for up to 18 months. Maui County, the State of Hawaii, FEMA and the private sector are seeking owners of rental units suitable for families and individuals for either program, as follows:

- Direct Lease: FEMA leases existing, ready-to-occupy residential properties for use as temporary housing. Eligible properties may include single-family homes, multi-family homes, apartments, cooperatives, condominiums and townhouses.
- Multi-family Lease and Repair: FEMA contracts with property owners of multifamily (3+) dwelling units to make repairs or improvements in exchange for their temporarily housing eligible applicants.

What conditions do properties need to meet?

- Companies must lease the vacant units exclusively to FEMA for use as temporary housing for eligible survivors for a term expiring no earlier than 18 months, with the possibility of contract extension.
- Properties must be within the Maui wildfire disaster area or within a reasonable commuting distance of the area approved for direct housing.
- Each property must comply with Housing Quality Standards established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and all utilities, appliances and other furnishings must be functional.
- Each individual unit must provide complete living facilities, including provisions for cooking, eating and sanitation within the unit.
- The properties must have reasonable access to community and wraparound services, such as accessible public transportation, schools, fire and emergency services, and grocery stores.
- Property owner must be current with all mortgage payments, if applicable.



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 Interested property owners or management companies may send inquiries to FEMA-DR4724-HI-Contracting@fema.dhs.gov.

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