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OHA TRUSTEES AWARD NEARLY \$1.2 MILLION IN GRANTS

HONOLULU – The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees has approved

\$1,183,116 in community grant funds for programs serving Native Hawaiians.

Community grant awards of up to \$100,000 apiece will go to 16 Hawai‘i-based non-profit organizations for projects ranging from construction work education for at-risk youth to expanded healthcare services for kūpuna.

“We are pleased to announce that these awards are going to organizations, large and small, that provide services benefitting Native Hawaiians. ” said OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona said.

OHA community grants are available to non-profit organizations that are able to propose projects that address OHA strategic goals in the areas of education, health, human services, native rights, land culture, housing economic development and governance.

Anyone interested in submitting an application for an OHA community grant in 2009 must do so before June 30. All applicants must attend an OHA grant application workshop. Sessions are scheduled for each island-county now through April 30. OHA program directors review grant applications and assess which ones have the greatest

capacity to better the conditions of the Native Hawaiian community. For information on the OHA community grants program or for the OHA grant application workshop schedule, go to oha.org

Recipients of OHA community grants in the latest funding cycle and a description of their funded projects are as follows:

- ❖ **A‘oa‘o O Nā Loko I‘a O Maui – \$81,965:** Ongoing restoration efforts of Ko‘ie‘ie fishpond in Kīhei, Maui and to implement a formal education/outreach program to increase educational opportunities.
- ❖ **Catholic Charities Hawai‘i – \$50,000:** The Mā‘ili (O‘ahu) Land Transitional Housing program which assists homeless families gain the knowledge and tools needed to enable them to obtain and retain a permanent housing situation.
- ❖ **Community Links Hawai‘i (a.k.a. Community Conservation Network) – \$80,000:** Cultivation of resource managers in various Hawaiian communities through networking and providing tools and training for future self-sustainment.
- ❖ **Domestic Violence Action Center – \$61,078:** Legal services such as temporary restraining orders, divorces, and various other post decree matters for Native Hawaiian victims of domestic violence.

- ❖ **Hawai'i First Federal Credit Union – \$99,993:** Education and vocational training for micro-enterprise IDA accounts and financial education for Native Hawaiians.
- ❖ **Hoakalei Cultural Foundation – \$49,000:** Oral history documentation of Kupuna Arline Eaton about the history and culture of 'Ewa, O'ahu.
- ❖ **Honolulu Symphony Society – \$47,883:** A pilot music program to be offered to students at Nānākuli Elementary incorporating the talents of Symphony instructors which will teach the students to read music and play various instruments.
- ❖ **Hope, Help & Healing Kaua'i – \$99,292:** The internal Empowerment Program which will train and hire staff from within the program to provide case management, substance abuse treatment, life skills and recovery training, integration services, and more housing options to struggling families.
- ❖ **Hui Mālama I Ke Kai Foundation – \$98,488:** Its after-school youth mentoring program that includes a healthy snack program and family strengthening activities.
- ❖ **I Ola Lāhui – \$99,962:** Its rural Hawai'i training program for students who will provide behavioral health services in community health center and Native Hawaiian health care system clinic settings on three islands.
- ❖ **Kai Makana – \$83,125:** Restoration of the fishing village on Mokauea island to be used as an educational and cultural resource.

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- ❖ **Maui Economic Opportunity – \$50,000:** The Ke Kahua agricultural project and cultural education center, a family and community-based training school and learning center helping incarcerated members transition back into society (part of the BEST Reintegration Program).
 - ❖ **Neighborhood Place of Wailuku – \$49,990:** The construction of a ROPES challenge course for family strengthening and development targeting at-risk youth.
 - ❖ **‘Ohana Makamae – \$82,390:** Expansion of their substance abuse treatment/intensive outpatient continuum, specifically Hāna's sole sober living home for men returning to Hāna from inpatient treatment.
 - ❖ **The Queen’s Medical Center – \$100,000:** A program underinsured Native Hawaiians with morbid & significant obesity related health problems the option of bariatric surgery, which is currently not an option for Medicare or Medicaid patients in the State of Hawai‘i.
 - ❖ **Waikīkī Health Center – \$50,000:** Expansion of services to the North Shore, focusing on kūpuna, providing Hawaiian healing, primary care services, and outreach to Hale‘iwa Senior Housing, and Care-A-Van homeless outreach.