

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

## Office of Public and Indian Housing

### Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

(Dollars in Thousands)

|                         | Enacted/<br>Requested | Carryover         | Supplemental/<br>Rescission | Total<br>Resources | Obligations | Outlays |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------|
| 2019 Appropriation      | 2,000                 | 88                | -                           | 2,088              | 2,036       | 1,013   |
| 2020 Appropriation      | 2,000                 | 52                | -                           | 2,052              | 2,000       | 3,000   |
| 2021 President's Budget | -                     | -                 | -                           | -                  | -           | 3,000   |
| Change from 2020        | (2,000)               | (52) <sup>a</sup> | -                           | (2,052)            | (2,000)     | -       |

a/ Differs from the Budget Appendix due to rounding.

#### PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) program funds a wide range of affordable housing activities on Hawaiian homelands, and the sole recipient is the State of Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

#### BUDGET OVERVIEW

The 2021 President's Budget requests no funding for the NHHBG program, which is \$2 million less than the 2020 enacted level. In recent years, DHHL has reduced its significant balances of unexpended funds. However, DHHL still has approximately \$16 million in unexpended NHHBG funds, and are expected to continue to spend these balances in fiscal year 2020.

#### JUSTIFICATION

Between 2002 and 2019, DHHL used NHHBG funds to help build, acquire, and rehabilitate 706 affordable homes and develop infrastructure improvements to approximately 693 lots to construct affordable homes. Funds have also been used to rehabilitate community centers, provide housing counseling, financial literacy training, and self-help home repair training to over 2,200 families.

HUD projects that DHHL will have enough funding resources to continue planned projects in 2021. Accordingly, the 2021 President's Budget requests no funding for the NHHBG program.

According to HUD's *Housing Needs of Native Hawaiians*<sup>1</sup> report, in 2015, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders accounted for 39 percent of the State's overall homeless population, although they represented only 10 percent of the State's population. In addition, Native Hawaiians have lower incomes, higher poverty rates, and lower educational attainment rates than other residents of Hawaii.

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

**SUMMARY OF RESOURCES BY PROGRAM**

(Dollars in Thousands)

| Budget Activity                    | 2019 Budget Authority | 2018 Carryover Into 2019 | 2019 Total Resources | 2019 Obligations | 2020 Appropriation | 2019 Carryover Into 2020 | 2020 Total Resources | 2021 President's Budget |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Grants                             | 2,000                 | -                        | 2,000                | 2,000            | 2,000              | -                        | 2,000                | -                       |
| Technical Assistance               | -                     | 88                       | 88                   | 36               | -                  | 52                       | 52                   | -                       |
| Research and Technology (transfer) | -                     | -                        | -                    | -                | -                  | -                        | -                    | -                       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>2,000</b>          | <b>88 a/</b>             | <b>2,088</b>         | <b>2,036 a/</b>  | <b>2,000</b>       | <b>52</b>                | <b>2,052</b>         | <b>-</b>                |

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**APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE**

The 2021 President's Budget includes proposed changes in the appropriation language listed below. New language is italicized, 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.), \$2,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2024: Provided, That notwithstanding section 812(b) of such Act, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may not invest grant amounts provided 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. (Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020.)]