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**Testimony for the Office of Economic Development to keep Agriculture
For the council session on Wednesday April 18, 2018**

April 17, 2018

Dear Council Chair White and other Council Members,

I am writing in favor of keeping all elements of agriculture in Maui County under the umbrella of the Department of Economic Development.

I understand the suggestion has been made to move agriculture to the Department of Environmental Management.

I have had the opportunity over the past few years to work with the Maui County Farm Bureau and the OED on projects relating to the landscape and horticulture industry on Maui through my time as a volunteer on the board of the Maui Association of Landscape Professionals (MALP), an organization that has supported the landscape industry on Maui for over 20 years. I have found working with the staff of these offices to be uncomplicated as they clearly understand and anticipate the needs of the agriculture industry as a whole.

I have researched the background of the OED and its counterpart, the Department of Environmental Management to come to the following conclusion:

I have come to believe agriculture should stay under the auspices of the OED based on Maui County's own distinctions between the departments.

To transfer agriculture to the Dept of Environmental Management would require a change in the mission statement of this department. The mission statement of the DEM as published is:

"To protect the public's health, safety, property, and environment by developing and operating the County's infrastructure."

This mission statement is all encompassing of "protection" and "infrastructure" but nowhere does it state "business development and support."

In turn, the Office of Economic Development's published overview of work is: "The OED works in partnership with the community, business and government sectors to:

- businesses -Strengthen and diversify the economy by supporting existing
- businesses -Assisting in the attraction, development and expansion of new
and events that will in turn provide new jobs for our community."

The OED departmental overview was clearly designed to support all business sectors in the community.

Yes. Agriculture, in all of its facets, works the land (aka the environment), but have no doubt that agriculture is business. Strictly business. Business needs support.

Through many media venues, including print and numerous statements on the radio, the mayor has stated that he has been working to attract large scale farmers to the island to fill the land vacated by the sugar cane operations. Clearly, by his statements on this subject alone, his goals unmistakably fall under the mission of the OED - the "attraction, development and expansion of new businesses."

Agriculture on Maui is expanding rapidly but not in the traditional sense of large scale farms. Instead many boutique farms are appearing, new plant nurseries are entering the market and cannot keep up with demand for projects, and the explosion of business in the landscape and horticulture industry which alone are bringing in many millions of dollars to the economy.

On the landscape side, I can offer examples of business expansion. I purchase landscape plants on a daily basis. I have a general idea of what everyone has in their inventory. Did you know that on Maui there is a plant nursery that provides plant starts and full size plants to the landscape industry to all of the islands? It holds in regularity several millions of dollars in inventory to keep up with the demand. And it cannot always keep up with the demand of the rapidly growing landscape industry on all of the islands. In the past few years, several new small and large scale nursery operations have opened on Maui. These new businesses lower the requirement of me needing to ship plants in from other islands or from the mainland. But there is still room for more growth.

The landscape installation business is on Maui is being kept busy as well. Just for the current airport project, the installation will take a many months but the plants will need to be grown as well - 15,000 of this plant, 10,000 of that plant, and don't forget the 300 coconut palms which are near impossible to find right now.

I understand that the position of the agriculture specialist would also transfer to the DEM, but supporting agriculture is a team effort of the entire department, not just the job of one person. As these and other agriculture businesses grow, they should be supported by an organization whose mission is to support businesses not an organization whose mission is to manage infrastructure, i.e. roadways.

Again, please consider keeping the agriculture sector in the OED.

Thank you for your time.

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April 16, 2018

To Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair Budget & Finance Committee 200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui,
Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

Aloha Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

We are a Ohana of Five and live in Wailuku.

My Husband works at the Westin KORV and commutes daily from Wailuku to Kaanapali.

His commutes can take up to 3 hours daily.

On a good day without any street / weather accident. We are asking for your support for

Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to help fund the Kahoma Homes.

Lahaina has the least amount of affordable houses here on Maui. We need more affordable options for Maui residents, we have so many family / friends leaving Maui because of the shortage of affordable Rental and affordable Real estate.

We want the opportunity to be part of the amazing NHOM ohana with these 12 homes.

These homes will be safe, secure homes for Maui's workforce. We will be able to:

Live in the district where we work;

have our children attend school where we live (and not on the other side of the Pali)

stop driving over the Pali to and from work.

Mahalo Nui for your help and support,

Andrea & Lavy Sisouvong

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BF Committee

From: Betsy Bergevin <betsy@ignitealife.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:50 PM
To: BF Committee
Cc: Robin Muto
Subject: Thank you for your consideration.
Attachments: IAL Alakai final 4-11-18 v2.pdf

Aloha Budget and Finance Committee,

Thank you for sharing the attached information about Ignite A Life. We are looking forward to the opportunity to testify on behalf of our organization. Thank you for allowing us to share how we plan to continue to help Maui County teens and young adults become our future leaders through offering them educational and leadership opportunities. Our keiki are our future!

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Warmest Aloha,

Betsy Bergevin
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Aloha,

Ignite A Life was founded by Robin Muto and her 16 year old son, Alexander, with the mission of providing year round educational and leadership opportunities to Maui County youth. Robin and Alexander began working toward this goal in 2010, and became a 501©3 in 2014. Their achievements include:

- Facilitated an opportunity for over 83 Maui County students struggling with Autism, Dyslexia and ADHD to participate in the Lindamood-Bell Learning Process to overcome reading, math, writing and learning challenges
- Student expeditions to Kahao'olawe
- Sponsorship of Maui County students to attend leadership summits around the globe
- Sponsorship of numerous local athletic camps

Since 2014, Ignite A Life has provided over 188 educational and leadership experiences to Maui County youth by enabling students to attend leadership events around the world. Ignite A Life is now proud to host their first annual Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy event this June on Maui, giving them a broader reach to Maui County's teens and young adults. They anticipate 250 youth to attend.

The goal of the Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy is to provide an annual educational/leadership event for Maui County youth focused on personal growth, goal setting and achievement, relationship and communication skills, financial independence, and community contribution. Teens and young adults from around the world will be invited to attend.

We humbly request your support in our endeavor to secure funds to provide Alaka'i scholarships to Maui County's under-served youth, including the current students from Hana, Lana'i and Moloka'i requesting assistance. In our past experience less than 25% of the students interested in our programs have the financial means to pay the full tuition. From the inception, it has been the mission of Ignite A life to provide these opportunities regardless of any student's financial situation. The tuition for the 6-day event is \$2,600 per individual, which includes accommodations, meals, educational materials, and world renowned speakers and coaches fees. We believe that investing in our youth in this way will produce our future Maui County leaders.

We look forward to speaking with you further about our organization. Thank you for time and your consideration.

Sincerely,
Robin Muto
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Maui County Council
Budget & Finance Committee
Testimony of Bevanne Bowers on behalf of Mediation Services of Maui, Inc.
April 17, 2018

To The Honorable Chair and members of the Budget & Finance Committee:

My name is Bevanne Bowers, Executive Director of Mediation Services of Maui, and I am here to testify on its behalf.

Thirty-five years ago a group of concerned Maui residents thought that neighbors should have a better way to solve their disputes – a way that encouraged communication, promoted peace and respect, and allowed the parties to come up with their own best solutions. They could form agreements that they would abide by, because THEY were the ones who created them. These concerned citizens formed what was then called the Neighborhood Justice Center and is now Mediation Services of Maui.

Today we handle all types of conflict – domestic matters, landlord/tenant disputes, consumer/merchant cases, TROs, business matters; the list goes on and on.

During the last fiscal year we served 556 cases with 337 of them being referred from our District and Family Courts. We serve all of Maui County, including Hana, Molokai and Lanai, and we did it with two paid staff and a dedicated pool of 38 volunteers. Our clients come from all ethnic backgrounds and income levels. Last year 39% had a household income of less than \$21,000, and another 35% earned between \$21,000 and \$42,000.

The need we address is unmet by any other community agency and the benefit to Maui County is measureable. According to an analysis performed by Community Services Analysis LLC, the direct financial impact of our services last year was \$240,000, with a long term consequential impact of an additional \$1,114,000 for a total net value of services in the amount of \$1,354,000.

Conflict maybe inevitable, but it's how that conflict is handled that makes the difference between whether or not a child gets to spend time with both parents; or in this time of housing shortages, whether a tenant gets to stay in a rental he or she can afford; or whether an employee can keep their job after a workplace dispute. One of the areas we are focusing on currently is helping Maui County businesses, government departments and organizations identify and intervene in workplace conflicts before they result in firings or even worse, workplace violence.

According to our economic Impact study, for every \$1 invested in Mediation Services of Maui during the year, Maui County receives \$7.15 of immediate and long-term financial benefits. Ladies and gentlemen, Mediation Services of Maui remains grateful for the past support provided by this Council and we ask that it continue in the next fiscal year so we may continue to serve our residents.

Thank You.

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Aloha Honorable Council Members;

I'm here to advocate for the County's continued support of the Tri-Isle RC&D Teens-On-Call Program.

This work-experience-training program since 1993, has been helping over 100 Maui teens per year develop a positive/honest work ethic while accomplishing daily project-based 'work-skills-training-assignments'.

Students are paid a performance based educational stipend (same day w/food). We provide a range of activities that often allow students to discover or build upon talents and interests which may later provide a vocational pathway. All repeatedly participating students develop a greatly increased productive capacity; work in teams (Lokahi) often making new friends; feel very empowered by their daily accomplishments and develop a 'can do' attitude towards other goals or projects in their lives.

Thru program work services performed Teens-On-Call earns about \$160,000 of our (\$240,000) annual budget. The balance we make up with grants (County \$51,000) and donations.

This year we're requesting additional County funding to support hiring a program field assistant, whom we will train as part of our '**succession plan**' so that we may sustain and maybe even grow the program somewhat.

We need this trainee now because it takes a while to develop accurate jobs-bidding-skills; assemble appropriate student crews; procure materials necessary to each training assignment; then safely mentor the training assignment crew.

What I've been doing for love and very modest pay - the trainee will eventually require more pay owing to high rent and high cost of living on Maui.

Teens-On-Call has been able to operate, owing to a large extent, our Base yard/Workshop(s)/ gardening acreage...plus residence, provided for extremely reasonable lease rent by Alexander & Baldwin.

I have dedicated the past 25 years of my life to serving our community through the mission of Teens-On-Call. Now is the time to develop our 'succession plan' ...pass-the-torch...or phase out the program over the next two years.

Mahalo and aloha for your consideration of our request and for your dedication to serving our awesome Maui Community!

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April 16, 2018

Hon. Rikki Hokama,
Chair Budget & Finance Committee
200 S. High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

We ask for your support for Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Homes project in Lahaina that has the least amount of affordable housing on Maui.

I wrote a letter earlier - had some more time to ruminate on it. There are people living in horrid situations that spend their weekends volunteering to save our valuable cultural and ecological resources. It is a mixed group of native Hawaiians and transplants who are dedicated to preserving our local resources, which are vital on a global scale.

Water levels are rising - our ground water will become unusable...our sewage plants, are antiquated and fighting court issues (expensive) to try to get out of breaking the Clean Water Act. I know MULTIPLE people with scientific backgrounds who volunteer their time and work hard to help educate and keep our home from turning into a sludge mess with only a mission to satisfy tourists. 20 million dollar condos going up on Oahu - sewage overflowing in Waikiki....

We need communities here, of people who have the TIME to contribute to their communities. Working 2 jobs does not do that! I have had to go back to working on weekends to try to make ends meet with my teaching admin job. (living in a home that makes my lungs hurt.

The Lindsey family is one of the few Hawaiian families to still be able to own a home on Front St. and they are guardians, with monthly meetings...bringing in expert scientists, local fishermen, volunteering time to educate our KIDS to bring a connection to our home - our deep, deep need for people here to feel not only a connection, but a love and appreciation for our ecology, culture AND our communities. We cannot do that living in overcrowded crappy homes where we are embarrassed...or are waiting a month to get an appointment with Kaiser for some meds to treat the mold issues.

I am rambling. My 6 year old just came in and I need to work on our family night - we love our neighbors. We are living in crappy houses but we have a connection with our people....because it is not vacation rental.

Please help local families live with respect, what they deserve. I can leave....will likely have to eventually due to this issue....but for folks who have generations here? For the people that contribute SO MUCH?

PLEASE!

Kindly and Respectfully,

Carrie DeMott
Educator and Maui Resident.

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Cassandra Abdul

<https://www.mauireefs.org/volunteers-needed-water-quality-monitoring-at-olowalu-and-polanui/>

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JWCC TESTIMONY TO MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET

Tuesday April 17, 2018

Good morning Budget Chair and Council members my name is Cesar Gaxiola and I am the Executive Director for the Cameron Center. The Center is a non-profit agency established for the purpose of managing this facility with the objective of providing a supportive work environment for Resident Agencies at below-market rents. Over 45 years later, the Board of Directors and staff of the Center remain committed to this objective and continue to rely on our longstanding partnership with Maui County.

In recent years the Center has faced the challenge of accomplishing several projects and improvements that are necessary to ensure the long-term stability of a facility that is already over 45 years old. In the last 5 years the Center has successfully secured SIX MILLION DOLLARS from many public and private sources to accomplish major facilities improvement that will help ensure the cost-efficient operation of this important community facility for many years to come.

This year we are asking the County to help support our most recent project, which involves improving a large space at the facility to accommodate the office and programs of Arc of Maui County. As I'm sure you know, Arc is an established non-profit that provides a full range of critical services for Maui residents with severe intellectual and developmental disorders. Arc has been a Resident Agency at Center for many years, but as it has grown its facility needs and they have been forced to rent additional space at other locations to handle all of their programs. Arc has an opportunity to consolidate its programs at a central location by moving its operations into a larger space at our facility. In order to accomplish this, Arc and the Center have developed a plan to improve a large space to provide expanded program and office space for Arc. As part of this plan, Arc has agreed to sign on to a long-term occupancy agreement that will provide an added measure of long-term stability to both Arc and the Center.

