

Application Review Process



Voluntary Housing Buyout Program

STEP 1: Application Submittal & Review

- Verify receipt of documents and application is complete.
- Verify applicant and property are eligible.

STEP 2: Application Assessment/Prioritization

- Verify eligibility information.
- Verify property information and damage.
- Determine application prioritization.

STEP 3: Inspection & Environmental Clearance

- Conduct site inspection, if needed.
- Conduct final regulatory/environmental review and clearance.

STEP 4: Offer and Property Closing

- Provide purchase offer at set price.
- If accepted, coordinate with applicant and title company on property closing.
- Deeds and covenants recorded.

STEP 5: Demolition & Restoration

- Property abatement and demolition done (if needed).
- Site restored to natural state.
- Conduct final site inspection.

STEP 6: Completion & Subsequent Use

- File closeout review completed.
- Consider property stewards and future uses compatible with open space.



It is estimated that processing buyout requests, from the initial intake appointment to property closing, may take six months. Questions? Call (808) 961-8996 or email kilaueabuyout@hawaiicounty.gov.