

ADDENDUM 1: Questions Received on DHHL RFP-25-HHL-004, RFP-25-HHL-005, and RFP-25-HHL-006 by October 22, 2024 4:00 PM HST.

1. **[Our homestead association] was given a partial grant award for our project last year from DHHL. Are we eligible to apply for remaining funds to complete the remainder of work needed for said project?**

In previous grant years, due to finite resources, DHHL has not been able to award the full funding amount requested by all applicants and has provided partial funding to grant applicants. Grant applicants that have previously received partial awards from DHHL **are eligible to apply** for additional funds to complete the remainder of the work related to their project. However, the new grant application must clearly show how the additional funds will be utilized to finish the project and not be duplicative of the work that was already partially funded by DHHL.

Please refer to Section 3 of the RFPs for other grant eligibility requirements.

2. **[Our homestead association] was given a partial grant award for our project last year from DHHL. Would the monies from the original award from DHHL be counted in the new application as "matching funds"? Or does matching funds need to come from another source?**

Monies from a previous DHHL grant award **will not be considered as “matching funds”** as described in Section 3C on page 15 of the RFPs and **will therefore not be eligible for “bonus points”** as described in Section 6C on page 24 of the RFPs. DHHL’s intent for awarding “bonus points” to applicants with matching funds is to encourage applicants to seek other sources of funding outside of DHHL for applicant projects. Matching funds need to come from another source other than DHHL to be eligible for “bonus points”.

3. **Can one organization apply for multiple grant applications (RFP-25-HHL-004, RFP-25-HHL-005, and RFP-25-HHL-006)?**

Please see Section 3 “Application Restriction and Prohibition on Duplicative Applications” (page 13) of the RFPs. Applicants shall only submit one application under [each RFP]. Applicants may apply for multiple RFPs, provided that the proposed project is not the same nor related to the proposal to [each of the three RFPs]. If an applicant has two or three different projects, the applicant can apply to more than one grant application (RFP). However, an applicant cannot submit the same project to multiple RFPs.

4. **Can a grant applicant get a copy of a completed grant application that the applicant submitted for a prior DHHL grant year from DHHL?**

It would be preferable that the applicant look through its own files for copies of a previously submitted grant application to DHHL. However, DHHL can provide a copy of a previously submitted grant application that was submitted by the same applicant if DHHL receives a formal written request from the applicant that is signed by an authorized representative of that applicant.

5. **Our organization is in the process of seeking site control for a DHHL property with a cultural site. When does the grant applicant need to have site control of the property within the DHHL grant process – at submission of the grant application or before grant monies are awarded?**

Please refer to Section 3 Eligibility part B “Certifications” of the RFPs (page 14 – 15). Applicants must have a current DHHL land disposition for the facility and be compliant with the terms and conditions of the land disposition. Applicants that will be recommended for an award to the Hawaiian Homes Commission will be contacted to ensure that licenses and/or permits have been secured. If an applicant **cannot** provide the approved licenses / permits, DHHL will not recommend the Applicant to the Commission for an award. The applicant must have a DHHL land disposition (Right-of-Entry Permit, lease, or license) by the grant application deadline of December 2, 2024.

6. **How long does it take to get a Right-of-Entry Permit from DHHL?**

The time it takes to get Hawaiian Homes Commission approval on a Right-of-Entry permit is dependent upon the current workload of DHHL’s Land Management Division and can vary depending upon the proposed use, the size of the parcel the applicant is requesting, and the location of the parcel. Another factor that DHHL considers with long-term land dispositions for non-homesteading use is whether the proposed use was identified by DHHL beneficiaries as a priority project in DHHL Regional Plans as that shows beneficiary support for that project. If it was not identified as a priority project in a DHHL regional plan, then additional beneficiary consultation would be required to ensure beneficiary support of the proposed long-term use of DHHL lands for non-homesteading purposes.

7. **If we want to apply for a grant that will involve work on DHHL land, would we need to apply separately for a DHHL Right-of-Entry permit?**

Yes, this grant application process is different than the approval process for a DHHL Right-of-Entry permit. The applicant would have to request for a Right-of-Entry permit separately from this grant application.

There are many homestead associations that already have a land disposition from DHHL. These RFPs are geared to assist existing homestead organizations that already have a land disposition from DHHL to move their projects along.

8. **DHHL currently hires companies for landscaping / maintenance on DHHL lands in our homestead community. Our organization is interested in doing that work. Can we apply for grant funds to do that work?**

There are two methods to apply for that kind of work from DHHL. DHHL usually solicits organizations / companies that are interested in landscaping / maintenance contracts through the Invitation For Bid (IFB) state procurement process. When DHHL issues an IFB for that type of work, your organization can apply through the IFB process.

The second method is to go through the Right-of-Entry process to request a land disposition from DHHL to become a steward of that particular DHHL parcel and then later apply for a DHHL grant when DHHL grant awards are available such as this current grant RFP process.