The estimated cost to accomplish the necessary improvements is \$600,000. In keeping with our standing commitment to the County, the Center has already secured \$162,000 from private sources and has submitted applications for the additional \$199,000 needed to complete the funding package for the project. A commitment of funds from the County at this point will be utilized as leverage to secure the remainder of funds needed to accomplish this important project during the upcoming fiscal year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Center, we respectfully request the Council's approval of \$239,000 allocation in this year's County budget to help support a long-term headquarters for the Arc at the Center. Thank you very much.

Cesar Gaxiola, Executive Director, J. Walter Cameron Center.

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Request for Support of Budget Line for UH CTAHR Maui Cooperative Extension and Removal of this Budget line from the Department of Environmental Engineering back to the Office of Economic Development

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman and Council Members, my name is Cindy Reeves and I am the Maui County Administrator for UH Mānoa CTAHR Cooperative Extension. I would like to thank you very much for your support in the past, and I am here today to request your continuing support of our \$75,000 budget line item for FY 19.

In March, each of you received a copy of our most recent Final Report. Today, I would like to share summaries of the FY 17 projects, now in the final reporting stages, that you can find on the back of this page of your handouts, including:

- *4-H Diversity of Agriculture Career Planning
- *4-H'ers ACHIEVE—Livestock Skills and Quality Assurance
- *Development of a Protocol to Assess Soil Carbon at the Ranch-Scale
- *Investigating New, Rapid Soil Analytical Tools to Enhance Agricultural Nutrient Management on Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i
- *Sponsoring Protection of the East Maui Watershed
- *Protecting Swine Health on Maui and Moloka'i

Summaries of the FY 18 Projects, on the following page of your handouts, just began implementation this past January, and include:

- *Moloka'i Field Demonstration on Effectiveness of Using Oleander as an Axis Deer Hedgerow-Fence to Protect Interior Farm Cash Crops
- *Management of frit fly, a challenging turfgrass/golf course pest on Maui
- *Maui County Coffee Grower Training on Integrated Pest Management of Coffee Berry Borer (Maui & Moloka'i)
- *Grower and Community Evaluation of new Taro Varieties on the Islands of Maui & Moloka'i
- *FSMA Water Requirement Compliance Research and Outreach (Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i)
- *Youth Bee-Keeping Workshop Series
- *GET Local Maui Nui—Food-borne illness prevention
- *Expanding Turmeric Production in Maui County

You will also hear from some of my colleagues today about a few of these projects, but none of them would have happened, without the funding we receive from Maui County.

Last year, you asked me "what got cut when our \$100,000 FY 16 budget line was cut to \$75,000 in both FY 17 & 18", so the last page of your handouts provides you with a list of all the projects that went unfunded in each of those years. Please consider that if our budget line were increased, so too, would the number of funded projects be increased, to better meet the needs of Maui County.

CTAHR-Maui is able to marshal University expertise from across the state, to do work specific to Maui County. We continue to provide Maui County with incredible bang for its buck, with honesty, integrity and exemplary education and outreach programs. Also, we support moving our budget line, and indeed all of the Ag Promotion programs from the Department of Environmental Engineering back to OED in the County budget, because, as we all know, Ag IS Economic Development!

I thank you for your support in the past, and I humbly request that our budget line be supported in the FY 19 budget. Thank you!

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CTAHR Maui County Grant Proposals Funded in FY 17 (Expires Dec 31, 2018)

4-H Diversity of Agriculture Career Planning. The year-long *Diversity of Agriculture Project* will expose youth to agriculture and careers in agriculture through a variety of lenses including technology, science, business, culture, and arts in addition to hands-on learning and agriculture practice. Topics will address agribusiness; farm-to-table; GPS and biotechnology; food science; sustainability; design; animal science; indigenous plants; and career planning. The goal is to entice Maui County youth to pursue farming and agriculture careers to sustain agriculture on Maui.

4-H'ers A.C.H.I.E.V.E. (Ag-related Competitiveness Highlighting Individual Excellence & Valuing Education). All 4-H livestock members on Maui and Molokai will participate in piloting a new 4-H Livestock Skills Checklist as part of their 4-H livestock projects. Club learning will be coupled with workshops, so members will have an extra opportunity to gain more in-depth information on different subjects related to the skills checklist and for local, State and National competitions.

Development of a Protocol to Assess Soil Carbon at the Ranch-scale. Soil organic carbon is a key metric of long-term soil health, ecosystem productivity, and long-term profitability of managed ecosystems. The goal of this project is to develop a protocol for assessing soil carbon and its variability at the ranch-scale in Maui's heterogeneous rangelands. This project will develop a ranch-level soil carbon assessment protocol and explore the relationships between soil carbon reservoirs and ecosystem characteristics. These objectives will be achieved through a combination of field sampling and mapping. A spatially extensive soil sampling survey will be conducted across a local ranch. Samples will be measured for soil carbon, and coupled with measurements of plant communities, local microclimates, and edaphic characteristics. Geospatial mapping will be used to evaluate the spatial variability of soil carbon and to determine the most cost-effective sampling design for Maui's heterogeneous rangelands.

Investigating New, Rapid Soil Analytical Tools to Enhance Agricultural Nutrient Management on Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i. The purpose of this project is to improve Maui County agricultural and environmental sectors by increasing farmer adoption of soil test-based nutrient management. This project will focus on two goals: 1) create an extension tool for soil nutrient and soil health analysis; and 2) increase farmer adoption of soil nutrient best management practices. The second phase will consist of on-farm field trials to evaluate the use of soil test-based nutrient management practices to reduce fertilizer inputs, improve soil health, and maintain high crop yields (May – October 2017). Field days and workshops will be organized throughout the project period to increase farmer awareness and knowledge of soil testing to maintain crop growth and improve soil health.

Sponsoring Protection of the East Maui Watershed. This is an outreach proposal to explore relationships with visitor industry partners for developing a donor base of conservation-minded, thrill-seeking individuals to sponsor conservation management in the East Maui Watershed (EMW). The vision is to create an entrepreneurial mechanism to leverage public investments by offering locals and visitors opportunities to sponsor and volunteer on watershed operations.

Swine Health in Maui County.

Swine farm productivity is limited by health challenges, which often intersect with management challenges. In addition, the health landscape is changing rapidly with the new Veterinary Feed Directive and other antibiotics moving from over-the-counter sales to prescription only sales. The remaining non-prescription medications tend to have long withdrawal times, such as 42 days for Mecadox, a common feed additive. This leads to human health concerns when piglets are sold as suckling pigs, an important market on Maui. The project will bring a swine veterinarian with extensive consulting experience on both large and small farms to Maui and Molokai islands. By working with local veterinarians and extension faculty, this expert will build capacity in swine farm evaluation and development of recommendations. This project will benefit Maui county by increasing the efficiency of swine production for producers and improving food safety for consumers.

CTAHR Maui County Grant Proposals Funded in FY 18
(Executed Jan 12, 2018)

Moloka'i Field Demonstration on Effectiveness of Using Oleander as an Axis Deer Hedgerow-Fence to Protect Interior Farm Cash Crops. This project will demonstrate the efficacy of Oleander, *Nerium oleander*, a branchy perennial shrub plant, to exclude axis deer from cropping areas when used as a living deer hedge-fence to help mitigate the expense of installing fencing.

Management of frit fly, a challenging turfgrass/golf pest, on Maui. --Frit fly is a less researched turfgrass insect pest in Hawaii, attacking young leaves of Bermuda grass varieties, and a nuisance pest on golf courses. This project will develop an IPM program to control frit fly, in collaboration with at least two golf courses on Maui.

Maui County Coffee Grower Training on Integrated Pest Management of Coffee Berry Borer--Educational training on integrated pest management of coffee berry borer will be conducted for Maui County coffee growers and other professional educators. Trainings will also include individualized and small group situational farm visits for pest diagnostics and management.

Grower and Community Evaluation of new Taro Varieties on the Islands of Maui and Moloka'i. New, disease-resistant taro varieties have been developed and will be evaluated by growers and community members on the Islands of Maui and Molokai. Field days will be held at the Kula Agricultural Park on the Island of Maui and at the Molokai Applied Research Farm.

FSMA Water Requirement Compliance Research and Outreach--Research and outreach to assist growers to understand and meet Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Rule and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) requirements for agricultural water. Water treatment system field days, training videos, and handouts will be developed to identify water treatment options, develop a protocol for testing and treating agricultural water, and develop training videos for water treatment and monitoring to meet farm food safety requirements.

Youth Bee-Keeping Workshop Series--Develop and implement a workshop series for Maui youth, ages 13-17, to educate them in beekeeping management and entrepreneurial opportunities associated with beekeeping. Coordinate beekeeping mentorship for youth participating in the workshop and further support participants in their beekeeping efforts and enterprises.

GET Local Maui Nui--As a means to mitigate food-borne illness in Maui County, UH Manoa Maui Cooperative Extension in collaboration with community and faculty partners will conduct a GET (Grow, Eat, Think) Local campaign to increase consumer knowledge.

Expanding Turmeric Production in Maui County--Turmeric is a growing commodity in Hawaii. This project seeks to identify additional commercially viable varieties of turmeric and understand plant qualities to expand this niche market in Maui County.

CTAHR Maui County Grant Proposals Received but
NOT Funded in FY 17 & FY 18

FY17

Website Development for Maui Floriculture and Nursery Industry

Nutritional evaluation of breadfruit as an alternative animal feedstuff in Maui County

Proposal to develop a new crop for Maui County, Wax flower

Promotion of locally grown fruits & veggies on Maui & Moloka'i

FY 18

Lana'i On-Farm Trials and Demonstrations on Crop Production Technologies and Methodologies

Maui County Coffee Grower Training on Integrated Pest Management of Coffee Berry Borer

Efficient Water Management Strategies in Farmlands of Maui.

Moloka'i Native Bee Project

Preservation of fresh Maui produce using Supercooling Technology

Evaluation of new Taro Varieties on the Islands of Maui and Moloka'i

Serosurveillance of Feral Swine in Maui County

Validation and application of a PCR assay for Rat Lungworm infection in dogs and cats in Maui County

Use of Pueo (Hawaiian Short-eared Owl) as an alternative and more efficient pest control agent for avian agricultural pests, in addition to rodents, through enhancement of Pueo nesting habitat in areas adjacent to agricultural crops



"Enhancing Lives Through Self-Reliance"

April 17, 2018

Budget and Finance Committee
County of Maui Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ka Lima O Maui's request for a \$500,000 grant for our Capital Improvement Project. This grant will allow Ka Lima to construct its own facility to call home after 63 years of serving the Maui community. The new 10,640sf facility will consolidate all of our operations on one site and will allow us to be more efficient while serving more individuals with disabilities. I believe it is important to point out the following in regards to Ka Lima's application:

- Ka Lima was founded in 1955 and has never come to the County of Maui for a capital project grant in our 63 years history.
- The construction of our own facility represents Phase II of our capital project. Phase I, the renovation of an existing building, was successfully completed in 2016 **with no funds from the County of Maui.**
- In 2009, the County Council voted to extend Ka Lima's lease for the 2 acre land for which this new facility would sit on. The extension granted by the County of Maui Council was for 50 years, until 2059. This two acre lot is just below the hospital and adjacent to the Cameron Center.
- Ka Lima has already raised \$1 million dollars of our own funds towards this project.
- The total cost of the project is estimated to be at \$4.5 million. The proposed County of Maui grant of \$500,000 represents 11% of the total cost.
- Ka Lima O Maui's mission of "Enhancing Lives through Self-Reliance" for persons with disabilities through employment programs addresses 4 of the 17 sustainable development goals enacted by the State of Hawaii:
 1. No poverty
 2. Decent work and economic growth
 3. Reduced inequalities
 4. Peace, justice and strong institutions
- Our agency has a proven track record and is ready to complete this project on time. The plans have been completed and are about to go in for permitting.

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“Enhancing Lives Through Self-Reliance”

- We mirror our mission of “Enhancing Lives through Self-Reliance”: We do not rely on any government grants to fund our programs, but rather rely on a diversified funding base.

The proposed funding for the project is as follows:

Ka Lima O Maui secured funds	\$1,000,000
Possible funding source:	
County of Maui grant request	\$500,000
State of Hawaii GIA request (application has been submitted)	\$1,000,000
Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation	\$1,350,000
Foundations, Corporations and Individuals	\$650,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$4,500,000

Please refer to the attached plans for the proposed facility to be constructed. The two level structure will be 10,704sf in size. The structure will include program space, administrative space, and a base yard to properly secure our equipment. The agency is in critical need of better space as it continues to grow its operations. Ka Lima’s current landscaping and janitorial services are comprised of the following:

- 15 working crews that go out on a daily basis: 8 grounds and 7 janitorial.
- Employs 65 persons with disabilities
- 15 vehicles and 5 trailers
- Provide services to over 90 sites throughout Maui: 48 for janitorial and 44 for grounds services
- We service at least 4 times the amount of small equipment that an 18 hole golf course has. Our high cost mowers are exposed to the elements and not adequately protected. This new space would provide us an opportunity to develop a training program for our clients in the area of repairs and maintenance of small equipment allowing us to serve more persons with disabilities.
- Our current inventory of large and small equipment is currently stored in Matson containers or left outside exposed to the elements and vandalism. It consists of:
 - 5 riding mowers varying from 48” to 72”.
 - 10 push mowers
 - 30 weed eaters
 - 12 blowers
 - 12 hedge trimmers
 - Multiple other smaller equipment and supplies



"Enhancing Lives Through Self-Reliance"

- Our laundry operation is currently operated in a space with very poor ventilation and not conducive for long term. It also does not allow for growth.

