

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

## Office of Public and Indian Housing

### Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Enacted/ Requested	Carry over	Supplemental/ Rescission	Total Resources	Obligations	Net Outlays
2023 Appropriation	22,300	502	-	22,802	22,802	3,571
2024 Annualized CR	22,300	-	-	22,300	22,300	6,000
2025 President's Budget	22,300	-	-	22,300	22,300	6,851
Change from 2024	-	-	-	-	-	851

#### PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) program funds a wide range of affordable housing activities on Hawaiian home lands. Eligible activities include new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, infrastructure, and various support services. In addition, funds can be used to provide rental assistance to eligible Native Hawaiians residing on or off Hawaiian home lands. The sole recipient is the State of Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

#### BUDGET OVERVIEW

The 2025 President's Budget requests \$22.3 million for the NHHBG program, which is equal to the 2024 Annualized CR level. Up to \$1 million of the request is for training and technical assistance.

This investment helps further equity for Native Hawaiians by helping to increase the production of and access to affordable housing, as well as address the needs identified in the 2017 HUD report, *Housing Needs of Native Hawaiians*.<sup>1</sup>

This program aligns with HUD 2022-2026 Strategic Objective 2A: *Increase the Supply of Housing* and 2B: *Improve Rental Assistance*.

#### JUSTIFICATION

The Budget requests \$22.3 million, which would allow DHHL to continue to fund a wide range of affordable housing activities on Hawaiian home lands, provide rental assistance to low-income Native Hawaiians eligible to reside on Hawaiian home lands, and conduct long-term project planning and finance large-scale affordable housing projects without the uncertainty that a disruption in annual funding in any given fiscal year creates. The \$22.3 million would provide a consistent, reliable stream of funding without unnecessary volatility.

In 2022 and 2023, the Congress appropriated \$22.3 million to NHHBG. Coupled with the recent investment of State funding, this resulted in DHHL developing plans to undertake significant housing development projects across the Hawaiian home lands. DHHL plans to use this funding for major site acquisitions, projects to develop sites and infrastructure necessary for future housing

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/publications/housing-needs-native-hawaiians.html>

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development using both State and NHHBG funds, downpayment assistance programs, rental housing assistance, and other housing activities.

According to the 2017 HUD report *Housing Needs of Native Hawaiians*, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders account for 39 percent of the State’s overall homeless population despite only representing 10 percent of the State’s population.<sup>2</sup> The study also indicates that Native Hawaiian beneficiaries on the Hawaiian home lands waiting list experience a higher rate of housing problems than Native Hawaiians overall and other residents of Hawaii. For example, in 2015, 10 percent of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries on the waiting list lack complete plumbing facilities, 38 percent experience overcrowding, and 46 percent experience cost burden by paying more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs.

### Stakeholders

Stakeholders include Native Hawaiians and DHHL.

### Equity

This investment helps increase equity for Native Hawaiians by increasing the production of and access to affordable and quality housing. By providing funds, NHHBG is able to help construct homes and provide rental assistance to Native Hawaiians.

### Operational Improvements

With the recent influx of additional NHHBG resources to DHHL, HUD is committed to ensuring that it has the technical support that it needs to effectively implement its program. Accordingly, HUD has deployed Native Hawaiian Training and Technical Assistance funding to support DHHL as it expands its capacity and takes on larger-scale affordable housing projects. HUD Hawaii-based staff will also continue to work daily with DHHL to provide appropriate technical assistance and advise on HUD programmatic requirements.

### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES BY PROGRAM

(Dollars in Thousands)

Budget Activity	2023 Budget Authority	2022 Carry over Into 2023	2023 Total Resources	2023 Obligations	2024 Annualized CR	2023 Carry over Into 2024	2024 Total Resources	2025 President's Budget
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	21,300	-	21,300	21,300	22,300	-	22,300	22,300
Technical Assistance	1,000	502	1,502	1,502	[1,000]	-	-	[1,000]
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>22,802</b>	<b>22,802</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>22,300</b>

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## LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Legislative Proposals

The 2025 Budget supports the following legislative proposal and will seek changes through the authorization process:

Permissive Training and Technical Assistance: Change from mandatory to permissive language—up to \$1,000,000 under this heading may be for training and technical assistance. Allows HUD to decide that as little as \$0 be used for training and technical assistance related to the needs of Native Hawaiians and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

## APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE

The 2025 President's Budget includes the appropriations language listed below.

*For the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, as authorized under title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.), \$22,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: Provided, That notwithstanding section 812(b) of such Act, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may not invest grant amounts made available under this heading in investment securities and other obligations: Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading in this and prior fiscal years may be used to provide rental assistance to eligible Native Hawaiian families both on and off the Hawaiian Home Lands, notwithstanding any other provision of law: Provided further, That up to \$1,000,000 of the amounts made available under this heading may be for training and technical assistance related to amounts made available under this heading and other headings in this Act for the needs of Native Hawaiians and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.*

Note.--A full-year 2024 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the Budget was prepared; therefore, the Budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act (Division A of Public Law 118-15, as amended). The amounts included for 2024 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.