



HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TRUST  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

**Native Hawaiian  
Development Program Plan  
NHDPP  
2011 – 2013**

**INDIVIDUAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

Summary of Comments Received  
&  
Staff Responses and Recommendations

**INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT**

**GOAL – PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS TO OBTAIN THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT WILL INCREASE THEIR ABILITY TO EARN A LIVING, BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT, OR SECURE AND MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR HOMESTEAD AWARD.**

**EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIPS**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>RESPONSE / RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>EXPAND ELIGIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To successors at least 25% Hawn</li> <li>- To adults who need re-training</li> <li>- To alternative education trade schools</li> <li>- To children of lessees (families)</li> <li>- How would a person over 30 years, not a good student, qualify for scholarships?</li> <li>- How about non-classroom learners with a passion for on-the-job training.</li> </ul>	<p>With an annual budget of \$200,000 and average of 100 recipients, the average award is \$1,000 or \$500 per semester. This is a substantial amount, but increasing the pool will lower the amount to be less significant.  <b>RECOMMEND:</b> No change to eligible applicant criteria.</p> <p>The NHRF is “solely” for HHCA-eligible native Hawaiians.  <b>RECOMMEND:</b> No change to eligible applicant criteria.</p> <p>UH Community College trade programs are eligible for HHCS.  <b>RECOMMEND:</b> Market the vocational education component separately.</p>

<b>LEVERAGE</b>	STAFF notes that programs exist in medicine, law, social work, and engineering to support native Hawaiian admissions and retention. There is a shortage of native Hawaiians in other professions of interest to the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.	<b>RECOMMEND:</b> Institute internship and practicum opportunities for native Hawaiian students in professions of interest to the DHHL Trust (with no existing program) such as in urban planning, accounting and finance, Hawaiian studies, resource and cultural management.
	Use of Individual Development Accounts (IDA) to save for higher education. Draw on Federal Assets for Independence matching funds.	P.L. 105-285, matches up to \$8 for every \$1 saved for Postsecondary education or training. Low income target population. <b>RECOMMEND:</b> Examine this program as a means to support savings/matching HHCS.
<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT</b>	Require HHCS recipients to: - Attend financial literacy classes - Volunteer for Tax Assistance	Adding requirements to the HHCS will require staff time to ensure compliance. <b>RECOMMEND:</b> These opportunities be made available to HHCS recipients on a volunteer basis.
<b>PARTNERSHIPS</b>	Besides the agreement with Chaminade, what about BYU Hawaii and HPU?	<b>RECOMMEND:</b> Staff invite other institutions to partner with HHCS.
	Work with OHA to develop a comprehensive plan to provide post-secondary scholarship opportunities.	<b>RECOMMEND:</b> Request OHA to take the lead in developing this plan with DHHL participating.
	Partner with beneficiary run and serving community based organizations to leverage federal, state, and private funds to expand the reach of the HHCS	DHHL is open to partner with any organization to leverage outside funds.
<b>MARKETING</b>	HHCS link on DHHL website should also link to other scholarship opportunities	Staff received many comments from beneficiaries who were not aware of the HHCS. <b>RECOMMEND:</b> Staff will develop the content & request ICRO assistance to post on website