The proposed program and administrative space would address the need for additional work stations and appropriate space for small class teaching. We currently occupy 4,400sf of space at the Cameron Center for close to \$5,000 per month. We would experience a savings of \$60,000 per year which would be applied to the maintenance and utility of the new facility.

The plans are being finalized to go in for permitting as we speak and the bidding process should be completed within the next couple of months. Our board of directors is committed to completing a capital campaign to raise the remaining of the funds needed.

I ask for your support of our \$500,000 grant request to help us continue to put paychecks in deserving hands. Ka Lima O Maui remains Maui's largest employer of persons with disabilities. By providing employment services to a population that is often times overlooked, we allow individuals to have self-reliance and become contributing members of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

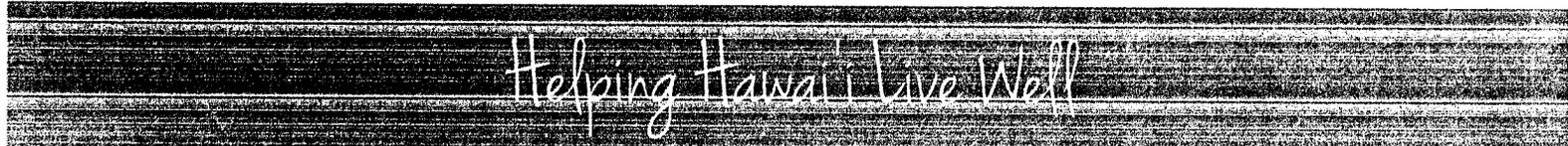
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Mental Health Association in Hawaii- Maui County
Budget Committee Testimony 4/17/2018

Dear Budget Committee Chair and Budget Council Members,

I am Danielle Bergan, Community Coordinator, Mental Health America of Hawaii Maui.

Mental Health America of Hawaii, formerly known as the Mental Health Association of Maui has been Maui's leading mental health education and advocacy organization since 1972. Our mission is to promote mental wellness through education, advocacy and service. We endeavor to reduce the stigma of mental illness and improve the over care, treatment and empowerment of those affected by mental illness, children, adults, elders and their families.

During these past months I have met with many of you in person to share with you our mission and goals for the next budget year. You have heard in regional meetings from some of our volunteers and members of the public about the importance of what we do here. I am pleased to report that we have served over 2000 people during the first 3 quarters of the current grant year, exceeding our 1 year projected total by almost 10%. We plan to continue this level of impact.

Chair and Council members, let me provide you some information on the state of mental health in Maui County.

Mental Health America's The State of Mental Health in America 2018 report found that:

- 16% of adults in Hawaii struggle with mental health problems annually but only 36% of them receive treatment
- 10% of youth in Hawaii report suffering from at least one major depressive episode but only 34% receive any type of help for it

Data from the Hawaii Department of Health EMS and Injury Prevention System Branch show that:

- From 2012-2016, suicide was the leading cause of injury death for age groups 15-29 years old, statewide.
- Of suicide victims in 2015 statewide, 39% were known to have a mental health problem but less than a third of those were in treatment.
- Of violent deaths in Maui County in 2015, 74% were due to suicide, the remainder were homicides or undetermined intent.

The 2017 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey for the State of Hawaii showed that:

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- 1 in 3 High School students reported feeling depressed in the past 12 months (Statewide, 29.6%; Maui County, 30%)
- 1 in 6 High School Students made a suicide plan in the past 12 months (Statewide, 14.9%; Maui County, 14.8%)
- 1 in 10 High School Students made a suicide attempt in the past 12 months (Statewide, 10.4%; Maui County 11.1%)
- Rates of suicidal thoughts have risen among youth in Maui County in recent years.

Our challenges in Maui County include:

- A lack of psychiatrists (in general) and those who will treat low income Medicaid (Quest) patients
- Lack of psychiatric hospital beds, especially for youth but also for adults.
- Overall lack of treatment providers and facilities, which contributes to the homelessness and incarceration of people suffering from mental illness
- The stigma of mental illness, which prevents people from seeking treatment.
- The difficulty of navigating the mental health system without support.

To target solutions for these areas, we will focus on a Mental Health Education, Advocacy, and Support Program during the next grant period. This program is designed to promote mental wellness while alleviating the challenges of mental health concerns among the residents of all parts of Maui County. We will target approximately 3700 unduplicated youth, individuals seeking help for their own or their loved one's mental health issues, and helping professionals (including educators and law enforcement) who are best positioned to help others experiencing mental health issues per year.

The Goals of this program and examples of activities are:

1. Provide training and education to the community that will help attendees increase their knowledge of specific mental health issues, including suicide and crisis response, and their capacity to seek help for themselves or others. These trainings will include:
 - **Youth Suicide and Bullying Prevention Training**, an evidence-based curriculum developed by our agency. The two hour class for middle and high school students and the adults who work with them, focuses on understanding bullying, how to cope, how to help a friend, and the unique risk factors and warning signs of suicide along with resources for prevention.
 - **Youth Mental Health First Aid**, an 8 hour curriculum designed to instruct those who work with youth or concerned adults about mental health problems in adolescents, building understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaching individuals how to help adolescents experiencing a mental health challenge.
 - **Maui Police Department Crisis Incident, Recruit, and Recall Training**
 - **Monthly "Brown Bag" Trainings** on specific mental health topics for the community.
2. Connect help-seeking individuals through our Help Call Phone Line and Support Group presentations to appropriate community resources so that they receive the support they need. We collaborate with NAMI Hawaii and the Mankind Project on their support groups.
3. Decrease the stigma of mental health issues through educational community and media outreach so that it doesn't stop people from getting help. We continue to educate our community through health fairs, radio interviews and collaboration with fellow agencies and alliances such as



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Prevent Suicide Maui Task Force, The Ho'oikaika Partnership, The Maui Homeless Alliance and The Maui Non-profit Directors.

In conclusion, Mental Health America of Hawaii-Maui's continues to be a genuine resource for those suffering from mental illness, to provide advocacy and family support wherever possible. We provide community leadership regarding suicide prevention. Our trainings create awareness and offer hope as well as strengthen a broader range of residents to be able to step up and assist those with mental illness across our county. We constantly seek collaboration with other human service agencies through ongoing communication, facilitation and participation in community meetings, networking events and the linking of different agencies to engage in collaborative efforts.

It is with this in mind that we request the Budget Committee of the Maui County Council to approve our request at the level necessary for us to provide these services.

Sincerely,

Danielle M. Bergan
Interim Community Coordinator
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2019-2020 MAUI COUNTY GRANT REQUEST YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION



Youth Suicide Rates on Maui

Suicide continues to be the number one cause of fatal injury in Hawaii for youth ages 15-29, more than motor vehicle crashes, poisoning, or drowning combined. On Maui, the rates of suicidal thoughts have risen among youth in recent years.



1 in 3

High School students reported feeling depressed in the past 12 months



1 in 6

High School students made a suicide plan in the past 12 months



1 in 10

High School students made a suicide attempt in the past 12 months

Source: 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

How We Prevent Youth Suicide

On Maui since 1972, Mental Health America of Hawaii has been dedicated to promoting wellness, preventing mental illness, reducing stigma and improving the care and treatment of people living with mental illness. Along with the services below, we operate the **Help Line** to connect people on Maui with mental health resources.

Youth Suicide & Bullying Prevention

Evidence-based curriculum that helps students help each other.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Nationally recognized training on how to help a youth in crisis.

Youth Leadership Council

Empowers youth to lead their communities in preventing suicide.

Our Successes For 2017

1,143

People reached on Maui through our education programs.

77

Families who have been assisted with support services.

337

Individuals on Maui who have received mental health support.

2,896

Youth trained on Suicide and Bullying Prevention statewide.

21

New Youth Suicide and Bullying Prevention trainers on Maui.



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Request for Support of Budget Line for UH Mānoa CTAHR Maui Cooperative Extension

Good Morning and thank you, Mr. Chairman and Council Members, for this opportunity to request your support for the full \$75,000 budget line item for UH Mānoa CTAHR on Maui. My name is Heather Greenwood-Junkermeier and I am an Extension Agent for Intergenerational programs with University of Hawai'i CTAHR on Maui.

First, I thank you for your previous support of CTAHR programs in Maui County. In March, you each received a copy of our most recent Final Report. My project, entitled, "Maui's Agriculture Business Succession Project" was a beneficiary of your Maui County funding, and I would like to provide you with a summary and highlights of this project.

This probably does not surprise you - Maui's agriculture business owners are aging and many of them want to someday retire. Which means that in the not so distant future, many of these businesses will transfer ownership – whether it be to younger family members or to other young ag professionals. This type of succession impacts personal, family, business wealth as well as county economics and food security. Whether the impact is positive or negative depends heavily on the adequacy of their succession planning.

Prior to the Maui Agriculture Business Succession Planning project in 2016, no program existed to assist Maui's ag business owners in making succession planning decisions. As such, there were two project objectives. First, assess the succession needs of local ag business owners. And second, develop educational resources to meet some of their succession needs.

A steering committee of agriculture professionals led by CTAHR faculty developed and disseminated a 13-question needs assessment survey. From it, we learned that

- 94% of respondents want to keep their land in agriculture production after they retire, yet
- 53% had not discussed succession plans with their family
- 61% had not consulted any professional about succession plans
- Only 23% had a written succession plan in place.
- Clearly, Maui's Ag Business Owners need resources and supports if their land is to stay in ag production – which again benefits their families as well also Maui County's economy and food security.

The steering committee then reached out to attorneys, CPAs, mediators, and others to create a 4-part workshop and a workshop manual on the basics of succession planning. At the end of the series, a resource fair hosted additional professionals so that ag business owners had opportunities to consult with professionals about their succession questions – because remember 61% of the survey respondents had never met with a professional about their succession needs.

This project took the first step to developing critical succession planning resources for Maui's Agriculture Business Owners. And it would not have happened without the support of Maui County because there are no other funding sources for a project like this that is designed to meet Maui County's unique needs.

I thank you all for your support in the past, and specifically for the funds that enabled me to complete my project in Maui County.

I humbly request your support for the UH Mānoa CTAHR budget line of \$75,000 in the FY 19 budget.
Thank you.

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West Maui Soil & Water Conservation District
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TO: Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee

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DATE: April 18, 2018

FROM: James J. Nobriga, West Maui SWCD Chairman
Phone: 808-357-2023

SUBJECT: Support for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts

On behalf of the Maui Soil and Water Conservation Districts, I would like to thank the County of Maui for its long standing support to the Soil and Water Conservation District movement.

The Soil & Water Conservation Districts are legally constituted, self governing units under the Hawaii Soil and Water Conservation Law, Chapter 180, Hawaii Revised Statutes. We were organized as volunteers of the State of Hawaii for the protection and conservation of soil and water resources in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the people in this region.

The SWCDs have the responsibility to deal with the County Grading Ordinance (Chapter 20.08.080), as well as provide conservation plans that is required for agricultural land users (Chapter 20.08.030).

In addition to the technical support for the County's Grading Ordinance, our programs, services, and projects include, but not limited to:

- Conservation Planning for Agricultural Land Users, as Mandated by State Law
- Watershed Planning/Projects
- Conservation Education
- And Community Outreach

The SWCDs work with Cooperators to develop conservation plans in an effort to minimize negative impacts of agriculture on natural resources.

Conservation plans for farmers and ranchers are worked on by our conservation specialists, with training and guidance from USDA-NRCS. We are a non-regulatory group, and our Cooperators work with us voluntarily.

Thanks to partially funded County coffers, we employed SWCD Conservation Specialists to assist farmers and ranchers in developing conservation plans and applying for USDA Farm Bill Programs.

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Over the past 5 years, cost-share benefits of \$8.3 million to implement farm plans were awarded in Maui County.

Historically, we have brought in over \$40 million worth of conservation projects on this island.

All of the programs involving SWCDs are community based. SWCD directors are citizens from their respective communities and welcome community input toward identifying natural resource problems. The SWCD Programs carries out its activities in partnership with County, State, and Federal agencies.

For the past 15 months, the top 3 things that the Maui SWCDs' have done were:

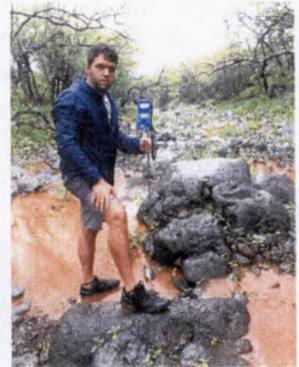
- **County of Maui Grading/Grubbing Permit Plans** (Chapter 20.08.080):
 - Conducted site visits, reviewed, and commented on 82 plans; 2605.37 total acres, 998.77 affected acres
- **Conservation Planning:**
 - USDA Farm Bill Program (2017-2018) – received 101 applications; obligated 21 contracts, 376.10 contracted acres, \$791,311.21 obligation amount.
 - Conservation Technical Assistance -- 109 plans/clients, 34,793.3 plan acres, cost of conservation practices \$768,361.
 - Southwest Maui Watershed Plan (final DOH/EPA approval pending)

Note: Funding is used to assist in the delivery of federal funds annually to farmers and ranchers. Without leveraging of funds by the State and Counties, these funds would not be delivered to the farmers and ranchers.

- **Education and Outreach:**
 - Conservation Awareness Program (50 High School Students)
 - Maui Fair (assisted in setting up and clean up. unknown number of visitors at SWCD booth)
 - Ag in the Classroom (970 2nd Grade Students)
 - Hosted the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts Annual Conference (87 participants)
 - Maui County Farm Bureau Ag Fest (assisted in setting up and clean up, featured SWCD soils tunnel and available programs.



