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DHHL Community Development Grants and Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan

Presented at the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations conference
June 2 - 4, 2025

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Agenda

- I. Aloha, Welcome, Overview
- II. Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan
 - Individual Development
 - Community Development
- III. DHHL Community Development Grants
 - How to Apply, Eligibility, Criteria, Scoring
- IV. Questions?

DHHL IS NOT accepting Grant Applications at this time.

Note: This presentation is for informational and educational purposes ONLY.

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Legal Authorities

- Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 10-6.1
- Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan (NHDPP), as approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC)
- Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 103D, Competitive Sealed Proposals or Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Various HHC submittals such as the annual DHHL Budget, Grant Award approvals, etc.

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Understanding the Rules

***We begin our journey with the
Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan***

***governed by Hawaii Administrative Rules 10.6-1,
and APPROVED by the Hawaiian Homes Commission
every two years***

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NHDPP Purpose

Per Hawaii Administrative Rules 10-6.1:

To improve the general welfare and condition of native Hawaiians through educational, economic, political, social, cultural, and other programs.

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Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan

Major NHDPP Sections:

- Individual Development
- Community Development
 - Grants
- HHC-approved NHDPP Resource allocation

Sources: HAR allows NHRF, federal, state, other

Uses: as described in the NHDPP

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Estimated availability: October — December 2025

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Stay Tuned for More Info !

The update to the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan is being planned for Beneficiary Consultation in Fall 2025

All Beneficiaries are encouraged to participate

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Tip: Successful grant proposal

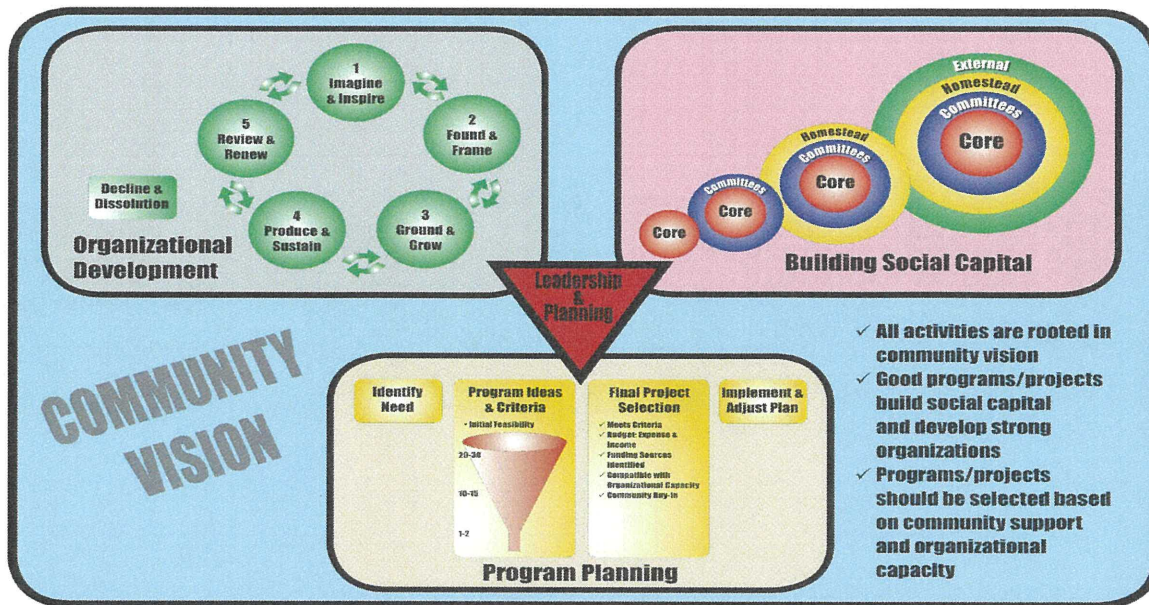
A strong proposal:

- Follows the instructions and answers the questions***
- Is well written***
- Proposed Scope, Budget, Work Plan, Timeline are aligned***
- Project team is qualified***
- Proposed project has broad community support***

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DHHL Community Development Grants

