

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING
NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT
2020 Summary of Resources**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Enacted/ Requested	Carryover	Supplemental / Rescission	Total Resources	Obligations	Outlays
2018 Appropriation	2,000	2,527	-	4,527	4,339	2,058
2019 Annualized CR	2,000	188	-	2,188	2,070	2,381
2020 Request	-	118	-	118	118	2,628
Change from 2019	(2,000)	(70)	-	(2,070)	(1,952)	247

1. Program Purpose and Budget Overview

The 2020 President’s Budget requests no funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program (NHHBG), which is \$2 million less than the 2019 Annualized Continuing Resolution (CR) level. The NHHBG program funds a wide range of affordable housing activities on Hawaiian home lands and the State of Hawaii’s Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is the sole recipient of NHHBG funds.

2. Request

The 2020 President’s Budget does not request funding for the NHHBG program. DHHL began fiscal year 2019 with an obligated, unexpended balance of \$16 million. A portion of those funds are anticipated to be spent this year, but DHHL have sufficient funds to maintain operations in 2020.

3. Justification

Under the NHHBG program, DHHL can carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Native Hawaiian families residing on Hawaiian home lands. These lands are typically located in rural areas with steep terrain that make them difficult

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to access and develop, and such geographic constraints, in turn, contribute to the already high cost of building housing and the necessary infrastructure in these areas.

In 2015, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders accounted for only 10 percent of the State's population, yet 39 percent of the state's overall homeless population. In addition, Native Hawaiians have lower incomes, higher poverty rates, and lower educational attainment rates than other residents of Hawaii.¹ DHHL projects can help alleviate the problem; however, the development process can be lengthy due to environmental reviews, procurement of construction contracts, compliance with local building permit requirements, and the installation of streets, drainage, water, sewer, and utilities.

Between 2002 and 2018, DHHL used NHHBG funds to support the building, acquisition, and rehabilitation of 691 affordable homes. Approximately 693 lots have been improved with infrastructure to support the construction of affordable homes. At the same time, three community centers have been rehabilitated to provide housing services to affordable housing residents. Housing services, such as pre- and post-homebuyer education, financial literacy training, and self-help home repair training to sustain safe, decent, occupant-owned housing have been provided to more than 2,080 families.

¹ Hawaiian Needs of Native Hawaiians, A Report from the Assessment of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs. May 2017. <http://www.huduser.gov/portal/publications/housing-needs-native-hawaiians.html>

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Summary of Resources by Program**

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Budget Activity	2018 Budget Authority	2017 Carryover Into 2018	2018 Total Resources	2018 Obligations	2019 Annualized CR	2018 Carryover Into 2019	2019 Total Resources	2020 Request
Grants	2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	-	2,000	-
Technical Assistance	-	527	527	339	-	188	188	-
Total	2,000	2,527	4,527	4,339	2,000	188	2,188	-