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HAWAI‘I COUNTY ANNOUNCES OPENING OF FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTERS

Hawai‘i County announces the opening of its newly established Financial Empowerment Centers (FECs). Established through a partnership between the national nonprofit Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Hawai‘i Community Foundation, Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA), and Hawai‘i First Federal Credit Union (HFFCU), the centers offer free professional, one-on-one financial counseling and coaching as a public service to residents. Counseling sessions can range from 30 - 60 minutes, with no limitation to the number of free sessions an individual can participate in. The FECs are staffed with professionally trained financial counselors who can help residents 18 and older, regardless of income, manage their finances, pay down debt, increase savings, establish and build credit, and access safe and affordable mainstream banking products. Financial counselors can also make referrals to other services and organizations as needed.

“Financial empowerment will play a key role in how we begin to build back from the COVID-19 pandemic and return to a vibrant and thriving Hawai‘i Island,” said Mayor Mitch Roth. “We encourage everyone in our community to take advantage of this free service, regardless of their income level. Making sure that our residents have the resources they need to succeed is all part of creating a sustainable Hawai‘i Island, where our keiki can raise their keiki for generations to come – and that is really our number one priority.”

Interested residents may schedule an appointment today by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/5h9kfzvr>. Appointments may be scheduled to convene in person or via Zoom.

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