<b>AGRICULTURE – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>RESPONSE / RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b>  <b>UH-CTAHR CONTRACT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agricultural technical assistance is not effective. How can beneficiaries better hold service providers accountable?</li> <li>- Dump the contract w/CTAHR until: a) Contract reflects measurable objectives b) more people using their land - farm activities.</li> <li>- Being able to get tech assistance from CTAHR is valuable.</li> <li>- Need more technical help at present lack of help for farming.</li> <li>- UH AG agent not as helpful. He puts down farmers, poor direction.</li> <li>- Technical Assistance: All Ag/Pastoral Lessees need support to succeed unless previous experience or education.</li> <li>- Provide lessees with business classes for creating budgets, planning, etc. be required before finalization of the lease agreements.</li> <li>- Agriculture education should be mandatory with a 2-3 year plan developed a certain period</li> </ul>	<p>The intent of the DHHL contract with UH-CTAHR was to bring the university extension model to the homestead agricultural communities and farmers/ranchers. This model pulls together the UH Extension Service, UH School of Agriculture and Human Resources, and other federal and state agencies. The expertise of the institution, not the extension agent alone, is being retained by DHHL.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND:</b> Structure the contract and discuss with UH-CTAHR management the purpose and intent of this university extension model.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND:</b> Create Advisory Groups on each island to advise UH-CTAHR and DHHL on the contract scope of work, periodic status reports, and adjustments to better achieve the results intended.</p>
<b>LEASE ENFORCEMENT</b>	If the AG lot (Lessee) does not produce as intended within a period, shouldn't the lessee be "forfeited"?	Refer to HSD and proposed Agricultural Program and proposed rulemaking process
<b>ALLOWABLE USES</b>	The realities of ranching make it unlikely that a family can make the majority of their	Refer to proposed Agricultural Program and proposed rulemaking process

	<p>income within the present restrictions of our pastoral leases. I would like the idea of flexibility of allowing both farm &amp; pastoral activities on an AG or Pastoral lot. Also, other activities which don't impede the use of the land as originally intended should be allowed where feasible and legal . . . specifically, lessees should be allowed to enter into alternate energy agreements on their homestead lots to supplement their income.</p>	.
<b>RURAL HOMESTEADING</b>	<p>Support plans to create new rule changes and convert conventional Pastoral/Ag leases to rural homesteads. DHHL cannot exclude current lessees that have residential lots and been on the waitlist for AG or pastoral lot award. Previously, you could have only one home, but have one residential and one pastoral or Ag. New proposed rural homestead distribution you would have the potential for a lessee to have 2 homes. I don't think that was the intent, there has to be a choice for those who have been on the waitlist.</p>	Refer to proposed Agricultural Program and proposed rulemaking process
<b>FINANCING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate partnerships between beneficiary-run and –serving community based organizations and lending institutions to expand loan options for HHC beneficiaries</li> <li>- Conduct a review of loan products offered by Federal Housing Administration, United</li> </ul>	Refer to proposed Agricultural Program

	States Department of Agriculture, and other Federal entities with intention of expanding lending options for HHC beneficiaries.	
<b>WATER</b>	Agriculture/water person directed to protect area created within DHHL. This reassures and gives new and existing farmers that the two most important issues are protected.	Surface and potable water resources and agricultural water needs are being addressed in DHHL Water Plan, currently underway.
<b>BOARD OF AGRICULTURE</b>	Need a representative for the Board of Agriculture Seat on Molokai. Create a Bill with help from DHHL, so Molokai will have a voice and representation for itself and not under Maui County. Molokai has separate issues.	Refer to proposed Agricultural Program and Legislative Liaison for consideration.
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to financially support island Agricultural Fair so farmers/ranchers can come to network, promote, market and educate farming and ranching with information and share to partner with other agencies to move forward.</li> <li>- No umbrella insurance for all Hawaiian Home Lands. Buy policy to protect all DHHL lands. A single policy cheaper if people are leasing from DHHL.</li> <li>- Create a cooperative of people already farming for technical assistance.</li> <li>- We need to partner with others to utilize each others expertise. (USDA, NRCS, Soil Conservation)</li> </ul>	Refer to proposed Agricultural Program

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of agricultural financing and technical assistance and resources. Provide organization or individual to make recommendations/solutions and would Address key component in Ag and enforce and execute the Ag task force.</li> <li>- I want to see farm lots on Oahu.</li> <li>- Can DHHL offer farm equipment in addition to technical assistance for farm lessees?</li> </ul>	
<b>GENERAL LEASE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PREFERENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long term general leasing to beneficiaries first, as we cannot financially compete against corporate companies, beneficiaries should have priority first to encourage more people to farm, create partnerships with funders/financial institutions giving beneficiaries opportunity to expand.</li> <li>- Would like a general lease for those who have exhausted lands already used by farming.</li> </ul>	<b>Refer to proposed Agricultural Program</b>

<b>HOMEOWNERSHIP – HOAP</b>		