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Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation grants \$2 million for PBS Hawaii's new home

HONOLULU, HI – A large grant from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation has propelled PBS Hawaii to within \$200,000 of its \$30 million goal for its new home at 315 Sand Island Access Road.

The \$2 million grant to Hawaii's statewide public television station will provide facilities for education through storytelling, and workforce development. The foundation's focus is helping those who are vulnerable and at-risk.

"Harry Weinberg was thoughtful and considerate of those in our community who are less fortunate," said Corbett Kalama, Vice President of Real Estate Investments and Community Affairs at the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. "PBS Hawaii provides opportunities for youngsters in Hawaii to be creative and be a part of something that helps them be better people."

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is naming the building's two largest areas: its main Multimedia Studio, where PBS Hawaii productions will be produced; and the Learning Zone, the open area at the heart of the second floor built for collaborative projects with filmmakers, students, teachers and others in the community.

PBS Hawaii staff reported to work at the new building at the beginning of the month, and is currently troubleshooting its new technological systems.

PBS Hawaii Board Chair Robbie Alm stated: "We share with [the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation] a deep and abiding desire to see those who begin life with less have the greatest opportunities possible to change their lives. At PBS Hawaii's new home, every person and especially every young person can find their own future based on their own talents, dreams and ambitions. Their opportunities are, thanks to this gift, without limit."

Naming opportunities, including spots on our two donor walls, are still available. More information is online at PBSHawaii.org/newhome.

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From left: Ben Nishimoto, PBS Hawaii Vice President of Advancement; Corbett Kalama, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Vice President of Real Estate Investments and Community Affairs; Leslie Wilcox, PBS Hawaii President and CEO; Gailene Wong, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Grant Director; Robbie Alm, PBS Hawaii Board Chair; Bettina Mehnert, PBS Hawaii Board Secretary; Jason Fujimoto, PBS Hawaii Board Vice Chair.