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### **U.S. HOUSING DIRECTOR PLEDGES MILLIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

HONOLULU – More than 700 people gathered for the third day of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement's (CNHA) annual conference. Today's conference continued to perpetuate Hawaiian culture with a special focus on Hawaiian Home Lands.

In a stunning announcement, Deputy Assistant Secretary Rodger Boyd of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development pledged millions of dollars to Hawaiian Home Lands. "We're happy to announce that Hawai'i will receive more than \$8 million in housing grants," announced Boyd. "It's part of our goal to make homeownership a possibility for native people." Boyd also announced a grant that will make possible \$1.5 million dollars in loans benefiting 11 families on Maui.

Today's conference will wrap up with a banquet honoring King William Charles Lunalilo. This is a program that shouldn't be missed. Thanks to a partnership with the Bishop Museum, there will be a special exhibit available for viewing which will include rare artifacts of the king. The program will celebrate the life and times of King Lunalilo and his legacy of serving the elderly.

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The theme for this year's conference is "Na Wai Ke Kuleana? Na Kakou! – Who Is Responsible? We All Are!" The conference wraps up tomorrow at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

CNHA is a national, member-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides support services to organizations serving native communities. CNHA's primary expertise is in community development, technical assistance and training, public policy initiatives, and the coordination of events and conferences focused on native community development issues. For more information on CNHA call 521.5011 (800.709.2642 toll free) or visit [www.hawaiiancouncil.org](http://www.hawaiiancouncil.org).

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