



# **Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan (NHDPP)**

*past, present, and future / where do we go from here*



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**We need your participation and input on the Update to the NHDPP**

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# Today's Agenda

- Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan (NHDPP) Authorization
  - Hawaiian Homes Commission Act
  - Administrative Rules
- Where it fits in the overall DHHL Planning system
  - Homesteading vs. Programming
- Past NHDPP Accomplishments and Highlights
- Survey
- Q&A



# Introduction

## Why are we here today?

- To update the DHHL Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan or NHDPP

## What is the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan?

- The NHDPP is a long-range planning document that guides DHHL's support programs for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries.
- The NHDPP outlines priorities for programs supported by the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund, including education, economic self-sufficiency, 'āina-based practices, and community leadership development.

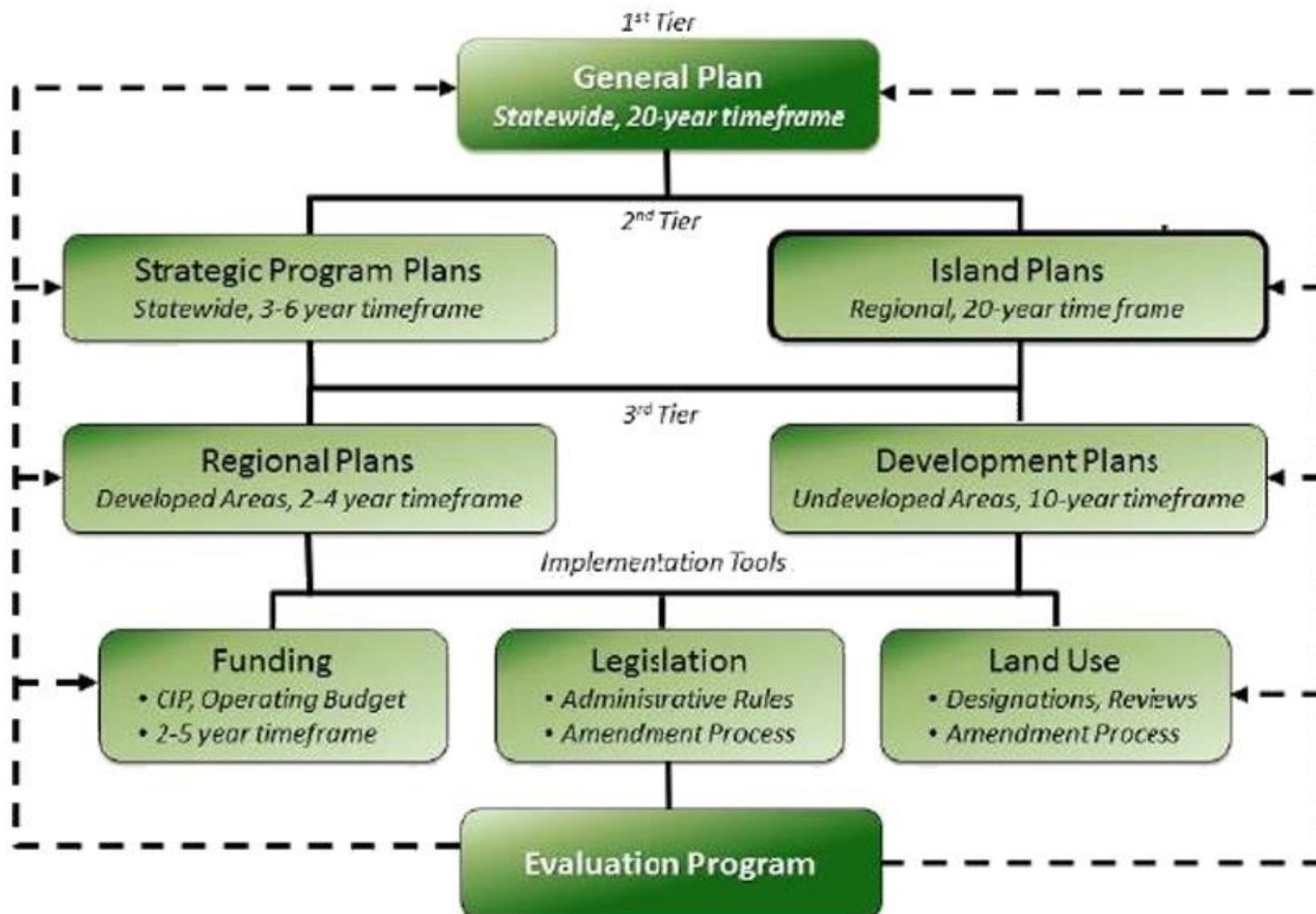


# Legal Foundation

- **Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) Section 213(f):** Authorizes development of program plans for community and economic development
- **HAR Section 10-6.1-1:**
  - Requires periodic review and update of the NHDPP
  - Mandates submission to the Commission and public hearings
  - Establishes reporting requirements and plan content

# Where does the NHDPP fit into DHHL Plans

- Where NHDPP fits in the overall DHHL Planning system (use diagram)





# Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund (NHRF)

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- While NHRF is the primary source of funds for the NHDPP, it has been in decline ([refer to March 2025 Item G-3 NHRF fund info submittal for more information](#))
  - *Pursuant to Article XII, Section 1, of the Hawaii Constitution, thirty percent of the state receipts, derived from lands previously cultivated as sugarcane lands under any other provision of law and from water licenses, shall be deposited into this fund.*
- Currently, the NHDPP is funded by other Trust funds for Agricultural/Pastoral lessee technical assistance through UH-CTAHR and by the State General Funds and only for the Community grants program



