



# NATIVE HAWAIIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLAN UPDATE

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is updating the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan (NHDPP), 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.

## **What is the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan (NHDPP):**

The Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan (NHDPP) is guided by the legal mandates of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund (NHRF), and the Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), particularly Chapters 3 and 6.1 of Title 10. Together, these statutes and rules form the foundation for DHHL's efforts to promote the rehabilitation and self-sufficiency of native Hawaiians.

## **Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA):**

Enacted by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on July 9, 1921, established a land trust of approximately 200,000 acres for the benefit of native Hawaiians, defined as individuals with at least 50% Hawaiian blood quantum. Championed by Hawai'i's non-voting delegate to congress Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, the purpose of the Act is to rehabilitate native Hawaiians by returning them to the land through homesteading.

## **Relevant Sections of the HHCA:**

### **HHCA §213 – Disposition of Income from Available Lands:**

- o "Thirty percent of the state receipts derived from lands leased as provided in section 204... shall be deposited into a special fund to be known as the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund..."
- o "The department may expend moneys from the fund... for the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians which shall include but not be limited to the educational, economic, political, social, and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of Native Hawaiians are thereby improved."

### **HHCA §207.3 – Loans from the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund:**

- o "The department may make loans from the Native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund to Native Hawaiians for the purposes of this Act."



*Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole*

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## PRIOR NHDPP ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**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, Non-profit 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.

### 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 - DHHL has provided training and technical assistance to 1,500 agricultural and pastoral lessees annually.
- Financial Literacy - Under NHDPP HOAP program, DHHL has assisted over 4,000 beneficiaries in pre-homeownership courses, foreclosure prevention services.



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### 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?

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