



DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Panaewa Subsistence Agricultural lots
Frequently Asked Questions

What type of lot awards are being offered?

This offer consists of sixteen (16) subsistence agricultural lots.

What is a subsistence agricultural lot?

To start, a subsistence ag lot is a smaller ag lot for families to cultivate food crops or raise small livestock or both for subsistence agriculture purposes. This new type of ag lot was derived through the Administrative Rules process and approved in 2017.

Can I construct a home on this lot?

Yes, more information will be shared at the orientation meeting on July 8, 2023.

How soon do I need to occupy my lot?

You must reside and cultivate within three (3) years as well as other occupancy rules. More will be shared at the orientation meeting on July 8, 2023.

Are there any financial requirements to accept a 99-year lease for one of these lots?

No, there are no financial requirements for a sub ag vacant lot. However, if you decide to construct a home on the lot, which is allowable, you will need to speak to a lender who does construction loans regarding their loan requirements, unless you have cash to construct which have other requirements. You must also submit a request form to construct to the East Hawaii District Office.

What is the process to select a lot at the lot selection meeting?

For those that are invited to the lot selection meeting, you will be ranked in order of the list you reside on and your application date.

REMINDER: You must submit the enclosed Response Form by or postdated by ***Saturday, July 10, 2023***, to receive an invitation to the lot selection meeting.

When will I receive a 99-year lease?

For those fortunate to select one of the 16 lots on **Saturday, July 29, 2023**, you will also sign your lease at that time for submission to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for approval.

I have never farmed but I would like to learn. How do I get assistance to learn more about subsistence farming?

The DHHL Planning staff working with the Hawai'i island UH CTAHR agent will provide more information for selectees after the lot selection meeting. More information is forthcoming.

Can I transfer the lease once I receive the award?

Upon receipt of a 99-year lease, you may request a lease transfer through the DHHL East Hawaii District Office, provided all parties meet the conditions of a transfer. You may contact them by phone at 808-974-4250.

Will there be more information provided for this offering?

The DHHL staff will host an orientation meeting on **Saturday, July 8, 2023**. You can attend the meeting in person at the East Hawaii District Office, by phone, or virtually via Zoom.

Virtual access via Zoom:

Click on this link:

<https://dhhl-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/98022059664?pwd=RzhmZHEzeTMvcG1JS0ZXYm9zLzhXUT09>

Meeting ID: 980 2205 9664

Passcode: s6VAtv

Join by phone (Audio Only)

United States:

Dial: 1-253-215-8782 US

Meeting ID: 980 2205 9664

Passcode: 972460

If you have problems logging into Zoom or phone, please text 808-341-6821.

How do I ask questions during the “Live” Zoom Virtual Event?

Audience microphones will be muted. Select the Q&A panel on the right of the screen to message the presenters and producers. Before sending your questions in the chat box, users have the option to select "ask anonymously."

What if I miss the Orientation meeting?

Visit <http://dhhl.hawaii.gov/awards/> after the Orientation meeting to view a recording of the meeting.

Where can I find materials about this offering?

Visit <http://dhhl.hawaii.gov/awards/>

If you have any questions after reviewing, you may call the Contact Center at (808) 620-9500.

All information provided is subject to change.