# Accomplishment and highlights

## In previous years, examples of accomplishments include

- **Grants** – Traditionally gave out \$1M, then in 2022 \$5M, now today up to \$10 M in Grants to support homestead community capacity building and homestead community projects identified in DHHL Regional Plans
- **Kūlia i Ka Nu’u Program** for Community nonprofit training and one-on-one technical assistance statewide. Topics included Starting a Nonprofit, Nonprofit basics (ie Board training, Strategic Planning); Orientation to DCCR homesteads; intro to community economic development
- **Statewide gatherings** bringing together homestead leaders for training, info sharing, Budget Puwalu sessions, networking, and raising awareness on native Hawaiian history and policy in the context of the relationship between the United States and Native American groups



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- **Scholarships**

- Hawaiian Homes Commission has issued 100 students annually for post High School education institutions
- DHHL awarded over \$300,000 in college scholarships from 2009-2011 to over 200 students with partnerships from Chaminade university and others

- **Technical Assistance** - Provided training and technical assistance to 1,500 agricultural and pastoral lessees annually

- **Financial Literacy** - Under NHDPP HOAP program, assisted 4,000 beneficiaries in pre-homeownership courses, foreclosure prevention services.



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- Leveraged additional resources to to support the Kūlia i Ka Nu'u Program
  - DBEDT Community based Economic Development (CED) program
  - NeighborWorks training scholarships
  - Ford Family Foundation leadership program
  - US Department of Agriculture Rural Community Development Initiative program



# Your Input is needed

- What NHDPP programs to keep?
- What should we do more of?
- And, anything new to add to NHDPP or bring back to NHDPP



# Next Steps

- Complete the Survey by May 1, 2026
- We will draft the Update NHDPP based on your feedback
- Second round of meetings to review the draft
- 30-day comment period
- Then to HHC for final approval and request for budget

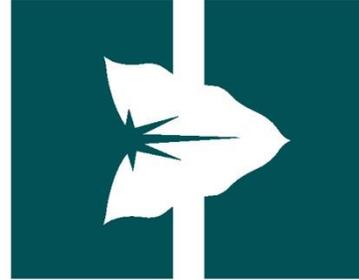


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- Questions and Discussion



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**Please take survey by Friday, May 1, 2026**

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