West Maui SWCD Site
Visit to the Lahaina
Bypass Project



Michael Reyes,
Watershed Coordinator
collecting water sampling
and data for the
Southwest Maui
Watershed Plan



Jason Hew, SWCD
Conservation Specialist
provides conservation
technical assistance for
Kula School Ag Science
Program



HACD Annual
Conference – Field Trip
Showcasing Maui
Cooperators and
Conservation Projects



Students test their
knowledge at the Annual
Conservation Awareness
Program - Land Judging
Contest

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- 8,000 people attended the festival),
- Hana Limu Festival (unknown number of attendees)
- Ag Awareness Day at the State Capitol (unknown number of attendees)



Maui SWCDs Soil Tunnel
Ag in the Classroom

- In addition to the projects that I have just mentioned, our ongoing and future projects are:
 - To assist the County of Maui Dept. of Public Works with the MS4 program (EPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems)
 - Continue to lobby through various sources for the Lahaina Flood Control
 - Maintain the Lahaina Temporary Flood Control Project
 - Lahainaluna High School diversion to prevent runoff into Lahaina Intermediate and Princess Nahienaena School
 - West Maui Ridge to Reef Program

The SWCD board of directors consists of five voting directors, and associates. District board members provide in-kind service by using personal vehicles, computers, phone, supplies, and time. Estimated cost of in-kind service is approximately \$10,000 per year member. Each District currently receives an annual allotment of \$2250.00 from DLNR for operating expenses. We also receive in-kind support from other state and federal government agencies. USDA-NRCS provide SWCD employees with office space, computer, phones, internet service, conservation planning tools, supplies, use of vehicles, and training specific to conservation planning.

On another note, the Mayor's proposed budget, calls for all functions under OED Environmental Protection Program be transferred to the Department of Environmental Management. This is a major concern.

- Moving the all functions to Dept. of Environmental Management will be costly.
- Agriculture does not belong in the Dept. of Environmental Management.
- The Department of Environmental Management does not have the experience in grants program and grants management. The Office of Economic Development is very proficient at this.

OED provide important guidance for the SWCDs and the Agriculture Community. The change of departments will cause confusion in executing and managing grants in a timely manner.

For the betterment of our community, please support the Soil and Water Conservation Districts by keeping its funding in the OED's Environmental Protection Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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April 16, 2018

Subject: BF-1 - Maui County Budget for Affordable Housing & Na Hale O Maui

Aloha Chair Hokama & Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Mather and I live and work in Lahaina. For the past four years my family of four has been saving to purchase a home in West Maui. Every day it feels as if the savings we have accumulated depreciates as the housing prices escalate while the housing inventory shrinks.

Last year we began the process of meeting the requirements to be placed on the preferred buyer's list for Na Hale O Maui Community Land Trust with the hope that this would be the answer to our own personal housing need,s while also recognizing this would be an option for so many other families that call Maui home.

I implore you to please honor Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Residential Homes project in Lahaina. Not only does this help our West Side community, county, and the affordable housing crisis immediately, but it affords a level of commitment in perpetuity that we do not see anywhere else other than through this program.

We have been waiting for the moment when Na Hale O Maui opens the application process and look to your funding assistance to make this a reality for the many families who are finding it difficult to remain here on Maui.

Please, we truly support Na Hale O Maui's request for county funding to ensure this project moves forward with expediency.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to making Maui truly no ka oi.

Humbly,

Jennifer Mather

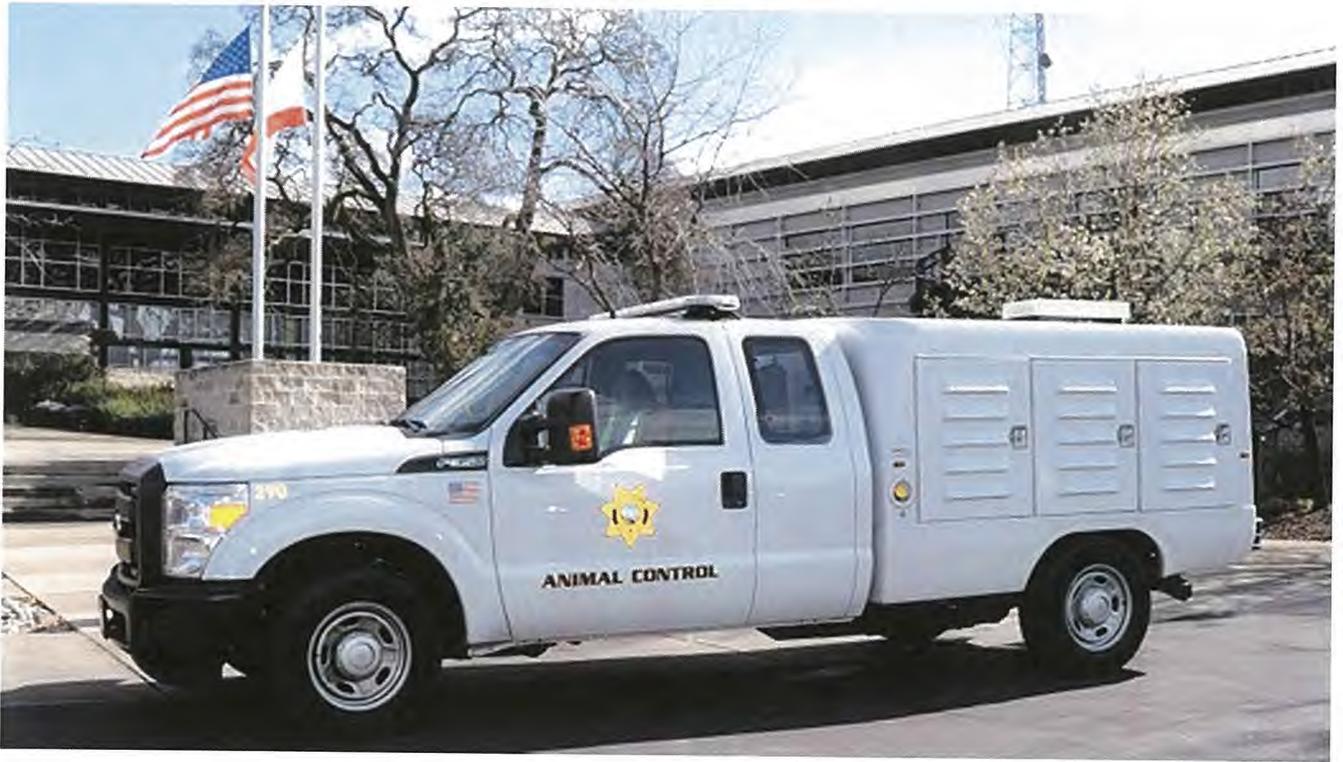
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April 17, 2018

Aloha,

My name is Ka'ili Moikeha. I am the Club Manager at Hawaiian Canoe Club and I am here today to testify on behalf of Hawaiian Canoe Club and to express our gratitude in your continued support of our Kamali'i Program.

For over twenty-five years, we have been able to provide a culturally based educational program to the youth of Maui. With the grant from the County, private donors, and fundraising efforts, we can continue to offer this program for free.

Every year we serve Maui keiki between the ages of 10 and 18 years old by offering them a free culturally based program that teaches them and gives them the opportunities to perpetuate and preserve the Hawaiian culture. Hawaiian Canoe Club succeeds yearly in providing an environment rooted in traditional Hawaiian values that promote personal growth, character development, and achievement.

One hundred fifty youth paddled for Hawaiian Canoe Club last year. Of the one hundred fifty keiki, ninety-one of them participated in the Summer Enrichment Program. Through this program, we were able to teach and learn with them as they participated in the culturally based curriculum. Our keiki camped at Olowalu and worked in the lo'i of this ahupua'a; they spent a day at 'Ulupalakua, learning the history and landmarks of the area. Some of our keiki were also given the opportunity to learn CPR/first aid and ocean safety. Every summer our keiki are also given the opportunity to serve the community. Last year, all ninety-one participants volunteered to help in this effort. The projects last year included working in the lo'i and paddling to Kaho'olawe to continue restoration and tree planting projects there.

This year, we hope to expand our community service efforts in our program and with the support of the County, we can continue to offer this program to the youth of Maui.

Thank you for your support of our keiki!

K. Moikeha

Ka'ili Moikeha
Club Manager
Hawaiian Canoe Club



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Keiki learning about currents, water safety, and the dangers associated with beach activity.

Keiki learning from Aunty Miki'ala about the importance of taking care of the land. Field Trip to Kapuna Farms.



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April 17, 2018

To: Budget and Finance Chair G. Riki Hokama
Council Chair Mike White
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From: Kathy Louis, Personal Care Program Director

Kathy Louis

Re: Testimony – Hale Mahaolu Adult Personal Care Program

We humbly ask for your support in funding Hale Mahaolu Adult Personal Care Program from July 1, 2018– June 30, 2019.

This Program has been serving Maui County’s frail elderly and chronically ill/disabled adult residents 18 years and older since 1985. Our in-home personal care services help our clients to safely maintain an independent lifestyle in their own residence and prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization. Our services may include bathing, grooming, hygiene, toileting, ambulation, transfers, medication reminders, meal prep, feeding, and other services related to personal care such as light housekeeping, laundry, and errands.

The clients we serve on Maui (including Hana), Molokai and Lanai are not eligible for or do not meet the criteria for Medicaid services. These clients however, need personal care services to help them maintain a safe and independent lifestyle. Our clients may be subject to falls, skin breakdown, self-neglect, and potential long term care placement without the daily personal care services they receive.

Granting our request for \$103,000 will provide a minimum of 4,680 subsidized hours of personal care services to a minimum of 20 unduplicated clients. These clients may receive up to four hours of personal care on a daily basis. We also service approximately 100 clients in the community who receive affordable personal care attendant referrals.

On behalf of Hale Mahaolu and the personal care clients we serve, we sincerely appreciate your support of our Personal Care Program.

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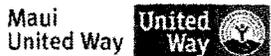
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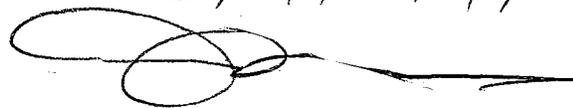
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Refreshments provided / No childcare

Call Kawika: Ph. 242-0900

ALOHA MY NAME IS KALEI HOOPAI
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A SIX YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND I
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ABOUT THE HUI KANE MENS GROUP
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TO THE HUI KANE MENS GROUP
AND SEEN WITH MY OWN EYES THE
POSITIVE EFFECTS IT HAS ON THE
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SYSTEM IT BRINGS TEARS TO
MY EYES AND A WARM FEELING
IN MY HEART I FEEL THAT IT IS
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TO HAVE THE KANE CONNECTION'S
PROGRAM BECAUSE LIFE IS HARD
AND I NEEDED A GROUP SUPPORT
IN THESE HARD TIMES IN HAWAII
I DO NOT WANT TO LIVE ON THE

LIKE THE OTHER HALF OF OUR
DHANA AND FRIENDS ONE OF
~~THE~~ THINGS I LEARNED ABOUT
MYSELF WHEN I STARTED IS
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FOR FATHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE
WHO HAVE/RAISING YOUNG KIDS/
CHILDREN TO COME TO THE HUI KANE
MEN'S GROUP BECAUSE ANY SUPPORT
IS GOOD SUPPORT IN THIS COLD
WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY SO
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR KANE
CONNECTIONS - HUI KANE PROGRAM,
MAHALO KANEI HOOPA!



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April 14, 2018

Aloha Kapoue,

my name is Antone Kapulu III and I'm currently participating in the Kane Connection program. This is a program that I really look forward to, it's a "personal-pump" that's imperative for me to get, on a ~~one~~ once a week basis. I make every effort to attend this program, even as a full-time carpenter/construction worker.

I attend this program on my own free-will and I do this to share my life-experiences with the group, as well as listen to other people's life-experiences, it's awesome, I really enjoy this program very much. We as a group, including our facilitator Kawita Mattos, all learn from one another. The materials, topics, and various subjects shared in group pertains to our overall ~~lives~~ livelihood, (past/present/future). I've been attending Kane Connection for about 2 yrs. now and I don't want this program to stop. I got referred to this program from a dear friend of mine, who still attends Kane Connection to this day. We do our own little "check-ins" with one another to see how we're doing and what ~~impr~~ improvements, contributions, assistance we can do, as

brother to our siblings, and so forth on and on, Kane Connection does all of this.

I hope and pray that Kane Connection will continue to flow, I really enjoy this program very much and this is my true, sincere testimony that I share to whom it may concern.

Aloha and Mahalo mi loa,

Antone Kapulu III



April 16, 2018

April 16 2018

To Who This May concern

Please help Kawika Mattos Get and keep Funding For our support group Kane connection Monday night class is a comforting environment For Fathers like me to come and receive positive Topics on how to be a amazing Father thats loving caring and non abusive Both VerBale and physical.

I am a single Father of Two sons, I have Been attending ^{Kane} connections since NOV 2017. I am a Labor I work For Hawaiian Dredging and I thank you For kee taking your time to do what ever it takes to help kawika.

aloha

Josh PONCE

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April 16th 2018

To Whom it may concern;

Hello my name is Gene Moore. I am writing this letter in support of the Kane connection group. I have a girlfriend named Shelly and she has a son named Colton. I am now a recovering addict. I would like to be there in support of Shelly and Colton. I never been a father before. I need to learn how to go about doing such a thing. The Kane connection is a group of men who have like minded interests in bettering the family element. I have learned a lot about family and being a father from these men in the Kane connection group. I love this group. It is full of helpful information involving what its supposed to be to be a healthy family unit and really powerful information in what its supposed to be to play the father role. I am currently unemployed and in recovery. I am in IOP now. I started coming to Kane connection while I was in residential rehab. I still come and support Kane connection. I first started coming in November of 2017. Kawika Mattos he is a really good man and father whom really cares about the functionality of the family unit. it is a blessing to have the Kane connection in our community.