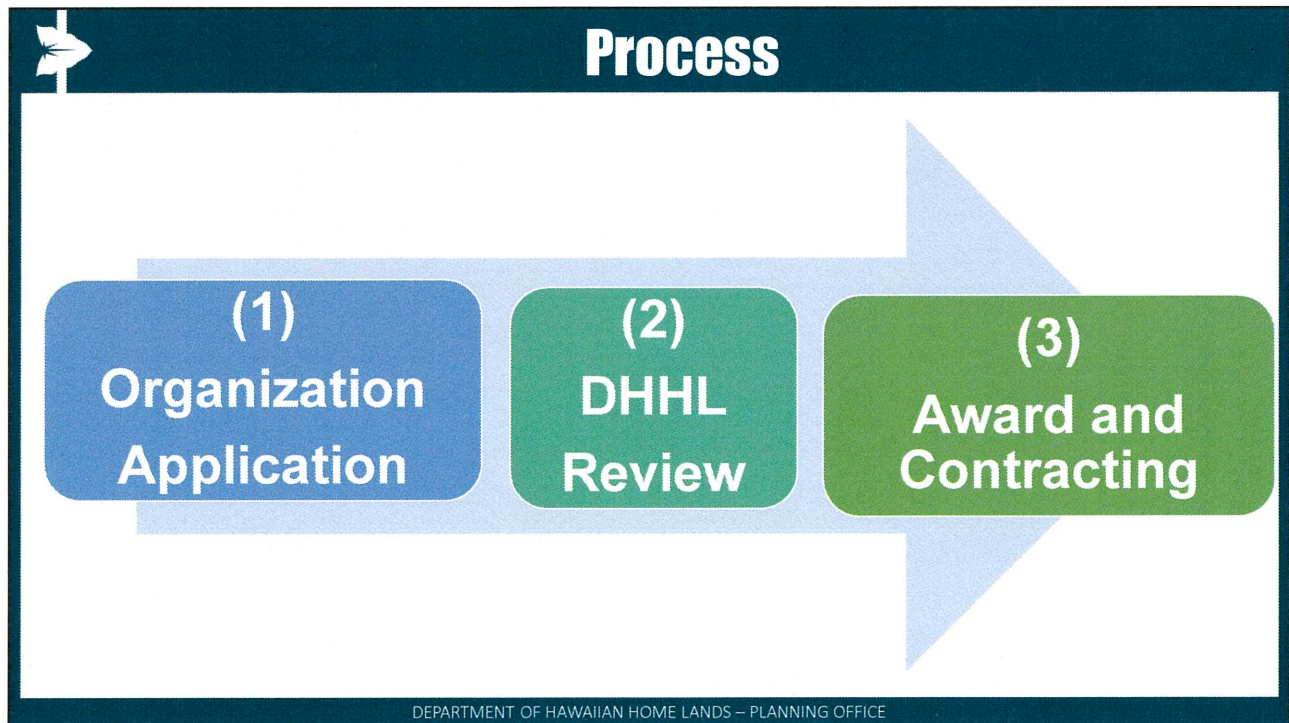
How to Apply

- Step 1. Read instructions
- Step 2. Follow the instructions
- Step 3. Answer the questions
- Step 4. Go back to Step 1

***DHHL accepts electronic submittals ONLY
via email***

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Types of DHHL Grants

Grants come in all shapes and sizes

Last year (2024), 3 Grants were available:

- Capacity Building – \$20,000 maximum per application
Total funding available Statewide: \$200,000
- Project Implementation -- \$200,000 maximum per application
Total funding available Statewide: \$800,000
- Existing facilities in existing homesteads -- \$500,000 per application
Total funding available Statewide: \$3,500,000

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State Procurement

DHHL Grants mirror the State Procurement Method

“State Competitive Sealed Proposals or Request for Proposals (RFP)”

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State Competitive Sealed Proposal steps

Minimum required steps:

- Step 1. DHHL publicly releases State solicitation RFP notice.
 - Step 2. DHHL conducts application orientation sessions
 - Step 3. Applicants may submit written questions.
 - Step 4. DHHL is required to respond to questions and make amendments to the RFP, as needed. All are publicly posted.
 - Step 5. Applicants submit Grant Applications by posted due date.
 - Step 6. DHHL reviews applications to ensure completeness
 - Step 7. DHHL evaluates applications based on RFP criteria and scoring.
 - Step 8. DHHL makes recommendations to the Hawaiian Homes Commission
- Only the HHC can make grant awards.**
- Step 9. Public posting online of awardees and 7 day waiting period
 - Step 10. DHHL drafts State Contracts with awardees.

