

Community Consultation Topic:
**2009-2011 Native Hawaiian
Development Program Plan**

Aloha Hawaiian Home Lands Beneficiaries:

As DHHL reviews the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan (NHDPP) and prepares the 2009 – 2011 Plan, we would like your input and comments on a few proposed changes we believe will guide our department to better serve you.

In this brochure, you'll find an outline of the NHDPP contents, outcomes of the current plan, the introduction of a new program, and a survey for you to share your mana'o on this topic.

A major proposed change to the NHDPP is the introduction of a new program: **Kūlia i ka Nu'u – Strive for Excellence**. This program focuses our homestead community associations by strengthening organizational capacity and by providing training, grant funds and land parcel opportunities to our communities.

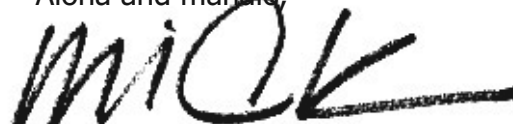
A complete draft of this plan is available on our website at **www.hawaii.gov/dhhl**. Informational meetings will be conducted statewide to discuss these proposed changes. Please attend a meeting near you:

- **MAUI** - Monday, July 27
- **EAST HAWAII** - Tuesday, July 28
- **WEST HAWAII** - Wednesday, July 29
- **MOLOKA'I** - Thursday, July 30
- **KAUA'I** - Thursday, July 30
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- **O'AHU (KAPOLEI)** - Wednesday, August 5

ALL MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM;
SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE INFORMATION

We encourage you to submit your comments no later than September 3, 2009. Your comments will help our staff in preparing a final draft of this program plan that will be presented to the Hawaiian Homes Commission in September. If you have any questions, please call our Planning Office at (808) 620-9519 or e-mail dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov.

Aloha and mahalo.



Micah A. Kane, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

**What is the
Native Hawaiian
Development
Program Plan?**

An outline of goals and objectives to help improve the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians through educational, economic, political, social, cultural and other programs that promote self-sufficiency and self-determination of native Hawaiian individuals and native Hawaiian communities.

DHHL reviews this plan every two years to ensure these objectives are met and beneficiaries are served.

Most programs in the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan are funded through DHHL's **Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund**.

2007 - 2009 NHDPP ACHIEVEMENTS

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT:

- DHHL awarded \$463,000 in scholarships to Native Hawaiian students in post-secondary programs.
- DHHL continued its contract with the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture/ Cooperative Extension Service (CES) to provide agricultural technical assistance to homestead farmers and ranchers on Hawai'i, Moloka'i and Kaua'i.
- The Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) has provided over 200 workshops and counseling sessions to 2,100 beneficiary families.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Grant Awards: \$800,000 plus to beneficiary organizations.
- Regional Plan Priority Projects grant awards: \$400,000 to Kanu O Ka 'Āina, La'i 'Ōpua 2020, Maku'u Farmers Association, and Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead Association, Inc.
- DHHL began development of the "Kūlia i ka Nu'u - Strive for Excellence" program to better structure capacity building for existing homestead associations.

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION:

- The Hawaiian Homes Commission adopted a policy for Beneficiary Consultation in February 2009.
- DHHL conducted beneficiary consultation meetings statewide on Beneficiary Consultation Policy, Energy Policy (Ho'omalūō) and pending land acquisitions.
- The Planning Office hosted its leaders to six state-wide leadership meetings, including a leadership conference in September 2008 at the Sheraton Waikiki with 150 beneficiaries in attendance.

PLANNING:

- The Hawaiian Homes Commission approved 14 Regional Plans during the two-year period.
- Planning Office staff has 10 new Regional Plans or plan updates underway.

GOVERNANCE:

- DHHL drafted revisions to its Administrative Rules.



2007-2009 PLAN CONTENTS

This plan focuses on the relationships between the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its beneficiaries and its homestead communities through five general program areas.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT:

Self-sufficiency; Provision by one's self of all of one's own needs.

- Education, scholarships, and career planning
- Technical assistance for agriculture
- Homeownership and financial literacy training

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

A process involving the conception, planning, and implementation of projects or activities which create improvements in (or reduce the extent of declines in) the living standards of people in a particular community.

- Grants (capacity-building, project implementations and regional plan priority projects)
- Technical assistance for capacity-building

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION:

The process through which the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands seeks beneficiary and community views on issues and proposals. Consultation is a stage in the decision-making process.

- Leadership meetings (state, island and association levels)
- Beneficiary group support through non-competitive grants

PLANNING:

The process of setting objectives, or goals, and formulating policies, strategies and procedures to meet them.

- Regional plans and island plans

GOVERNANCE:

Traditions, institutions and processes that determine how power is exercised, how citizens are given a voice, and how decisions are made on issues of public concern.

- Creating and promulgating rules
- Undivided Interest Task Forces and Kānāwai development

2009-2011 PLAN CHANGES

The new plan is a continuation of the five general program areas from 2007-2009 plus more benefits to our beneficiaries as highlighted below.

"Kūlia i ka Nu'u - Strive for Excellence"

- Community economic development grants
- Land parcel awards
- Organizational assessments
- Non-profit training
- Community Economic Development training
- Democratically elected board

Beneficiary Consultation added topics:

- Sale of leases
- Successorship
- Native Hawaiian qualifications
- Commercial industrial development
- Affordable housing

Undivided Interest (Ho'opaepae)

The Ho'opaepae component of the Undivided Interest Award Program will be removed from the NHDPP and transferred to our Land Development Division.