Truly yours,
Gene Moore

Aloha to whom it may concern
my name is Iserak Villanueva an recovering
addict. ~~and~~ I am currently going on a months
clean and I am writing in support of Kane-
connections. This program has taught me a lot
about myself. In being a Husband to my
wife, a father to my kids and how to
better my life in balance, overall it
goes a long the lines of recovery. It
gave me understanding of what I needed
to work on and the support that was
needed to follow through. I am currently
in college and is employed at Maui Disposal
as a route assistant. I started coming
to Kane connections out of Aloha House
and been coming ever since. It made
a big impact in my life and I see a
change in others as well. I feel that
it's important to have this program
because of the results that not only
brought for me but to others as well.
Nothing but good came out of it. Not
having this program available can be
a struggle learning what I mentioned
on your own. I believe it's very
important for fathers especially new
fathers. I am asking to please -

Support our Kane connections -
-Hui Kane Program. Thank you
for taking the time to read this
memo!

Derek Villanueva 4-16-2017


TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN,
MY NAME IS Samuel Holi
AND I AM ONE OF THE FIRST
MEN TO ATTEND THIS KANE
CONNECTED PROGRAM. IT HAS
BROUGHT SO MUCH STABILITY TO
MY LIFE. IT HAS GROUNDDED
~~ME~~ ME IN WAYS THAT I FELT
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PROGRAM I AM ABLE TO OVERCOME
A LOT OF OBSTACLE IN MY LIFE BY
USING A LOT OF THE SKILL LESSONS
THAT WAS TAUGHT TO US. IT HAS
GAVE ME A CHANCE TO LIVE A
PRODUCTIVE LIFE AND HAS GIVEN
ME THE SOCIAL SKILLS TO LIVE
LIFE IN SOCIETY.

SO MY BELIEF IS, IF THIS
PROGRAM CAN HELP ME I'M SURE
IT CAN HELP A LOT MORE GUYS
WHO ARE HAVING A HARD TIME
WITH LIFE. THANK YOU

Samuel K Holi. Sam K Holi 4/16/18

My name is Tripp Ferge
I'm 36 years of age, and
am a proud father of my
Six year old daughter, and I am
still in a relationship with her
Mom and have one more child on
the way.

I am currently employed with
ALPHA INC. What can I say
before Hui Kane mens group
I struggled with Anger, Communication
problems, unwillingness to be
understanding, lack of empathy.
Only see things one way my
way.

But through my commitment
to the Hui Kane mens group and
experience I've shared with the
men in the group. I've learned
to deal with my Anger in a healthy
way, communicate and solve problems
in a positive direction and don't have
to be right all the time and it's
O.K. And now have the empathy to
be understanding toward others.

I feel that this program
is very important to me
and our community. To help
men like myself become
better fathers and members of society,
I'd like to express my
sincere gratitude to Kawika and
the Hui Kane Men's Group program
and hope this letter makes a
difference. Like the program
made a difference in my life.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

MY NAME IS ALVIN BOLOR
AND I WRITING THAT YOU SUPPORT
THE KANE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM.

I WAS REFERRED BY CHILD FAMILY
SERVICES AND STARTED ATTENDING
FROM 2/18/18.

IN THE SHORT TIME OF ATTENDING
THIS GROUP I HAVE GAINED ALOT.
IT HAS MADE ME LOOK AT HOW
~~A~~ DEALT WITH SITUATIONS IN THE
PAST AND HOW TO BETTER DEAL
WITH IT IN THE FUTURE. AS A NEW
FATHER I KNOW IT WILL HELP
ME WITH RAISING MY SON AND
ALSO TO BUILD A BETTER RELATIONSHIP
WITH HIS MOTHER SO WE CAN BE
A STRONGER FAMILY. IT IS ALSO
A GOOD PLACE FOR US MEN TO
OPEN UP TO GET DIFFERENT OPINIONS.

SO PLEASE SUPPORT OUR KANE
CONNECTIONS GROUP SO WE MEN CAN
BECOME BETTER INDIVIDUALS TO BUILD
OUR FAMILY

ALVIN BOLOR
Alvin Bolor 4/16/18

April 16, 2018

To whom it my Concern,

Aloha, my name is Jimmy James Thennes. I am writing in supporting the Kane Connections Fatherhood Group that takes place at Maui Family Support Services on Mondays from 6 to 8 pm, and ran by Kawika Mattos. I have been coming regularly on Mondays since April 2017, but I first met Kawika up at Aloha House in which on Wednesday mornings he would hold a group there using the same 24/7 Dad, fathering lessons which I found out very helpful to being positive as a father, even with all the major personal recovery and changes that were taking place in my life at the present. Knowing that I was able to continue after treatment was a major plus to continue with my recovery plan which includes me being a father, and wanting to be a supportive father than a just there father as before.

Kane Connections gives me a group of men, that are present in supporting, achieving, and fulfilling our new life's being clean as fathers in our children's life's. A program for mentorship of fathers, with working weekly lessons from the 24/7 DAD fathering handbook, and having group discussions of focusing on being supportive, present, and involved fathers for our children. We do this by taking a look from our past, of our father's involvement, our beliefs and values and how it affects our current fathering skills. As a group we encourage each other in how we would like to change as fathers, and with knowing we are not alone in this transformation. The group is a reinforcement to what we achieving as fathers are doing. This a celebration of fatherhood!

I have found that the texting program, Key to Kane also a good reminder through the week with encouragement to being a present father. Suggestions of reading with them, child development suggestions, tips on nutrition with eating, and to getting plenty of sleep. Encouraging how being a 24/7 Dad improves our children's life's, and development.

Last summer we did celebrate our fatherhood with the Fatherhood Day Celebration at the War Memorial Park, with a great turn out, having a day full of games, activities, contests, music, raffles, and most of all community support. With the Mayor commencing an official Fathers hood day.

So as being clean now over a year, going to school full time, and becoming a productive part of society again today. I am able to be a great example to my children, and to their friends. My Children are proud of me, want to be with me, and I am a major part of their life's again, which I am grateful for Kane Connections, Kawika, and Maui Family Support Services for having support from the community for me and other fathers. I am asking for the county to continue in supporting Kane Connections as part of the budget, that is helping fathers to become present, and involved with their children, as a productive part of the community, as well the county of Maui.

Mahalo for your time,



James Thennes

Consistent History

3/16/17 - Cory Lee
School Counselor - Iao Intermediate School

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cory Lee and I am a middle school counselor at Iao Intermediate School. I've been working at Iao School for 11 years. I have worked extensively with the families and youth in central Maui for over a decade now and I feel the need to speak up in support of an excellent community resource that has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of many Maui residents. I am writing in support of Kawika Mattos and the counseling / support groups that he leads and operates through Maui Family Support Services - Kane Connections program.

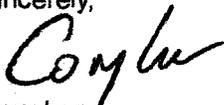
Earlier in this school year, back in August, I had the privilege of observing and participating in the Hui Kane (men's support group). I needed to observe 10 hours of group counseling sessions as part of a graduate course I was taking at the time, and Kawika was kind enough to welcome me in to observe and participate. I was beyond impressed with the respect, support and compassion that Kawika and his facilitators demonstrated towards group members. During sessions of Kane Connections, the genuine emotion and empathy that members showed towards each other was powerful to witness. To see such a rugged and seemingly hardened group of men sharing struggles and obstacles that they helped each other cope with and persevere through with love and compassion is something I will never forget. It was Kawika who provided the guidance and structure, and it was Kawika who created the atmosphere of trust and respect that allowed this to take place.

I heard testimonials from multiple men about how drastically different they had become after committing to the group, and following the strategies and lessons provided through the curriculum. As a school counselor, I cannot say enough good things about Kawika's efforts. His programs and curriculum are focused on helping families communicate more effectively, help them learn to show love and respect in healthy and appropriate ways, and work on parenting skills to support their children's education and overall well-being.

It was clear that Kawika had very solid rapport with all members of the group, and the curriculum being presented to them directly addressed concerns that many of the men were struggling with. It gave them applicable strategies to improve their own lives, as well as their relationships with family members and loved ones. It is people like him, and programs like the one I observed, that do the very challenging work to improve individual lives, help heal families, and make strides towards improving the community for all of us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns, I could not have more respect for Kawika Mattos, and his efforts to make Maui a better place are effective, noble and admirable.

Sincerely,



Cory Lee

Iao School Counselor

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2/27/17

Re: Hui Kane (mens group)

To whom it may concern,

My name is Derek Nalvai and I am currently in Maui Drug Court. It is part of my requirements to attend positive support group meetings in the community. I was recommended to attend "MFSS Kane Connection" by my case manager Maile.

Since then I have found this group setting to be a very positive experience in learning how to communicate better in my relationships with my children and also with perhaps a future partner.

Although my children are older now, (23 yrs & 17 yrs old) I still feel that what I've gained from this group is beneficial to both myself and my children and perhaps my future grand children.

I have been coming to this group for a couple months now and believe it is a great program for fathers and highly recommend it to others. May I also add that our facilitators have been doing a very exceptional job

Sincerely yours,
Derek Nalvai

3/15/17

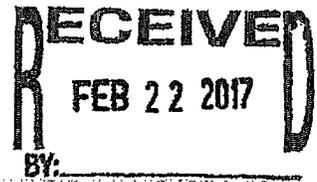
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

MY NAME IS CHRIS DAMORE. I RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM UP AT ALOHA HOUSE. I STARTED MY PROGRAM AUGUST 30, 2016, AND GRADUATED NOVEMBER 21, 2016. WHILE I WAS IN THE PROGRAM I WAS ATTENDING A WEEKLY MENS GROUP THAT IS PART OF MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES. I FOUND THAT WEEKLY GROUP TO BE ONE OF THE MOST BENEFICIAL ASPECTS OF MY RECOVERY PROGRAM. WE WOULD LEARN ABOUT MANY DIFFERENT TOPICS, (WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN, COMMUNICATION, SHOWING AND HANDLING FEELINGS, POWER AND CONTROL ETC.) I FEEL I REALLY BENEFITED FROM THE CLASSES SO WHEN I LEFT ALOHA HOUSE BACK IN NOVEMBER, I CONTINUED WITH THE PROGRAM. THE CLASSES WERE ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS BUT UNFORTUNATELY KANE CONNECTIONS HAS BEEN CUT BACK TO ONLY MONDAYS DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING. IT SADDENS ME BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT A GREAT PROGRAMS IT IS AND HOW IT TRULY HELPS A LOT OF MEN IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE FACILITATORS DO A GREAT JOB BY REALLY GETTING TO KNOW THE MEN AND THEY UNDERSTAND THE STRUGGLES THAT WE ARE GOING THROUGH.

FOR ME ~~PERSONALLY~~ PERSONALLY, I HAVE A VERY ROCKY MARRIAGE AND MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY KIDS HAS SUFFERED QUITE A BIT THE LAST FEW YEARS. BEING ABLE TO ATTEND KANE CONNECTIONS HAS HELPED ME AND GIVEN ME TOOLS I CAN APPLY IN MY LIFE TO HELP ME BE A BETTER MAN, A BETTER HUSBAND, A BETTER FATHER, JUST AN ALL AROUND BETTER PERSON. KANE CONNECTIONS IS A GREAT PROGRAM NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF BUT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I UNDERSTAND FUNDING ISSUES, BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAVING GOOD, POSITIVE MEN AS ROLE MODELS CAN DO FOR OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITY.

Sincerely,


CHRIS DAMORE



To Whom it may concern,

My name is Jacob Dutro-Ponce, I recently got married on 05/01/16, and I became a step-father to three children. I have no children of my own and I want to be the best father I can to them. I was looking online for resources that could help me and I was very fortunate to find Mari Family Support services Kane Connections.

I initially talked to someone over the phone who was very personable and very informative about their program. I instantly became excited to attend their groups and felt that they would fit all my needs for what I was looking for. I started to attend meetings on 09/12/16 and was blown away by the information I received and the support they provided to fathers. After leaving my first meeting I felt great and felt positive that I would learn how to be a great step-father.

Every meeting I attend gave me more and more tools to be a father to my step-children and hopefully one day my own children. I feel the classes gave me the tools to co-parent and more "loving" skills that helped me give the

Me understanding and giving the children their wants and needs are very important.

Mostly, I believe the classes intensified my wanting to tend to their well being and what is in their best interest.

These classes further taught me to be a more supporting and loving husband to my wife. After attending these classes I felt I could be a better man and someone they could all rely upon.

I am extremely grateful for this program and everything it has helped me achieve. I would recommend this program to others as I do truly feel it would help fathers who need the support and information. I feel more really needs this group to support our "Kane" and make our Island a better place for families. Thank You,

Jacob Dutro-Ponce

02/21/17



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Request for Support of Budget Line for UH Mānoa (CTAHR) Maui Cooperative Extension

Good Morning and thank you, Mr. Chairman and Council Members, for this opportunity to request support for the full budget line item for UH Mānoa CTAHR on Maui. My name is Kyle Caires and I am an Extension Agent, working with 4-H youth and livestock producers on Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i.

First, I would like to thank you for your past support of CTAHR programs in Maui County. My projects entitled, "4-Hers A.C.H.I.E.V.E.", and Swine Health in Maui County, were recipients of FY2017 funding, and I wanted to provide a summary of activities and impacts from those programs in Maui County.

2018 marks the 100th year of 4-H livestock programs on Maui! My OED supported youth program has hosted over 30 workshops, clinics and camps for 4-Hers at various learning centers (farms, ranches, meat processors, agricultural markets, local high school, and university property) to teach Maui County youth the best management practices (BMPs) for successfully raising livestock.