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Overview: DHHL Grant Application

How to Apply: Prepare Grant Application

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation AND a Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate

Typical Application:

- Proposed project description
- Beneficiary support and participation
- DHHL Regional plan priority projects
- Project Team qualifications and experience
- Matching funds (Non-DHHL)

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Hawaii Compliance Express



STATE OF HAWAII STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE CERTIFICATE OF VENDOR COMPLIANCE

This document presents the compliance status of the vendor identified below, on the issue date with respect to conditions required from the Hawaii Department of Taxation (DOTAX), the Internal Revenue Service, the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

Vendor Name: [REDACTED]

Issue Date: 05/23/2025

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Criteria and Scoring (2024)

SAMPLE

- Organizational capacity – 40 points
- Project readiness – 30 points
- Beneficiary involvement – 20 points
- Sustainability – 10 points
- Match funds/In-kind – 5 points (bonus)
- Is it a DHHL Regional Plan Priority Project?

*Above is subject to change
See Grant Application for specific requirements*

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General Timeframe (subject to change)

Task	Estimate
Pre-Application – Community Development Process	Your own timeframe
HHC NHDPP authorization	Every two years
HHC Budget authorization	Every year in June
DHHL releases Grant Solicitation notice Pre-proposal orientation sessions	September-October
Grant Application DUE DATE	December
DHHL Grants Committee Review	January
HHC for decisionmaking	February
Notification to all Grant Applicants on HHC decisions	February
DHHL drafts Contracts for Grant Awards	March – April
Grant start date	July

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Project may begin

Once State Contract is executed, Project may begin.

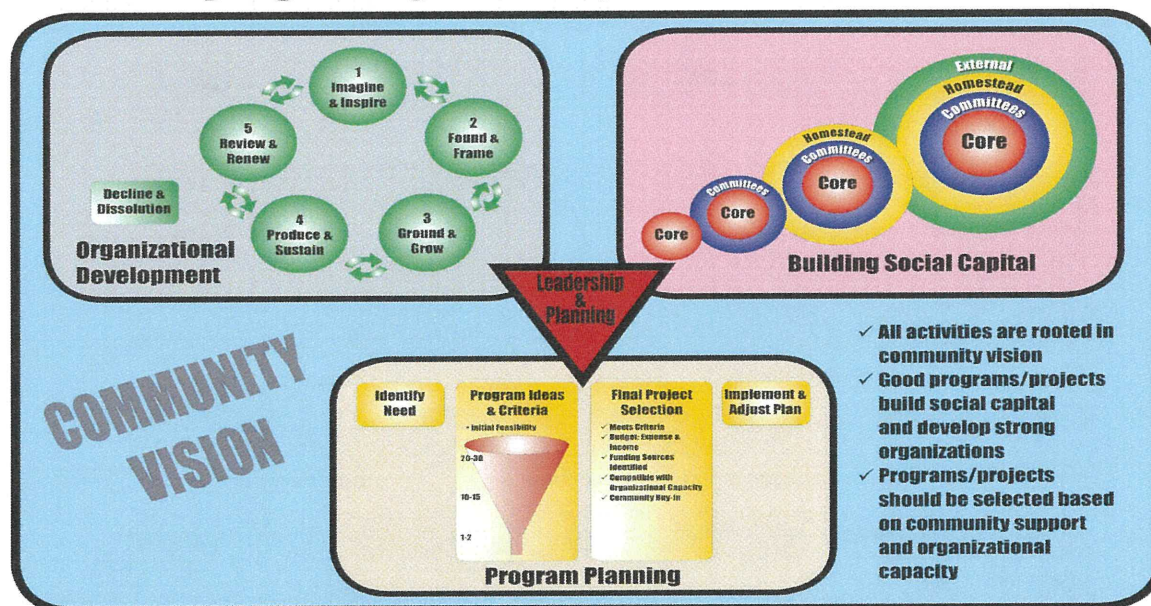
- Grantee PERFORMS Contract Scope of Work
- Grantee invoices according to the Contract
- Grantee grant compliance (reports, invoices/receipts, Hawaii Compliance Express, any amendments to Scope, Budget, Time, etc.)

Communication between Grantee and DHHL is
CRITICAL during the Contract period

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Upcoming Key Dates

- **Thursday, June 12, 2025** at 9:30 am – DHHL Kapolei
Hawaiian Homes Commission meeting – Budget Workshop
- **Monday June 16 and Tuesday, June 17, 2025** at 9:30 am – DHHL Kapolei
Hawaiian Homes Commission regular meeting

TENTATIVE

- September 2025 – March 2026 – NHDPP Beneficiary Consultation period
- October 2025 – Release Grant RFPs
- Early January 2026 – Grant Application Due Date
- March 2026 – Hawaiian Homes Commission regular meeting

Subject to Change

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MAHALO !

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