



# DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

## BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION



### ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2009 - 2011

#### **Education**

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Scholarship Program (HHCS) made awards to 97 eligible students enrolled full-time in post-high school institutions with demonstrated financial need and/or academic excellence. In FY 2010, the HHCS average award was \$1,695.

#### **Agriculture**

Now in its 21st year, DHHL provides agricultural and ranching technical assistance to 1,500 homestead farmers and ranchers through an annual service contract with the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture/Cooperative Extension Service (CES). DHHL continues to consult with its Agriculture and Pastoral community leaders to rebuild the farming and ranching program in an effort to implement the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Agricultural Task Force Recommendations adopted in 2000.

#### **Scholarships**

DHHL awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships from 2009 to 2011, 101 scholarships awarded in the 2009-2010 school year, and 114 awarded in 2010-2011.

#### **Home Ownership Assistance Program HOAP**

As of May 27, 2011, 3,947 native Hawaiian participants of which 2,966 are enrolled in pre-homeownership courses, 233 are enrolled in employment services and 748 are enrolled in foreclosure prevention services which are targeted towards 80% and below average median income population.



### INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

#### **Education - Scholarships**

The **Hawaiian Homes Commission Scholarship (HHCS)** is awarded to post-high school scholarships native Hawaiians (50% or more of Hawaiian ancestry) and Hawaiian Home Land lessees who are enrolled full-time at an accredited two-year, four-year, or graduate degree program. This program promotes and supports the educational advancement of native Hawaiians to achieve economic self-sufficiency. The amount of the award is based on the student's academic achievement and need.

DHHL also offers scholarships for vocational education under its **CTE Scholarship**. Vocational education includes culinary arts, auto repair, diesel mechanics, cosmetology, computer

graphics, and assistive medical technology. Please see the Hawaii Community Foundation's website for additional details.

For several years, DHHL has contracted Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF) to administer its scholarship programs. HCF is responsible for accepting and processing applications, making funding recommendations, and delivering scholarship awards to the individuals students. DHHL provides funds for the scholarships, verifies blood quantum and eligibility, and approves funding recommendations.

#### **Agriculture - Technical Assistance**

DHHL maintains an annual service contract with the University of Hawaii retains cooperative extension agents on the islands of Hawaii, Molokai and Kauai to help farmers and ranchers develop their homesteads and secure federal assistance from the US. Department of Agriculture's numerous farm assistance programs. The program is managed via a quarterly and annual reports and is subject to Commission approval via the budget.

#### **Homeownership - HOAP**

HOAP continues to target those most in need of financial literacy assistance.

Island	Average HH Size	Ave HH Income	Above AMI	Below AMI	# of records	% by Island	% Below 80%
HAWAII	3.86	\$48,339	165	438	603	18.93%	72.64%
KAUAI	3.82	\$50,085	37	134	171	5.37%	78.36%
MAUI	3.80	\$55,000	128	255	383	12.03%	66.58%
OAHU	4.08	\$54,104	359	1538	1897	59.56%	81.08%
MAINLAND	3.18	\$78,499	28	29	57	1.79%	50.88%
MOLOKAI	3.82	\$35,914	7	67	74	2.30%	90.54%

### INITIAL THOUGHTS 2011 - 2013

#### **Improvements to the Individual Development Program**

- Marketing the program opportunities that are available,
- Developing better outreach and coordination within homestead communities,
- Increasing communication with youth groups within the community and more educational awareness of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.

#### **Education/Scholarships**

New Program to provide opportunities through internships that enable native Hawaiian students to gain on-the-job experience and receive credit from their respective educational institutions. This will increase the number of native Hawaiians with work experience specializing on Hawaiian Home Lands issues.

#### **Agriculture**

Development of a new Agricultural policy based on Agricultural Task Force Recommendations that were adopted by the Hawaiian Homes Commission in 2000 that will apply to both Farming and Ranching Homestead Development.

#### **HOAP**

- Increase marketing for better outreach and coordination within homestead and applicant communities.
- DHHL internal communication via a multi-divisional approach insures that the products created meet the demands of the applicants.
- Develop a case management strategy to provide services to clients and enable data gathering to support program expansion.



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