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Rendering of a four-bedroom home in Kauluokahai II-C, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' newest homestead community in East Kapolei on Oahu.

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Recipients of lots for Kauluokahai II-C, the newest homestead community through the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, will have the choice between four move-in-ready home options. Designed by WhiteSpace Architects, the home options range from 950 square feet for a two-bedroom, one-bath home to a 1,750-square-foot five-bedroom, three-bath option.

The first families are expected to move in early 2026, according to DHHL's website.

The community, consisting of 115 lots, is part of a total 650 homes planned in the Kauluokahai community located in East Kapolei on Oahu.

Increment II-C broke ground in July 2023 and the homes are being developed and designed by Gentry Homes and WhiteSpace Architects. Gentry Homes is also building the majority of homes in the Kauluokahai community, save for the homes being built by the lot owner and local nonprofit [Habitat for Humanity](#).

"Our design approach for Kauluokahai II-C balances efficiency and individuality – with thoughtful architectural variations to ensure each home feels unique," WhiteSpace Architects Principal Laurel Swan said in a statement. "Our goal was to create a vibrant and connected neighborhood with a cohesive community identity, while aligning with the high construction standards that Gentry has refined over years of experience as a premier developer."

In addition to the four home design options, all homes will include a two-car garage, an ADA-accessible option, and customizable add-ons including a backyard lanai.

"Homesteads serve not only as residences for our beneficiaries but also as communities for cultural revitalization. Within these homes, ohana can dream of brighter futures, foster better health and lay down their roots – essential pillars for generational change," DHHL Director Kali Watson said in a statement.