



Mayor's Highlights



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PUBLIC SAFETY

Everyone, resident and visitor alike, has the right to feel safe. The City team has prioritized public safety with a variety of programs aimed at both stopping crimes before they happen and ensuring those who do commit crimes are held accountable.

Weed and Seed is a program whose aim is to weed out criminal elements while seeding positive practices and activities. Targeting high-risk neighborhoods, this program focuses on bringing the community and law enforcement together to stop crime at the source and connecting individuals in the area with services and treatment. Since it was announced in 2021, this program has resulted in a 60% reduction in crime and arrests in the Chinatown/Kalihi-Pālama area. With the success of the Weed and Seed program in communities across O'ahu, the City announced a similar program for the Waikīkī area called **Safe and Sound** in July. Learn more about the Weed and Seed program at weedandseedhi.org.

The City has been working with the state judiciary, Prosecutor's office, and HPD to better hold those who commit crimes accountable and protect our communities. In July, the judiciary **ended the routine release of pre-trial detainees on their own recognizance**. These individuals must again post appropriate bail in order to be released, thus better ensuring they appear in court.

Collaboration is also key to reducing crime and increasing public safety. **Mayor Blangiardi continues to work with his fellow county mayors** (pictured above in a July meeting at Honolulu Hale) to discuss best practices and come together to push State leadership on legislation that will impact public safety on our island. In May, the four mayors joined together to publicly request Governor Ige veto HB 1567 which would have potentially allowed career criminals to be released back onto the streets without bail.

Mayor's Message

A FEW WORDS FROM RICK BLANGIARDI:

“ The office of Mayor holds many responsibilities, but none are greater than the responsibility of keeping every man, woman, and child safe from harm, regardless of the situation. An increase in crime, from petty misdemeanors to violent attacks, has created far too much fear and anxiety throughout every sector of our island. And we know public safety is about more than just crime prevention. Our ongoing battle with COVID-19 has dramatically raised our awareness of public health as a component of public safety. Additionally, climate change is a very real existential threat to both our way of life and our place in the world, especially as island dwellers. Consequently, we take most seriously our responsibility to protect our people against all threats to their safety, and we are steadfastly committed to protecting our land and our people with every resource we have available to us. ”

STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS UPDATE

The City continues to utilize **\$386 million** in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) from the federal government to create and fund programs to help O'ahu recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. In August 2021, the Blangiardi Administration submitted the 2021 Initial Recovery Plan which outlined the four key priorities:

- Provide community support and address economic impacts
- Support equitable economic recovery
- Modernize City operations
- Invest in critical island infrastructure

The **2022 Updated Recovery Plan** was submitted to the City Council and the US Treasury in July 2022 and outlined the usage of funds thus far and priorities for future programs. As of June 30, 2022, the City has allocated \$118,536,380 toward critical recovery projects.

Keeping our O'ahu families safely and stably housed has been a major priority in our recovery. The City's **Rental and Utility Relief Program (RURP)** has distributed over \$175 million in federal Emergency Rental Assistance funds to date. To continue helping those residents who are still in need, the City has allocated an additional \$31 million in SLFRF funds to expand RURP. Learn more about rental relief and other resources at oneoahu.org/renthelp.

Learn more about SLFRF and the 2022 Updated Recovery Plan at oneoahu.org/frf.



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Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2022 Recovery Plan

SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDCARE



Ted Burke, Early Childhood Resource Coordinator

A good start in life for our keiki is one of the best ways to benefit our community now and in the future. Creating opportunities for all our families to have access to **safe, affordable, and appropriate options for childcare** is key to helping ensure all keiki on our island get the best possible start.

In recognition of the critical role that early education plays in the development of our youngest residents, the City recently welcomed an **Early Childhood Resource Coordinator, Ted Burke**. Burke will guide and support the development and implementation of a coordinated system of early childhood services across our island to improve and enhance the availability, affordability, and quality of early care and education for children from birth to eight years old. To achieve this, we are creating an Early Childhood Education and Care Five-Year Strategic Plan to identify and promote shared goals, partnerships and resources to maximize availability, accessibility, and affordability of early childhood care and education services in the community.

