





1 repair, and improvement of residential drainage systems,  
2 including but not limited to:

3 (1) Clearing and maintaining drainage ditches and  
4 stormwater systems;

5 (2) Repairing or upgrading existing drainage  
6 infrastructure; and

7 (3) Constructing new systems to reduce flooding risks.

8 (b) Requests for grants shall be submitted to the board in  
9 accordance with administrative rules adopted by the board to  
10 administer the grant program. Each request shall, at a minimum,  
11 include:

12 (1) The name of the county, homeowners' or planned  
13 community association, or group of property owners  
14 requesting grant funds;

15 (2) The area or areas for which the grant is requested;

16 (3) Evidence of a history of flooding impacting the road  
17 or nearby properties in the area or areas for which  
18 the grant is requested;

19 (4) If the grant is requested for a privately maintained  
20 road, evidence that the road is accessible to the  
21 public; and



- 1 (5) A declaration of commitment by the applicant to  
2 maintain any improved drainage systems.
- 3 (c) Each applicant for a grant shall provide proof that  
4 the applicant:
- 5 (1) Has United States citizenship or permanent United  
6 States resident alien status and is a resident or  
7 domiciliary of the State at the time of application;
- 8 (2) Complies with all other federal, state, or county  
9 statutes, rules, or ordinances necessary to conduct  
10 the activities or provide the services for which a  
11 grant is awarded;
- 12 (3) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws  
13 prohibiting discrimination against a person on the  
14 basis of race, color, national origin, religion,  
15 creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
- 16 (4) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or  
17 lobbying activities;
- 18 (5) Allows the board, legislative committees and their  
19 staff, and the auditor full access to the applicant's  
20 records, reports, files, and other related documents  
21 and information for the purposes of monitoring,



- 1 measuring the effectiveness of, and ensuring the  
2 proper expenditure of the grant;
- 3 (6) Satisfies any other standards that may be required by  
4 the source of funding; and
- 5 (7) Meets all other standards prescribed in rules adopted  
6 by the board to implement the grants awarded under  
7 this section.
- 8 (d) Each applicant who is awarded a grant pursuant to this  
9 section shall provide a report to the board no later than one  
10 year after the grant has been awarded and on an annual basis  
11 thereafter for as long as the applicant has unexpended grant  
12 monies. The report shall include:
- 13 (1) The number and location of projects funded;
- 14 (2) The condition of the drainage systems cleared,  
15 repaired, or upgraded; and
- 16 (3) Plans for ongoing maintenance.
- 17 (e) The board shall prepare any forms necessary to meet  
18 the requirements of this section.
- 19 **§179- Residential flood mitigation assistance grants;**  
20 **eligibility.** (a) The board may award grants to eligible



1 homeowners to implement flood mitigation measures, including but  
2 not limited to:

3 (1) Elevating homes or critical utilities;

4 (2) Installing flood barriers, sump pumps, or backflow  
5 prevention systems; and

6 (3) Landscaping to improve water absorption and redirect  
7 runoff.

8 (b) Requests for grants shall be submitted to the board in  
9 accordance with administrative rules adopted by the board to  
10 administer the grant program. Each request shall, at a minimum,  
11 include:

12 (1) The name of the homeowner requesting grant funds;

13 (2) The location of the residence for which the grant is  
14 requested; and

15 (3) Evidence that the residence is in a flood-prone area.

16 (c) Each applicant for a grant shall provide proof that  
17 the applicant:

18 (1) Has United States citizenship or permanent United  
19 States resident alien status and is a resident or  
20 domiciliary of the State at the time of application;



- 1 (2) Complies with all other federal, state, or county  
2 statutes, rules, or ordinances necessary to conduct  
3 the activities or provide the services for which a  
4 grant is awarded;
- 5 (3) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or  
6 lobbying activities;
- 7 (4) Allows the board, legislative committees and their  
8 staff, and the auditor full access to the applicant's  
9 records, reports, files, and other related documents  
10 and information for the purposes of monitoring,  
11 measuring the effectiveness of, and ensuring the  
12 proper expenditure of the grant;
- 13 (5) Satisfies any other standards that may be required by  
14 the source of funding; and
- 15 (6) Meets all other standards prescribed in rules adopted  
16 by the board to implement the grants awarded under  
17 this section.
- 18 (d) The board shall prepare any forms necessary to meet  
19 the requirements of this section.
- 20 (e) No grant shall be awarded under this section unless  
21 the applicant matches up to of the grant awarded.



1           **§179-       Public education and resources.**     The board shall  
2 develop and distribute educational materials on residential  
3 flood prevention and mitigation strategies, including:

4           (1) Proper maintenance of private and public drainage  
5                 systems;

6           (2) Use of permeable materials for driveways and  
7                 landscaping;

8           (3) Emergency preparedness for flooding events;

9           (4) Establishing and managing homeowners' associations for  
10                private road maintenance; and

11           (5) The availability of grants for residential drainage  
12                systems and flood mitigation and assistance under this  
13                part.

14           **§179-       Reporting.**     The board shall submit an annual  
15 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
16 convening of each regular session, which shall include:

17           (1) Number and location of projects funded;

18           (2) Number of grants awarded for maintenance, repair, and  
19                improvement of residential drainage systems;

20           (3) Number of grants awarded to eligible homeowners to  
21                implement flood mitigation measures; and



1 (4) Any findings and recommendations, including proposed  
2 legislation.

3 **§179- Rulemaking.** The board may adopt rules pursuant  
4 to chapter 91 to effectuate the purpose of this part."

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2026-2027 to implement the grant program established by  
10 this Act.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
12 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; Residential Flood Mitigation; Drainage Systems; Grants;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a grant program for drainage system maintenance and flood mitigation measures in residential areas, to be administered by the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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