OED funding has helped purchase curriculum and develop sets of learning materials for 4-Hers to use on Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i. The OED funded workshops were well attended by youth, and their leaders, to cover topics that include genetic selection, animal health, nutrition, meat science and pasture management to address gaps in their knowledge base. Some highlights include:

- Youth that participated in these programs set historic marks with their own animal projects in 2017, with carcass quality levels that top the previous 99 years of the program for Market Beef, Lamb and Swine projects.
- Maui 4-Hers excelled on the national stage, as the 2017 and 2018 livestock judging teams supported by OED earned the highest team scores in decades, an increase of 225 points over previous Hawai'i all-star teams at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, an event where 4-5 points decides team outcomes.
- Maui county 4-Hers showcased their knowledge at the Hawai'i State Farm Fair, earning 1st and/or 2nd place in nearly every category of skill development contests, with record high point totals relative to last ten years.
- Logan Lung (at right), a Maui 4-Her, learned to detect and diagnose internal parasites in sheep and goats, and became the youngest FAMACHA certified individual in the country at 10 years of age
- 4-Hers attended a Livestock Genomics workshop and learned how to collect DNA from their animals for testing.
- Maui 4-Hers have increased their visibility in the community with service projects, and have brought livestock as exhibits for the public at the Maui Ag Fest and the Maui Fair.



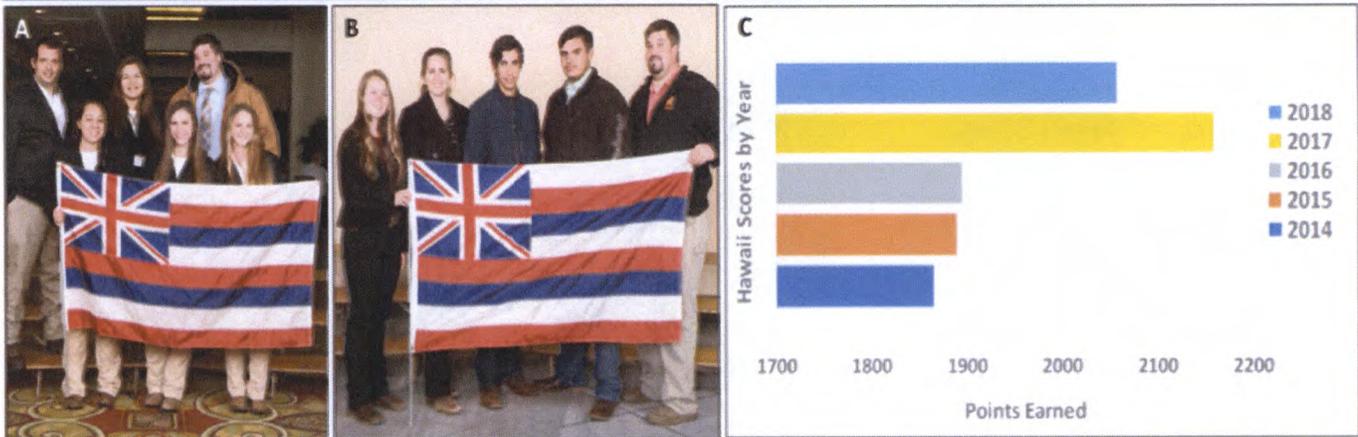
Through OED funding we also developed a Swine Health workshop series on Maui and Moloka'i with on-farm visits, disease surveillance, and seminars, to help swine producers improve biosecurity, boost animal health, and comply with the new federal guidelines, without losses in animal productivity. Maui and Moloka'i pork producers have decreased antibiotic use and experienced minimal production losses over the past year, especially during wet weather, while producers on other islands and the US mainland have suffered massive losses. This project helped address specific needs to Maui County, as no other funding sources were available to fund this unique project. Feedback from producers has been great, and the impact of this program is already paying dividends!

Without question, the OED funding we receive at CTAHR is important to the success of 4-H youth development and the livestock industry for Maui county, and we look forward to your continued support for many years to come.

Mahalo!

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Maui 4-Hers excel at national competitions!



Performance Analysis of Hawaii 4-H Livestock Judging Teams at National Contest. Youth participants in the 4-H ACHIEVE project include members of (A) the 2017 team, and (B) the 2018 team. (C) The educational programming made possible by this Maui County O.E.D. funded project translated to an average increase of 225 points for both the 2017 and 2018 teams when compared to teams the previous three years at national competitions..

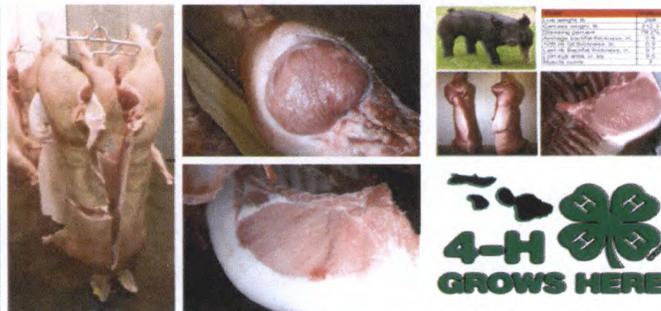
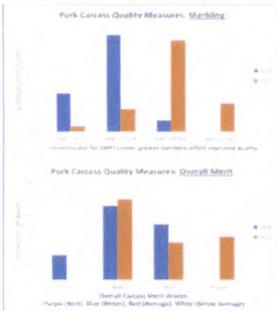
Meeting and Exceeding Industry Benchmarks



Exhibitor Name	Ending Weight	Carcass Weight	Dress %	Backfat in.	REA sq in.	KPH %	Yield Grade	Mat.	Quality Grade
Alexis Camara	1200	732	61.0%	0.45	12.20	2.50	3.00	A90	Prime 0
Joshua Fernandez	1044	609	58.3%	0.34	12.50	1.50	1.96	A30	Prime -
Taylor Sakamoto	1022	632	61.8%	0.42	13.70	3.50	2.27	A60	Choice -
Skylyn Friel	1002	607	60.6%	0.25	11.40	3.50	2.48	A50	Choice -

Near perfect marks!

- Superior end product quality for beef steer projects in 2017, with 100% of cattle grading Prime or Choice, without any yield grade 4's.
 - 1st time in the history of the program
- Pork quality was also excellent, as market hog projects in 2017 achieved purple ribbon status!
 - 1st time in the history of the program (99 years)
- Significant increases in marbling and overall carcass merit was observed in 2017, when compared to results from the previous year. Data obtained from 2016 is reflective of the carcass merit observed in the program over the past twenty years.





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Request for Support of Budget Line for UH Mānoa CTAHR Maui Cooperative Extension

Good Morning and thank you, Mr. Chairman and Council Members, for this opportunity to request your support for the budget line item for UH Mānoa CTAHR on Maui. My name is Kylie Wong and I am an Extension Agent working in support of the edible crop industry with focuses on sustainable agriculture and farm food safety.

First, I would like to thank you for your previous support of CTAHR programs in Maui County. My project, entitled, "Investigating New, Rapid Soil Analytical Tools" was a beneficiary of your Maui County funding, and I would like to provide you with a summary of the outcomes and impacts of this program.

The purpose of this project was to improve Maui's agricultural sector by increasing farmer adoption of nutrient management based on soil tests. Excessive or "insurance" nitrogen that is applied to crops may go to waste, meaning wasted money for our growers. Equipping our farmers with tools for data-driven nutrient management decision making will increase profitability of farmers by reducing fertilizer inputs and the potential for excess fertilizer leaching and runoff.

This tool provides rapid results to Extension faculty and growers within 2 hours of sampling. Research at UH Mānoa with partners at the University of California Extension has been conducted to verify the use of this tool for growers. This project complements the work that has been done in this area, and also assists with providing locally specific information to our farmers.

In this project, we conducted a field trial of pak choy grown under different rates of nitrogen based on farmer fertilization practices to determine a soil nitrate value that reduces the total amount of nitrogen fertilizer applied, while also maintaining crop yield.

Although more research and field trials are needed to establish soil nutrient critical values for all crops in Hawai'i, this project provided preliminary results for the ideal nitrogen fertilization of pak choy. Based on our data, the amount of nitrogen that a farmer would typically apply for pak choy can be reduced by half and maintain a statistically similar yield. With rising costs of nitrogen fertilizers, results from this trial coupled with future work can help farmers remain economically viable.

To share this technology with growers, we hosted a field day at the Kula Ag Park. In addition to the tool used in our trial, we showed growers another tool for real-time soil nitrate monitoring that is more affordable and easier to use.. Growers who participated in the field day were receptive to utilizing this technology, either on their own, or as a service provided by Extension. Additionally, the UH Maui College Ag and Natural Resources Program also intends to adopt this technology as part of their soil nutrient management curriculum.

This project would not have happened without the support of Maui County. I thank you all for your continued support of agriculture and UH Mānoa CTAHR on Maui, and specifically for the funds that allowed me to complete my project and share information with growers.

I humbly request your support for the UH Mānoa CTAHR budget line in the FY 19 budget. Thank you.

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Table 1. Pak choy yield. Treatments sharing letters are not statistically different and have statistically similar crop yields. Farmer practice is closest to 60kg/ha (~54 lb/A).

Treatment (kg/ha)	# Plots Harvested	Mean Biomass (kg)	Grouping		
120	8	30.1425	A		
60	8	23.7925	A	B	
30	8	20.8400		B	C
15	8	19.3625		B	C
0	8	14.5950			C



Figure 2. Pak Choy Field Layout



Figure 1. A pak choy plot treated with 30 kg/ha of nitrogen fertilizer

Watch a 3-minute video, recorded at the farmer field day, on these rapid soil nitrate testing methods here:

<https://youtu.be/PFeY7yUnOuw>

After soil settles, dip test strip and wait for color development

How To: Rapid Soil Nitrate Testing
12 views

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**TESTIMONY BF-1
Tuesday April 17, 2018**

Aloha and good morning Chair Hokama and members of the Budget and Finance Committee. My name is Lawrence Carnicelli and I am speaking on behalf of the REALTORS® Association of Maui and the Maui REALTOR® Party.

We come to you today with testimony on the portion of the budget regarding the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. As the #1 advocate for housing and homeownership RAM and the real estate community's focus is, obviously, on the housing portion. What we would like to start with (before details about programs and projects) is the state of the Department itself.

As you know the Department is comprised of four programs that have eight divisions, more than any other Department in the County. With the poor state of our economy and the services needed from our community I would imagine that we could easily add two or three more divisions to the mix. That is not what we are proposing. Yet we need to acknowledge that this is a behemoth that is very difficult to run and operate in a healthy and functional way.

With that said we think that it is finally time to seriously look at including provisions to bifurcate the Department as part of these budget hearings. We understand that would take a Charter Amendment. But we believe that, as part of the budget hearings, the Council should seriously deliberate creating provisions for two Departments in the Budget; one that is The Department of Housing and one that is The Department of Human Concerns. There is not enough time here today for me to get into the details however, we would like to see a Charter Amendment on this November's ballot that states something to the effect:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CHARTER:

Separation of the Department of Housing from the Department of Human Concerns

Shall Section 8-10 of the Charter be amended to separate the Department of Housing and Human Concerns into two independent departments titled The Department of Housing & The Department of Human Concerns?

We all talk about the importance of housing. It is time that we give housing its proper allocations and attention by creating a department solely dedicated to this basic fundamental need and right.

RAM is in FULL SUPPORT of reinstating the First Time Homebuyer Program! We are also in support of making it a revolving fund; an idea born from RAM with the Affordable Housing Fund. However, we would like to review the payback rules to ensure there are no unintended consequences. We find the FTHP is an invaluable resource and one that pays the highest returns to local families looking to purchase their first home.

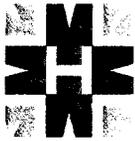
RAM is in FULL SUPPORT of the expansions to Family Life Center and Ke Hale A Ke Ola. Homelessness is a housing issue! We need to support for our transitional housing as well as our permanent housing.

RAM is in FULL SUPPORT of Na Hale O Maui's request for Affordable Housing Funds. However, we feel as though this request should NOT be a part of the budget hearings. Even though the final allocation of these funds falls under the purview of the Council they are completely outside of the general fund. Therefore, we would ask that discussion be separated from the budget hearings so they do not get convoluted.

RAM has reservations on the pilot project to purchase older homes. It sounds wonderful. However, Na Hale O Maui is already doing this. I have personally done this. So I can speak from that personal experience on the matter. It is highly questionable if the government's has the ability to pull this off... especially in a hot market. Instead we feel those funds might be better allocated to the First Time Homebuyer Program.

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Maui Hotel & Lodging
ASSOCIATION

April 18, 2018

Council Member Riki Hokama
Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street, 8th Floor
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lisa Paulson, Executive Director of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, the legislative arm of the visitor industry. Our membership includes 185 property and allied business members in Maui County – all of whom have an interest in the visitor industry. Collectively, MHLA’s membership employs over 30,000 residents and represents over 19,000 rooms.

On behalf of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, I ask for your support of the \$4.2 million funding for the Maui Visitors Bureau in Maui County’s FY2019 budget.

Global Competition

As the economic engine for the County, the marketing and promotion of Maui as a destination is crucial to the future viability of our island. The County funds are critical in giving us the ability to compete against other sun destinations, especially when we are seeing an increased amount of competition with new resort locations and other destinations’ deeply discounted air/hotel packages.

Impact on Maui County’s Workforce and Revenue

Maui Visitor Bureau’s marketing efforts ensure our economic engine remains protected. Thousands of residents who work in the hotels, restaurants, activities, attractions and retail depend on its ability to market Maui County as a vacation destination. The visitor industry directly employs 40% of Maui residents, (indirectly, adding related businesses the percentage increases to 75%). Additionally, our hotel/resorts and timeshares generate revenues for the Maui County budget through Real Property taxes. In FY18 \$124 million in property taxes will be collected, representing 40% of all County property taxes.

