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West O'ahu Project Leases Orientation

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Hawai'i Convention Center
February 1, 2025



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808-620-9500



Our Website
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AGENDA

Orientation meetings are designed to provide our beneficiaries with the essential information they need to make informed decisions.

TIME	EVENT	WHO
8:30 a.m.	Session 1 Registration	Invited Applicants
9:30 a.m.	Session 1 Presentation	DHHL Staff, Developers
11 a.m.	Open House	DHHL Staff, Vendors
12:30 p.m.	Session 2 Registration	Invited Applicants
1:30 p.m.	Session 2 Presentation	DHHL Staff, Developers
3 p.m.	Open House	DHHL Staff, Vendors

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with knowledgeable staff and gain a deeper understanding of the programs and products available. Our goal is to ensure every participant leaves with the tools they need to navigate their journey successfully.

For More Information

To learn more about the department and awards process, visit DHHL's YouTube page.



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Introduction

Director's Message

Project leases provide a timely solution to the prolonged wait our community has endured for far too long. This strategy enables the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to guarantee homes to our beneficiaries even before a development is complete. With a project lease in hand, our 'ohana can preserve a legacy to pass down to their keiki, ensuring their homestead remains within the family for generations.



Kali Watson, Director
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

"With these projects, we are not merely constructing homes but nurturing communities that reflect our culture and shared vision for a better tomorrow."

A thriving homestead community starts with each and every person in this room and I urge all of you to seize this opportunity and the many more that lie ahead.

Pupukahi i holomua! Unite to move forward.

Kali Watson

About The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act

On July 9, 1921, President Warren G. Harding signed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended, an effort spearheaded by Prince Kūhiō and a group of advocates.

Through its passage, the United States set aside approximately 200,000 acres of land to establish a permanent homeland for native Hawaiians, who were identified as a "landless and dying" people as the result of disease, intermarriage, and loss of lands.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act intended to return native Hawaiians to the land while encouraging them to become self-sufficient homesteaders on the leased parcels of trust land.

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Project Overview



Ka'uluokaha'i



Kaupē'a

▶ Project Leases

Beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands who possess a project lease are assured the opportunity to select a lot from a designated homestead community once it is developed. Those with project leases have the option of transferring their lease to a qualified successor. This initiative is the department's approach to moving beneficiaries off the waitlist and onto the 'āina.

▶ Housing Products

A diverse range of housing options are available across our homestead communities, ensuring every family has the chance to achieve homeownership. By providing multiple products, our 'ohana can select the home that best suits their individual needs, aspirations, and financial situations. Our department's mission is to support our beneficiaries at every stage of their journey to owning a home, ensuring no one is excluded from the process.

Turnkey Homes

Owner-Builder Lots

Rent With Option To Purchase

Self-Help Housing

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Project Developers

Our project developers have strong ties in Hawai'i and are dedicated to creating flourishing communities for DHHL beneficiaries and their 'ohana. Each developer will collaborate closely with the department to provide an affordable housing product while maintaining high-quality standards.



Gentry Homes



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Gentry Homes has been building homes in Hawai'i since the establishment of the company in 1968 and has become synonymous with excellence in new home construction over the years. Gentry Homes has built over 14,000 homes, as well as many commercial and industrial developments.



Mark Development, Inc.



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DEVELOPMENT, INC.

A premier housing development and management company established in 1977 by Mr. Mark Y. Watase, Mark Development's mission is to provide accessible and affordable housing for Hawai'i residents. Mark Development proudly oversees 18 properties statewide, totaling over 1000 units. This dedicated team, boasts more than 27 years of certified experience in the affordable housing, sector, demonstrating a commitment to providing quality living spaces.



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Schedule

Project Lease Awards

Project leases are legacies families will hold and pass on to eligible successors. Over the next two years, DHHL aims to provide more than 6,000 project leases across the pae 'āina.

Project	# of Units	Awards
West O'ahu Project Leases	700	March 2025
Pu'uhona Lot Selection	91	April 2025
West Hawai'i Project Leases	400	April 2025
La'i 'Ōpua Akau	32	June 2025
Ka'uluokaha'i II-C	115	July 2025
La'i 'Ōpua Hema	125	August 2025

**All dates are subject to change*



Never Miss An Offer

With an exciting awards schedule ahead, the department encourages all beneficiaries to confirm their contact information. To verify your details, please reach out to DHHL's Applications Branch at 808-730-0279 or email dhhl.applications@hawaii.gov.



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▶ Next Steps

- **Project Lease Response Forms Due:** February 14, 2025
- **Project Lease Selection Meeting:** March 22, 2025
- Residential lease signing
- Complete **financial assessment** with a DHHL-contracted service provider within 60 days of project lease commencement date

Contact Information

For questions regarding DHHL's project lease awards, contact:



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