The City team has worked hard to help keep the **Seagull Schools' Early Education Center** on the Honolulu civic campus during the long-delayed, much-needed construction and demolition of the parking structure underneath the current school facility. The parking structure suffers from extensive water damage, creating a safety hazard for both people and property. Keeping the school and keiki on the civic campus will **minimize disruption for the students and parents during the construction period**.



For our current passengers, mahalo for riding TheBus! For our new and returning passengers, welcome aboard!

Starting August 22nd, a new **TheBus Route U1 Campus Connector** will link with 52 other routes in Downtown Honolulu to offer direct express services to schools, UH Mānoa, and KCC in Makiki, Mānoa, Mō'ili'ili, and Kaimukī. To accommodate additional passengers and offer more travel time options for commuters, TheBus will operate **37 additional peak-hour trips on express routes**. These routes will connect to the Route U1 Campus Connector in Downtown Honolulu.

The Department of Transportation Services has been awarded \$4.05 million in COVID-19 recovery funds (American Recovery Plan Act) by City Council support, to modernize our city streets with **new dedicated bicycle facilities** along two miles of North King Street from Middle Street to Iwilei. This project was developed through a planning process that was supported by both the community, and Councilmember Cordero, an advocate for improving transportation mobility choices in her community.

Kalihi has an estimated 42% of households that have either one or no car, and 35% that ride transit, walk, or bike to work, more than double the county average. This timely investment in high-quality bike infrastructure will **expand safe and healthy transportation options** for accessing nearby jobs, healthcare, and other services. The City is leveraging federal recovery funds to help us quickly address more affordable transportation options promote equity and lower household transportation costs to **recover in a more equitable, sustainable way**. The ARPA funding will be used to both design and install these safety improvements. To learn more about upcoming Kalihi improvements, please visit honolulu.gov/completestreets/kalihi.

BILL 22: BETTER BUILDING BENCHMARKING

Mayor Rick Blangiardi signed Bill 22 into law on July 20, 2022, establishing a **Better Buildings Benchmarking Program**, which requires commercial and multi-family buildings larger than 25,000 square feet to track and report annual aggregate utility data to the City and County of Honolulu.

Benchmarking means tracking a building's energy, water, and gas usage to understand performance over time. It empowers property owners and building managers to improve operations, save money, and reduce utility waste and greenhouse gas emissions. The aggregate reported data will be shared publicly, facilitating market innovation toward voluntary savings and consumer awareness and choice.

Benchmarking will also help the City make more-informed decisions about where to invest resources to support businesses and residents.

Bill 22 delivers on City Council Resolution 21-229 and actions of the community-driven City Climate Action Plan and O'ahu Resilience Strategy.

Leading by example, **the City has benchmarked over 70 of its own facilities and has used the data to inform cost-effective efficiency upgrades** through an energy savings performance contract that is estimated to save the City more than \$3.5 million annually in utility bills. Learn more at resilientoahu.org.

Pictured: Mayor Blangiardi signs Bill 22 with community leaders





Passport Services

CITY OFFERS PASSPORT SERVICES AT SATELLITE CITY HALL

In a potentially significant step for O'ahu residents with plans to travel abroad, the Ala Moana Satellite City Hall will begin accepting US passport applications August 1, 2022 on an appointment-only basis.

The **Ala Moana Satellite City Hall** will be accepting up to 32 passport application appointments daily during normal business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Ala Moana Satellite City Hall's designation as a passport acceptance facility will be evaluated as a pilot program.

For more information, visit honolulu.gov/csd and click on the link to passport service.

Kupuna Who Care

The **Elderly Affairs Division's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** has resources for seniors who are looking to become more involved in their community through activities and volunteer programs!

To learn more, visit the team at Kahala Mall in between Longs and Macy's on **Tuesday, August 16**, at Hawai'i Kai Towne Center in the breezeway on **Tuesday, August 23**, or call the City's Senior Helpline at (808) 768-7700.



Report an Issue in Your Community

You can report anything from a pothole to graffiti to a parking violation using the City's 311 app or website. Visit your phone's app store or honoluluhi.citysourced.com to learn more!

Get Emergency Notifications and City Services Updates

[HNL.info](https://hnl.info) is a one stop site for City services from emergency alerts to registering for City activities. Visit the website or download the app today!

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PARKS DEPARTMENT	HONOLULU.GOV/PARKS	(808)768-3003
COVID-19 INFORMATION	ONEOAHU.ORG	(808)768-2489
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