Industry Support of the Community

Not only is the industry the number one private sector employer in the County but it is a generous supporter of local community charities. Individual businesses donate money, goods, and services to worthy causes, while the Maui County Charity Walk raises over a million dollars annually that has benefitted hundreds of non-profit agencies reducing their dependence on government funding to fulfill their needs. The industry also provides nearly \$25,000 a year in scholarships to public school seniors and UH Maui college students; distributes 25,000 pounds of rice every holiday; hosts and annual dinner for our Kupuna; partners with several environmental groups in working to protect the land and ocean.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Paulson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a distinct "P".

Lisa H. Paulson
Executive Director



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MĀNOA

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman and Council members, thank you for this opportunity to request your support for the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

My name is Lynn Nakamura-Tengan. I am a food safety educator with the University of Hawai'i Cooperative Extension. Many of my programs focus on growing a healthy Maui County in terms of the economy, environment and the health of our people. We collaborate with our community partners to minimize duplication of services, maximize collaborative outreach, and leveraging resources beyond the county for the benefit of Maui county and its people.

First, I want to thank the County of Maui for being a great partner by providing funding support for delivering training on the Food Safety Modernization Act or FMSA to our growers and food manufacturers. These trainings help our food producers to understand and meet federal mandates and continue to provide safe, local food products for residents and visitors alike, without the burden of traveling to O'ahu or out of state. (refer to our website: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ctahr/farmfoodsafety/>)

Second, working with Maui County and other state and community agencies, we were part of a successful team effort to educate the public about the Rat Lungworm Disease and strategic actions individuals, growers, food establishments and others could take. It was an uncertain time as fear of serious illness had many people avoiding consumption of local produce. Knowledge of food safety practices on the farm enabled growers to educate and reassure buyers on the safety of local produce with good inspection, monitoring, and rinsing of produce. Again, working with our community partnerships to help our businesses and people. (refer to: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ctahr/farmfoodsafety/rat-lungworm/>)

Third, funding support has enabled us to leverage researchers at Mānoa. Working with Dr. Yong Li, CTAHR food microbiologist, we were able to confirm the probiotic health properties of poi. With the popularity of probiotic foods like kim chee and yogurt, to improve gut health, knowing that poi also has these properties as well, opens the if opportunity for innovation by local entrepreneurs. Food entrepreneurs can use a local, culturally important food to create a niche in the value-added marketplace.

I thank the County Council for investing your dollars with the University of Hawai'i Cooperative Extension to help grow a healthy Maui County and humbly ask for your on-going support so we can continue to address the needs of Maui County's agriculture, emerging entrepreneurs, and people.

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Homeownership/Housing Counseling Program

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Phone: 808-242-7027 Fax: 1-808-442-0740

April 16, 2018

Honorable Riki Hokama Budget Chair
And Members of the County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Subject: Hale Mahaolu Homeownership/Housing Counseling Program

Aloha Chair Hokama and County Council Members,

Hale Mahaolu's Homeownership/Housing Counseling Program would to thank you for your continued support of our Housing Counseling program. Through your support, the program has helped many of our local residents to resolve many of their housing issues ranging from learning basic budgeting skills which has helped them to understand the importance of paying their rent and other debt on time, or to learning how to be better consumers when purchasing a home and to even helping homeowners to save their home from foreclosure.

For this current grant year, the County of Maui has appropriated \$82,250 to the program with a major focus on helping potential First Time Homebuyers understand the home buying process through the program's Homebuyer Education Classes. For the next Maui County grant year 2019-2020, the program is asking to maintain it's funding of \$80,000 which will help the program to continue its work with residents of Maui County by offering workshops and counseling sessions focusing on Homebuyer Education, Credit Counseling and Foreclosure Prevention.

As more Affordable homes are being developed, potential homebuyers are starting to realize the importance of having a good credit rating and establishing a savings plan which can be used towards down payment and closing costs. A major issue for many households is that they are not qualifying for the home mortgage loans due to credit issues and the lack of down payment funds.

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In the next few months, the Homeownership/Housing Counseling Program will be offering additional workshops on "Understanding Credit" and how it impacts financial decisions. Counselors feel that for many potential first time homebuyers the first step to homeownership is to start working on improving their credit score before starting the Home buying process.

Some lenders say that it could take anywhere from 6 months to 2 years to clean up derogatory credit issues. Lenders also look at past payment history (on time payments). If a credit report has a lot of late payments or months of non-payments, the potential homebuyer needs to understand that to improve that credit score the potential homebuyer needs to show how they are able to pay off their debt in a timely manner. The only way to do that is by making a payment every month by the due date. There really are no quick fixes. The potential homebuyer should not give up and needs to understand that they may *not* be able to qualify for a mortgage at this current time, but by working on their credit issues now, they will be ready to make a home purchase in the future!

Hale Mahaolu's Homebuyer Education classes will continue to offer classes to anyone interested in learning about the home buying process. Currently, the program offers in-person classes in both the Lahaina and Kihei areas and there is also an online course which covers the same information such as working on credit issues, setting up a budget, saving for a down payment, closing costs, working with a realtor and a lender. The \$75.00 cost per household for either the in-person class or the online course is packed with information that will help the first time homebuyer understand the home buying process. A wise investment, well worth the \$75.00 when you consider that purchasing a home may be the largest investment that a family will probably make in their lifetime. The program also offers and encourages potential homebuyers to come in for an individualized financial counseling session at no charge.

Hale Mahaolu's Homeownership & Housing Counseling program is the only Maui based HUD-approved Comprehensive Housing Counseling agency offering counseling services in Financial counseling, Pre-Purchase and Post-Purchase education in the home buying process, Rental counseling, and Mortgage Delinquency/Default counseling. The counseling staff consists of 1 Full-time Program Director/counselor and 2 Part-time counselors.

Hale Mahaolu has provided several hundred thousands of in-kind and actual dollars to its Homeownership & Housing Counseling Program and Personal Care program whenever there have been any funding shortfalls during the past 30 years. All funding received by the programs are used within the programs and none of it goes to the Executive Director's salary.

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We thank you for your continued support of our company and programs. Should you have any questions or would like additional information; please call me at (808) 242-7027.

Sincerely,

Marlynn S Tanji

Marlynn S. Tanji
Program Director

Cc: G. Chun, K. Kalilikane, R. Balinbin

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April 17, 2018

Hon. Riki Hokama, Chair
Budget & Finance Committee
200 High Street
Wailuku, HI 96753

RE: \$1,000,000. For Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui - Kahoma Homes in Lahaina.

Dear Chair, Hokama and members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

My name is Michael Trotto and I have the honor to serve as the Board President of Na Hale O Maui, a nonprofit community land trust helping to create affordable housing for Maui's residents and to keep these homes affordable in perpetuity.

Currently we have 34 families in affordable homes and we are now working to build 12, 3 & 4-bedroom homes in Lahaina, one of the least affordable areas of our county.

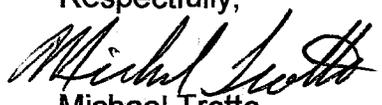
Maui County is experiencing a severe crisis in the availability of workforce housing for our residents and the Na Hale O Maui project in Lahaina is very much needed to address this crisis.

We of course, realize that 12 homes will not solve the crisis, but it is a necessary step in the right direction and we cannot afford to wait to take any action we can and to do it now.

I respectfully ask that you consider funding the Na Hale O Maui project as requested and partner with us to build these 12 desperately needed homes for our residents.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this important issue today.

Respectfully,



Michael Trotto
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MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY OF MAUI, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
DHHC GRANT G4386

FROM: MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY FROM STUDENTS OF THE LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM
FACILITATED BY MFSS, YOUTH SERVICES

DATE: 04/17/18

Please find attached written testimonies from students in our Life Skills Training at Iao Intermediate School. Life Skills Training (LST) is an evidence-based substance abuse prevention curriculum. These students come from a special class at Iao Intermediate School that are comprised of the students that has difficulties with school attendance, Low GPA levels, and a high rate of suspension incidents.

The students were asked 3 questions:

1. Tell us one thing that you learned from the Life Skills Training
2. Tell us one thing that you liked about the Life Skills Training
3. Would you recommend the Life Skills Training to other students

Respectfully submitted,



C. Momi Medeiros
Youth Services Supervisor
Maui Family Support Services

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One thing I learned is not to drug
and smoking increases the
chance of having a heart attack.

One thing I liked is that
we could open up about
things we do and the
activities we did in class.

Yes this class was helpful
in ways and yes other kids
may like it.

Thank you
maui family
Support Service
for coming to
Iao School.

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Iao School 8th Grade Life Skills Student

One thing I learned is that you shouldn't do drugs even if other people peer pressure you to. One thing that I really really liked about this program was that we got prizes like all the time and I liked that we could just share things with them that I felt like I couldn't tell no one. I liked how the ladies were so nice too! they were really supportive and if it wasn't for them I wouldn't know all the side effects of drugs. I think other kids would like this class because since they're young they like to be cool and do all of these drugs but they don't know the side effects or the things that could happen to them. And if they knew then they wouldn't do anything bad.

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I think that other students should be able to learn life skills because some students don't know what to do with their lives for example some kids do things they shouldn't be doing. And I think life skills may help them be a better person. I learned about so many things like releasing stress, communication. I think this program will help students

Iaa School
Student

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One thing I liked is the activities we did to demonstrate the lessons we were learning.

One thing I learned is Anger techniques and that peer pressure sucks and don't give in to it.

I think other kids would like this class and I think it is helpful for kids like us.

Iao School
8th grade
LifeSkills Student

100 School

The one thing that I learned ~~is~~
was that I don't have to fight
stress bad.

The one thing that I like is
that they teach us not to
smoke.

Yes I think that other students
should do this program.

100 School | 8th grade

Life Skill Student

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I learned that everytime your Depressed
you dont have to smoke or drinks but
like to find something else to do other
than doing what's best for us
to know

I liked how you guys
teach us like you guys make
it fun to learn / watch / do

if they smart and mature
enough they would like it but
if they dumb they might not

~~STUDENT~~

Loa Stahl
8th grade

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One thing I learned was how to control your emotions. One thing I liked was the activity's like the one with the straw. I think other kids would like this if they pay attention and the class is super helpful.

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IAO SCHOOL

8th grade

Life Skills

Student

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1. one thing I learned was about party drugs.

2. one thing I like was the snacks at the end.

3. yes

Iq'd School
8th Grade
life skills students

One thing that I learned is use of DRUGS
& what it can do to your body over
the years of life, all drugs lead up
to having cancer, pneumonia, short life but
it's good to know what drugs could do
to you if you did them that way most
kids turn away from it to live longer
& have a healthier life style.

From, 8 grader

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SCHOOL

One thing I learned from the Guest speakers is that how I can start communicating with other people. One thing I liked was the prizes. yea I think kids would like the guest speakers

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One thing I learned was drugs aren't good for you and there are many ways to say "no" to peer pressure and drugs.

2 One thing I liked in this class is the activities.

3 I think other kids would like this class because it's really helpful.

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School
8th grade

one thing I learned is to
don't smoke because you
can loose your teeth and get it
stained yellow. And I like the
activities we do. yes because
it is interesting to learn
and we have the best teachers
ever from mawi family support
serencies

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1st I learned that doing what is right goes a long way.

2nd I liked the auntys cause they was nice.

3rd yes the world cause it would benefit dem by doing what is right.

1. one thing I learned from the guest speakers was how they support other people what are the good and bad things.

2. The one thing I liked from the guest speakers was when they always support us into not that and that. Even when they bring food for us.

yes, other kids would like this class. This class would be very helpful for them.

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1. I learned that that there is actually a small % of kids that smoke and drink than I imagined.
2. One thing I liked was when we were playing little games and everyone had a hand and connected together.
3. I think kids would like this class because it's very helpful and you can learn a lot.

IAJ SCHOOL

One thing I learned from this is that under age drinking can change your life alot.

I liked the group activities and yes, I think other kids will like this program.

IAJ SCHOOL

8th GRADE

LIFESKILLS

I learned that drugs are bad. I liked getting prizes. Other kids would like this class because it's very fun.

- Iao school
8th grade
life skills
Student

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Law school - 6th grade 'Life skills' student

1) The extremely important thing I have learned is to let go of stress/anger by relaxing/doing something I like. 😊 😊

2) One thing I liked was I was very enclosed from the world, and activities that took place during the 'Life skills' sessions opened me up to new things/the world.

3) I recommend this program to other students as well. Definitely the teacher, Miss Joyette.

IAU SCHOOL
8TH GRADE
LIFE SKILLS STUDENT

ONE THING I LEARNED IS THE SIDE EFFECTS OF USING DRUGS AND DRINKING ALCOHOL.

ONE THING I LIKED ABOUT THIS CLASS IS WE LEARNED HOW TO DEAL WITH ANXIETY.

I THINK KIDS WOULD "LOVE" THIS CLASS, IT HELPS THEM WITH STRESS, AND HELPS THEM WITH OTHER CLASSES, AND THE TEACHERS ARE HERE TO TALK WHENEVER THIS CLASS HELPS ME SO MUCH IT FEELS LIKE A SECOND HOME.



Maui Family Support Services, Inc.



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...because keiki matter!!!



Welcome to Early Head Start



What is Early Head Start (EHS)?

EHS is a Federal program for income qualifying pregnant women, infants, toddlers and their parents and guardians. EHS is for the whole family – moms, dads and *keiki*. We believe that parents are the first and most important influence on their children. We will respect and support your family as you learn and grow together.



What can parents expect from EHS?

Families receive information, support and referrals to other programs, if needed.

Children receive developmental and health screenings to help assess their strengths and needs. Parents help develop individual plans and goals for each child and for their family.



EHS wants all children to succeed and serves the special needs of children with disabilities.



Families who participate in EHS enjoy a variety of educational activities, healthy meals and snacks, and play indoors and outdoors.

*In Home-Based EHS, Parent/Child Educators meet weekly with pregnant women and children from birth to 3 years old. Twice a month family socials are offered.

