

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

	ESTIMATE 2001	ENACTED 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	INCREASE + DECREASE - 2003 vs 2002
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
Appropriations: (Enacted or Proposed) .....	...	[\$9,600] <u>a/</u>	\$10,000	+\$400
Budget Outlays .....	...	...	\$1,000	+\$1,000

a/ Funded in Community Development Fund.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET ESTIMATES

The Budget proposes an appropriation of \$10 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants (NHHBG) program in fiscal year 2003. This program provides grants for housing and housing-related assistance to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. The request includes up to \$400,000 to support related training and technical assistance activities.

EXPLANATION OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

Congress provided \$9.6 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants program as a set-aside in Community Development Fund in fiscal year 2002. The Department is requesting \$10 million as a separate account in fiscal year 2003 for this program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND ACTIVITY

The Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act of 2000 (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.) was signed on December 27, 2000. Numerous studies have documented the housing needs of Native Hawaiians who are either eligible to reside on, or now live on, the Hawaiian Home Lands. Native Hawaiians experience the worst housing conditions in the State of Hawaii and constitute approximately 30 percent of its homeless population. The Department issued a 1995 report, which cited evidence that Native Hawaiians have the highest percentage of housing problems (49 percent) in the United States. Overcrowding in these households exceeds 36 percent, as compared to 3 percent of households throughout the nation.

The NHHBG program would provide block grant funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to carry out affordable housing activities for Native Hawaiian families who are eligible to reside on the Hawaiian Home Lands. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands must submit 1-year and 5-year housing plans, which contains a mission statement, goals and objectives, activities planned, statement of needs, an operating budget, a statement of affordable housing resources, and a certification of compliance.

The Department's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) staff will monitor the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to ensure compliance with the objectives of the housing plan. The NHHBG allows the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to develop and support affordable rental and homeownership housing and provide housing services through the following eligible activities:

Development: Grant funds may be used to support acquisition, new construction, reconstruction or moderate or substantial rehabilitation of affordable housing which may include real property acquisition, site improvement, development of utilities and utility services, conversion, demolition, financing, administration and planning, and other housing related activities.

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Housing Services: Grant funds may be used to support housing-related services including housing counseling in connection with rental or homeownership assistance, the establishment of resident management corporations, energy auditing, activities related to the provisions of self-sufficiency and other services related to assisting owners, tenants, contractors and other entities participating or seeking to participate in other housing activities.

Housing Management Services: Grant funds may be used to support management services for affordable housing, including the preparation of work specifications, loan processing, inspections, tenant selection, management of tenant-based rental assistance, and management of affordable housing projects.

Crime Prevention and Safety Activities: Grant funds may be used to support safety, security and law enforcement measures, and activities appropriate to protecting residents of affordable housing from crime.

Model Activities: The Department may approve housing activities under model programs that are designed to develop and support affordable housing.

PROGRAM SET-ASIDE

Training and Technical Assistance. A set-aside of \$400,000 of the total NHHBG will support contract expertise and training and technical assistance to engage in the management and oversight of Native Hawaiian housing. These activities include, but are not limited to, training and technical assistance for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and nonprofit organizations.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: RESOURCES REQUESTED (\$ AND FTE) AND RESULTS

The Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants program is essential to achieve HUD's Strategic Goal 2: Help Families Move from Rental Housing to Homeownership, and specifically, Strategic Objective 2.3, to increase the availability of affordable rental housing. This program also supports Strategic Goal 8: Support Community and Economic Development Efforts, and specifically, Strategic Objective 8.2, to help communities find easy access to revitalization resources in order to become more livable.

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

NOTE: Targets are preliminary and may be revised with the submission of the full APP document.

STRATEGIC GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ESTIMATE 2001	ENACTED 2002	ESTIMATE 2003
<b>Strategic Goal 2: Help families move from rental housing to homeownership.</b>			
Discretionary BA (Dollars in Thousands)	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
FTE			
Headquarters	0	3	3
Field	0	0	0
Subtotal	...	3	3
<b>Strategic Objective 2.3: Increase the availability of affordable rental housing.</b>			
<b>Strategic Goal 8: Support community and economic development efforts.</b>			
Discretionary BA (Dollars in Thousands)	...	...	...
FTE			
Headquarters	...	...	...
Field	...	...	...
Subtotal	...	...	...
<b>Strategic Objective 8.2: Help communities more readily access revitalization resources to become more livable.</b>			

STRATEGIC GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ESTIMATE 2001	ENACTED 2002	ESTIMATE 2003
The number of households receiving housing assistance with CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, NAHBG and NHHBG increases.	NA	50	50
<b>FTE Total</b>	...	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

NA = Not Applicable

\*Funded within the Community Development Fund program.