New Program for 2009: **Kūlia i ka Nu‘u -- Strive for Excellence**

WHO

Homestead communities that choose to participate

WHAT

A program that helps homestead associations achieve economic self-sufficiency and sustainability

WHY

As a homesteader, involvement means you have a voice in how you want your community to grow. As part of this new program, your homestead association becomes the recognized voice of your community

DHHL is assisting communities to build capacity with resources like grant awards, technical assistance, leadership training and strategic planning. Once a community chooses to participate, it will be a part of Kūlia i ka Nu‘u. Like cultivating a lo‘i, building an association requires different stages of growth. Kūlia i ka Nu‘u – Strive for Excellence” includes stages for associations to grow as shown below.

Ho‘olala, To plan

A homestead community at this stage has a genuine interest in the well-being of the community, but a formal homestead association may or may not have been formed. Eligible for DHHL Capacity Building grants.

Ho‘okumu, To Start

At this stage, a homestead association is an incorporated non-profit in the State of Hawai‘i, holds annual general membership meetings, has made a good faith effort to reach out to homesteaders and has made an informed decision on whether to participate in this program. Eligible for DHHL Capacity Building grants and non-profit training.



Kupu, To Grow

A homestead community at this stage has successfully completed the organizational assessment and Strategic Plan and has executed and closed a Capacity Building grant. Eligible for DHHL Capacity Building and Project Implementation grants, and Community Economic Development training.

Ka ‘Ohi, To Harvest

A homestead community at this stage has secured strategic partnerships with funders (outside DHHL) and stakeholders, demonstrated capability and capacity to manage multiple projects and multiple funding sources, completed a feasibility study and has a business plan, and has completed CED training and has executed and closed a CED grant. Associations at this stage are eligible for all training and grants offered through the Kūlia i ka Nu‘u program.

Ho‘omakua, To Mature

At this stage, an association is a Native Hawaiian-owned and controlled 501(c)(3) non-profit, has a democratically elected board, has a service area with clear geographic boundaries and is recognized by DHHL as the only association representative for the stated service area. Lessees within the set geographic boundaries are automatically members of the association. Eligible for all training and grants available through this program and land parcels for non-profit community economic development projects.

E kanu ‘oe i ka hua, mālama ‘ia e Kūlia i ka Nu‘u, a mohala ka mana‘o o kō kākou hānai pū.
You provide the seed (vision), Kūlia i ka Nu‘u delivers the tools, success is in the fruits of our combined labor.

‘Ōlelo Nō‘eau: DHHL Planning Office 2009

Help us to better serve you.

Please take time to consider our proposed Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan. We are asking for your feedback and we will gather your comments through September 3, 2009. Please complete this survey and write your comments below, detach this form, and mail it to us at P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, HI 96805. You may also submit comments online at www.hawaii.gov/dhhl, by e-mail to dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov, or by fax to (808) 620-9599.

Mahalo.

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, how do you rate the importance of each of the following services proposed in the 2009-2011 NHDPP:

	poor				excellent	
Beneficiary Consultation	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Agricultural Technical Assistance	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Grants	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Scholarships	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
HOAP Services	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Regional Plans	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Other services I'd like to see offered:

2. Kūlia i ka Nu'u is a new item in the NHDPP. Is this a good approach to capacity-building for DHHL and its beneficiaries?

3. Part of Kūlia i ka Nu'u is the democratic election of homestead association boards. Do you support this? Would you participate? If not, why?

4. General comments:

If you want to learn more about upcoming training opportunities check here and visit our website: www.hawaii.gov/dhhl.

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
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P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, HI 96805

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INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

MAUI - Monday, July 27

DHHL Paukūkalo Community Center
655 Kaumualīi Street, Wailuku
6:00 - 8:00 PM

EAST HAWAI'I - Tuesday, July 28

Waiākeawaena Elementary School Cafeteria
2420 Kīlauea Avenue, Hilo
6:00 - 8:00 PM

WEST HAWAI'I - Wednesday, July 29

Kealakehe High School Cafeteria
74-5000 Puohuluhuli Street, Kona
6:00 - 8:00 PM

MOLOKA'I - Thursday, July 30

Kulana `Oiwi
600 Maunaloa Highway, Kaunakakai
6:00 - 8:00 PM

KAUA'I - Thursday, July 30

Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School Cafeteria
4431 Nuhou Street, Līhu'e
6:00 - 8:00 PM

O'AHU (HONOLULU) - Tuesday, August 4

Lincoln Elementary School Cafeteria
615 Auwaiolimu Street, Honolulu
6:00 - 8:00 PM

O'AHU (WAIMĀNALO) -Tuesday, August 4

Blanche Pope Elementary School Cafeteria
41-133 Huli Street, Waimānalo
6:00 - 8:00 PM

O'AHU (KAPOLEI) - Wednesday, August 5

Kapolei Elementary School Cafeteria
91-1119 Kama`aha Loop, Kapolei
6:00 - 8:00 PM

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DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS



We need your mana'o

DHHL is interested in your comments regarding our 2009-2011 Native Hawaiian Development Project Plan. We will compile your comments and present them to the Hawaiian Homes Commission at its regular meeting in September. The proposed plan in its entirety may be viewed on our website at www.hawaii.gov/dhhl

Please submit your comments no later than September 3, 2009

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Mai ko kākou mana'o, e hālupa no kākou - From our ideas, we flourish