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PBS Hawaii gets \$5M grant to help build its new home

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PBS Hawaii said Tuesday that it has received a \$5 million grant from the [Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation](#) that will help the public television station build its new headquarters in Honolulu.

[PBS Hawaii](#) must move from its current location, a 28,000-square-foot space at the corner of University Avenue and Dole Street on the **University of Hawaii** Manoa campus because it is losing its lease, the station said in a news release.

[The television station purchased a building](#) on a 45,000-square-foot lot at 315 Sand Island Access Road in January 2009 for \$5.2 million, but said at the time it needed to raise additional funds to cover the cost of renovating and rebuilding the property, known as the former KFVE site. **American Electric Co.** currently leases the site.

The grant puts PBS Hawaii past the midway point in its \$30 million capital campaign, board Chairman **Robbie Alm** noted.

To date, PBS Hawaii has secured \$17 million to "create a 21st-century community gathering place and forum for civil discourse," President and CEO **Leslie Wilcox** said in a prepared statement.

PBS Hawaii plans to renovate and expand the existing one-story building and relocate its operations there in 2014. The new site will be named The Clarence T.C. Ching Campus, PBS Hawaii said.