

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING
 NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS
 2007 Summary Statement and Initiatives
 (Dollars in Thousands)

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS	<u>Enacted/ Request</u>	<u>Carryover</u>	<u>Supplemental/ Rescission</u>	<u>Total Resources</u>	<u>Obligations</u>	<u>Outlays</u>
2005 Appropriation .....	...^a	...	...	...	...	...
2006 Appropriation/Request	\$8,815	...	-\$88	\$8,727	\$8,727	\$1,000
2007 Request	<u>5,940</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Program Improvements/Offsets	-2,875	...	+88	-2,787	-2,787	+2,000

a/ Funds for this account were previously appropriated under the Community Development Fund.

Summary Statement

The Office of Public and Indian Housing is requesting \$5.9 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) account for fiscal year 2007. This program provides grants for housing and housing-related assistance to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). From fiscal year 2002 through fiscal year 2005, on average, annually Congress has provided \$9.4 million for the NHHBG program as a set-aside under the Community Development Fund. The Department requested, and Congress appropriated, \$8.8 million as a separate account in fiscal year 2006. The Department is also requesting \$299 thousand as a set-aside for training and technical assistance.

Initiatives

In fiscal year 2007, the Department is not proposing any new initiatives.

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 Summary of Resources by Program
 (Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Budget Activity</u>	<u>2005 Budget Authority</u>	<u>2004 Carryover Into 2005</u>	<u>2005 Total Resources</u>	<u>2005 Obligations</u>	<u>2006 Budget Authority/ Request</u>	<u>2005 Carryover Into 2006</u>	<u>2006 Total Resources</u>	<u>2007 Request</u>
Formula Grants	\$8,378	...	\$8,378	\$5,641
Technical Assistance	349	...	349	299
Total	8,727	...	8,727	5,940

NOTE: Funds for this account were appropriated under the Community Development Fund for fiscal years 2002 through 2005.

<u>FTE</u>	<u>2005 Actual</u>	<u>2006 Estimate</u>	<u>2007 Estimate</u>
Headquarters	1	1	1
Field
Total	1	1	1

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Program Offsets
(Dollars in Thousands)**

Formula Grants	<u>Amount</u>
2005 Appropriation
2006 Appropriation/Request	\$8,378
2007 Request	<u>5,641</u>
Program Improvements/Offsets	-2,737

Proposed Actions

The Department proposes \$5.6 million for Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants in fiscal year 2007 to provide grants for housing and housing-related assistance to eligible Native Hawaiian families through the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. 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. HUD 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. This housing block grant program provides an allocation of funds to assist and promote affordable housing activities to develop, maintain and operate affordable housing for eligible low-income Native Hawaiian families.

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, is tasked with the responsibility to administer all programs for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. All current programs, including the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) program, which is authorized by Title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.), are managed by ONAP. Funds for the NHHBG program have been appropriated differently over the past several fiscal years in the VA-HUD-IA annual Appropriations Acts, but in every instance have come under the Office of Community Planning and Development.

The NHHBG program provides annual grants to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for housing and housing-related assistance, pursuant to an annual housing plan, within the area in which DHHL is authorized to provide that assistance. DHHL uses performance measures and benchmarks that are consistent with the national goals of the program, but it can base these measures on the needs and priorities that it establishes in its 5- and 1-year housing plans. ONAP staff monitor the DHHL to ensure compliance with the objectives of the housing plan.

The NHHBG allows the DHHL 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.

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

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the provision 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.

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Program Offsets
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Technical Assistance	<u>Amount</u>
2005 Appropriation
2006 Appropriation/Request	\$349
2007 Request	<u>299</u>
Program Improvements/Offsets	-50

Proposed Actions

The Department is requesting \$299 thousand for Technical Assistance. This will support contract expertise, 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 the Department of Hawaiian Home Land, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and non-profit organizations.

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Performance Measurement Table**

Program Name: NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT FUND a/					
Program Mission: 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. This housing block grant program provides an allocation of funds to assist and promote affordable housing activities to develop, maintain and operate affordable housing for eligible low-income Native Hawaiian families.					
Performance Indicators	Data Sources	Performance Report		Performance Plan	
		2005 Plan	2005 Actual	2006 Plan	2007 Plan
The Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) program will assist 188 families with homeownership activities	PIH ONAP administrative data	188	72	188	188

a/ Funds for this account were appropriated under Community Development Fund.

Explanation of Indicators

The Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) program is modeled after the Native American Housing Block Grant. This program provides block grant funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to carry out affordable housing activities for Native Hawaiian families who are eligible to reside on the Hawaiian Home Lands.

The NHHBG program has one grantee, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), which provides services to eligible Native Hawaiian families. The NHHBG program is a relatively new program. The initial grant agreement between HUD and the grant recipient was executed in August 2002. Most of the early programmatic activity by the grant recipient consisted of infrastructure and site development, which is essential to support and facilitate future home construction. Activities that are more recent include housing construction and rehabilitation, and other housing-related activities. DHHL has the discretion, within the statutory confines of the program, to decide what types of housing assistance to provide with program funds.

In fiscal year 2005, 72 Native Hawaiian families received a new home under this program. The goal of serving 188 families was not met. However, as the program matures it is anticipated that the fiscal years 2006 and 2007 goals will be achieved. The fiscal year 2006 plans call for 188 families to either receive a new home, or have their current home rehabilitated. The fiscal year 2007 goal will remain the same as in fiscal year 2006. A new, full-time Native Hawaiian programs specialist is now stationed in the Hawaii State Office to assist DHHL. This full-time specialist and the maturity of the program will help the Department reach its goal in fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

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Justification of Proposed Changes in Appropriations Language**

The fiscal year 2007 President's Budget includes proposed changes in the appropriations language listed and explained below. New language is italicized and underlined, and language proposed for deletion is bracketed.

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. 4111 et seq.), [~~\$8,815,000~~] \$5,940,000 to be available until expended[, of which \$352,606 shall be for training and technical assistance activities] of which \$299,211 shall be for training and technical activities, including up to \$100,000 for related travel.

Explanation of Changes

Adds language to include \$100 thousand for training and technical assistance.

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 Crosswalk of 2005 Availability
 (Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Budget Activity</u>	<u>2005 Enacted</u>	<u>Supplemental/ Rescission</u>	<u>Approved Reprogrammings</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Carryover</u>	<u>Total 2005 Resources</u>
Formula Grants ^a
Technical Assistance
Total

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 Crosswalk of 2006 Changes
 (Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Budget Activity</u>	2006 President's Budget Request	Congressional Appropriations Action on 2006 Request	2006 Supplemental/ Rescission	<u>Reprogrammings</u>	<u>Carryover</u>	Total 2006 Resources
Formula Grants	\$8,462	\$8,462	-\$84	...	...	\$8,378
Technical Assistance	<u>353</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>349</u>
Total	8,815	8,815	-88	...	...	8,727