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Hawaii Senior Housing Gets First Makeover in 35 Years

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The high cost of developing affordable housing in Hawaii means that preserving every existing unit is crucial. A mix of federal and state low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs) recently helped an independent senior housing property on Hawaii's Big Island do just that. Kamana Elderly Housing in Hilo, Hawaii, reopened its doors in November 2016 to new and returning residents after a complete renovation.

Big Island Housing Foundation, a local nonprofit housing provider, built Kamana Elderly Housing in 1982 as nine one-story buildings with 62 rental apartments and an on-site resident manager apartment. All apartments have one bedroom and one bathroom, totaling about 500 square feet of living space. As one of the few affordable senior housing properties in the city, Kamana Elderly Housing has historically experienced high occupancy rates and

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Kamana Elderly Housing in Hilo, Hawaii, was renovated leveraging federal and state low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs).