*The Kupukupu Child Development Program (infant-toddler center in Wailuku) + *Lahaina* provides child care for infants 6 weeks to 3 years old, whose parents are working or going to school full time. Hours of operation are 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Parents volunteer within the center.

What is expected of parents in EHS?

Parents are encouraged to get involved in all aspects of the program. Parents and staff regularly discuss the children's progress and family goals.

EHS is unique in that parents have a say in how the program is operated. In local monthly Parent Committees and the EHS Policy Council, parents help make sure their EHS program responds to the needs of the children, families and community.

How do I qualify for Early Head Start services? You will need the following:

- Proof of income (most recent income tax document, form 1040, W-2 form) paycheck stubs, or a letter from your TANF worker
- Your child's birth certificate and Social Security card or number

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Submitted by Momi Medeiros

April 12, 2018

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Ermenina Ancheta and my great-granddaughter, Kiara-Rose Meanor is part of the Early Head Start Home Based Program. When she first started with the program, she was a little shy. We started attending the socializations and Kiara is slowly coming out of her shell and has learned to play with the other children. She's also started singing and dancing with everyone during the socializations. Kiara is learning her ABCs and 123s, her colors, and more and more language. Kiara loves to learn and is always excited for home visits and socializations. Thank you so much for bringing this wonderful program to our family.

Sincerely,

Ermenina Ancheta

Early Head Start Home Base has helped my family by providing resources. I have two children, one graduated from this program and one is currently in the program now. The resources provide by home visitors has helped my children language since we have dual languages, also myself.
Thank You So Much MFSS!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the initials 'JKB'.

Renee Morris

From: drawing anything i'd like <aikof79@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Renee Morris
Subject: Re: Testimony for Budget Hearing

Maui Family Support Services has really helped me and my family in so many ways and more. They helped me find resources in the community to support me and my family the commitment they have is so helpful. About a year ago I fostered my niece's 4 children and didn't know how to get clothing or support for them or even education for the 2 younger children when I looked into mfss they helped me with all my worries. My 2 younger children immediately enrolled into the home base program. The home base program really opened a door for the children from not trusting or even being around new things was an option for them. I noticed the children being more sociable and interactive with the home visit she brought activities to help them develop. She also showed me ways to deal with the social and emotional support for the children. The resources for food and clothing is a plus not only for the child but also the whole family. Within the year Isaac got into the center base program. I see so much difference in him socially and using manners and being more independent. I think MFSS is the best thing that happened to me and my family. It's the little things you can do for people that make a big impact in their lives and that is what MFSS did for me.

Aloha Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee,

My name is Marsha Jones and I'm a wife and mother of five beautiful children. I'm sorry unable to be here to testify in person being that I am on Oahu for a conference. Please accept my written testimony. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for continuing to support Maui Family Support Services (MFSS).

I started as a participant with MFSS when my son who is 15 years old now was born. I had a MFSS worker come to see in the hospital and offered me home-visiting services. I accepted because parenting was all new to me and as we all know our babies do not come with an instruction manual. At that time my husband, myself, my daughter(who I adopted at three and a half months) she was one and a half at that time, and now our newborn son was living at Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center. My husband was working an overnight shift at Morrad Foodservice and I was a stay at home mom. We were partially living off of DHS TANF and food stamps. Our home visitor came to our home weekly providing my husband and me parenting skills, child development information, focusing on the health and nutrition for our newborn son and also our family and connecting us to other community resources we were eligible for. That went on for 3 years and another baby added to our growing family.

My son graduated from the program and my family and I moved to the mainland. We lasted 10 months in the mainland before I said I wanted to go back home. We came back home and I was pregnant again! I gave birth and connected with another MFSS worker who came to the hospital. I accepted home-visiting services again and went through the flow of learning new techniques on raising my four children. I also was an active member of the policy council board and health services committee at MFSS. At this time we only qualified for food stamps and my husband got hired back at Morrad Foodservices. I got pregnant again two years later and had our last child. I currently was still in the program and finally listened to my worker about using birth control! I always knew I wanted a big family and I got it! When my last child was nine months old she was accepted into the childcare center at MFSS. YES!! I was able to go to work and help my husband provide for our family. A month after she got enrolled into the childcare center I got hired at Walmart. I started off as a cashier and within three months I was promoted to a Customer Service Manager. No longer living off of State assistance! My daughter was enrolled in the childcare center until she was three years old. When she graduated I was sad that I was no longer going to be a part of MFSS anymore. MFSS has helped my husband and I be the supportive parents and keep us afloat while we were drowning in our struggles. We are so thankful for MFSS and the Early Head Start staff for helping us get to where we are today!

Well that sadness of being done with MFSS didn't last long! Four months after my daughter graduated I got hired as a home-visitor for our Early Head Start program. That was six years ago and today I am still working at MFSS with the Early Head Start program and our Quality Care for

To Maui County Council Members:

First, I'd like to thank Head Start for making the personal time to come into my home, help educate my son and myself! Traveling provided to my place has been very convenient for our family, rather than us having to drive. My son looks forward to our meetings weekly. This program has helped so much, not just as a single Mom, but a 1st time parent. Thanks for helping with learning, steps and healthy food & living habits that my son will benefit from, for a lifetime. The program hasn't just been educational but a personal bond between our family to yours. Mahalo forever

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Aloha,

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

My name is Heidi-Ann Allencastre, I have two beautiful daughters Lilianna and Alexis Rose Allencastre. This past year 2017, I entered treatment after having my daughters taken from me, now being in full recovery and being reunified with my daughters.

Mami Family Support Services has helped us, in so many ways, having them be able to attend Kupukupu Early Learning Center has not only given me the chance to attend school and work, but given them the chance to have that early learning that they so badly needed, to have that attention in fields that can help them improve and grow before attending preschool. They also have professionals in areas that they maybe have delays like speech therapy and behavioral issues, screenings to make sure there growing properly, in case there any problems they'd sure to find it. Knowing that makes me so happy that they are very well taken care of.

My words alone cant express the gratitude that I have for the program. And the peace of mind I have, for my childrens safety and there best interest.

Kupukupu, has given my family a chance to grow and learn together.

Haley Miller
P.O Box 13045
Lahaina, HI 96761

April 13, 2018

For the Attention of the Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Haley Miller, was fortunate enough to be a part of the Early Head Start Program for three years, starting when my son was less than a month old. Marsha Jones was assigned to our family and she was an amazing mentor, teacher, educator and offered a lot of guidance in motherhood.

Each week we explored puzzles, nutrition, books, colors, shapes, and she offered us great support. It was wonderful to have a mentor and guide to help lead the way for our day to day life.

From the Early Head Start Program, I learned how to be present with my child. I learned and grow along side him. I learned to explore each milestone with a different purpose. I learned the wholeness of family and participating together, as a team, healthily and happily.

I cant emphasize more of what an amazing program this was for our family and so many others. As a mom you feel supported and a part of a community that is willing to serve and help our Keiki grow into the amazing little humans they were created to be. The Early Head Start Program changed the future ahead and we couldn't be more grateful.

Sincerely,

Haley Celeste Miller

Carlene. Olf
mother of
Kaulanaikēkua O

To whom it may concern:

I really appreciate and love everything that this program has done both for me and my son, or for my whole family for that matter. Because if it wasn't for our home visitor Cynthia, I wouldn't have know all Troys, my son, growing stages. Without knowing what he's capable of or what he's not capable of doing, saying, or feeling yet, I wouldn't have been able help him through it all or have the knowledge of being patient with anything he goes thro. And all thanks to Cynthia, I'm always trying my very best to achieve any small or big goals for both for me and my son. And it is absolutely amazing to know that there's someone out there like Cynthia trying to make her busy schedule to the best of my time interest even though everything she does, tells, or shows me are solely for the good growth and being of my son.

Thank you 

4/12/18

Dear County of Maui,

I am so appreciative for the Maui Family Support Services Kupukupu program. My daughter (2 yrs) Nikki recently was accepted and has been attending for the last 2 months. I have finished seven programs for ^{Drug} treatment... ~~the~~ Women's Way (Oahu) and Malama Family Recovery Center. I am currently set to graduate Family Court Drug Co on April 24, 2018.

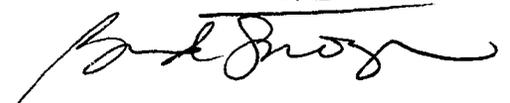
Because of the Kupukupu program, my daughter has an opportunity to get an Enchyltheadstart for School. She had a difficult time transitioning back to me, experiencing Separation Anxiety ~~that~~ in which we have the opportunity to help her with by having her attend Kupukupu.

Also, I am able to start looking for ^{employment} ~~work~~ as I plan to go back to work in the next couple months. Kupukupu is an excellent program. My daughter has so much fun there and is excited to go to "School". She is so proud that she attends; when she comes home she tells everyone "I went to school!!".

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful program!

Sincerely,

Brandie K. Strozier



Dear County Council Members, 4/12/18

I have been apart of Early headstart program for over 6 years with both of my daughters, being a single mom who works full time I can not even begin to explain the appreciation I have for this program as well as the loving teachers they hire to teach, play & enjoy the company of my children. I have firsthand seen the importance of an environment that encourages our future generation to grow in a learning & fun place. Without this program every moment would have been a struggle, from graduating college, to getting a job as well being involved in my childrens education. Thank-you for continuing to support Early headstart program.

Sincerely,
Alexis Fajue
Mother of Drizilla & Romeo II.

To Whom It may concern

Maui Family Support Services has helped both me and my child in so many ways. Helps me to know that i can go to work and hes in a safe place. My son has also exceeded in alot of things since he has started Maui family service. The awesome teacher there work with him and make him exceed. This program is amazing and so helpful.

Sincerely,

Robin and Carter Min.

04/12/2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

ALOHA NO! AS A NEW PARENT OF THE EARLY HEADSTART PROGRAM, I AM VERY PLEASED WITH ALL THAT THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR MY CHILD AND OUR FAMILY. THEY HAVE HELPED US ACHIEVE SOME GOALS THAT HAVE HELPED MY DAUGHTER GROW INTO HER OWN SELF. THEY GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE OF WHAT I MUST DO TO PROVIDE FOR MY CHILDREN BY HAVING MY DAUGHTER BE PART OF THEIR KUPUKUPU PROGRAM. I AM VERY THANKFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO STANDS BEHIND THIS PROGRAM AND CONTINUES TO HELP NOT ONLY MY FAMILY BUT ALL THE OTHER FAMILIES HERE. MAHALO NUU LOA!

ME KE ALOHA,

'OHANA QUAILANI

This program has helped samara to interact
With kids her age. - Grace Johnson -

April 13, 2018

Aloha Maui County Councilman,

My name is Naphin Sonis. My family and I have been a part of Maui Family Support Services for about 7 years now. We joined with our 2nd child and now we are a family of 7. We have definitely grown with MFSS. We would like to thank you for the aid we have been receiving from Early HeadStart Services. We are hoping that this program can be continued for the next year so that we may continue to learn and grow with this program.

When we joined this program, we weren't aware of so many resources that were available out there. Because of Maui Family Support Services, I am aware of all the programs from WIC to CPR classes to even tuition assistance programs. We went from learning how to calm a baby to having our children write their own name WITH our parent/child educator. We are very blessed to have MFSS as part of our family. Our 5 children are blessed to receive gifts from other programs that donate to MFSS during Christmas and for a family of 7, that is a HUGE blessing.

With a very humble heart, we would like to ask that you continue to support EHS Services. They have been such a blessing to our family and I know we're not the only family blessed by them.

Mahalo,

Naphin Sonis

This program has helped me, my boyfriend, and especially ulanaikakawa (TROY), our son a lot in so many ways. Our home visitor always helps me know and be aware of which stage he is in and the kind of abilities he's capable of at that moment and also the things and techniques I can do or use, and it helps a lot cause then I'm able to help him improve or sometimes even start introducing him to that ability. I'm so super grateful and very blessed to be a part of this amazing program, because whenever I need or have concerns about, I just tell or let our home visitor know, and she always does her best for helping and providing information on what I need at that moment, either if it's just for a simple bedtime problem or a big long life goal. And I think it would be so very wonderful if it was offered a free Pre-School program for after when TROY graduates from the Early Headstart Home-Based program when he turns 3 years old. Cause then I'll be assured that he would be continuing his learning in the same manner and same style that he's already use to and not have to start all over again. I'm so grateful to this program especially my home visitor who's always there for us when we need professional help and so forth.



439 Kahiki Street, Kahului

Aloha,

My name is Liana Jensen, our son Jareth is in the Little Dreamers Classroom and we appreciate the continuous funding for Early Head Start. As first time participants of the program, we could not be more grateful for the help we've received with quality care for our son while his dad and I work full time and attend UH Maui College part-time. Thanks to the hard work provided by the Little Dreamers Classroom teachers, Jareth has grown a lot socially and intellectually, learning to share and meet important milestones like crawling and walking. I believe his time spent with all of the EHS staff has made a positive impact in Jareth's development. Jareth is more confident and communicates better with the sign language he's learned and the routine they follow promotes healthy choices as simple but important as hand washing. He can only learn more and do better being allowed to continue in this program. The hours provided is most beneficial to us because like a lot of other families it allows us to put in a full 8-hour shift at work and attend classes at UH Maui College. As most know living in Hawaii is quite expensive, funding for this program is one of the key elements to helping all of us who are trying to survive, make a better future for our children. Please, include funding in the 2019 budget.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liana Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Liana Jensen

Lahaina (CB)
Center Bas

Kristelle/Journey

Kristelle Turalva-Albano [kristellea@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:05 AM

To: Sarah Wong

To whom it may concern,

Maui Family Support Services is a second Family for me and my boys. This incorporation has allowed me to work and provide for my family while getting the proper care and learning for my two sons. Journey is 2 who currently is enrolled in the Kupukupu Program and my oldest Justice has also been in the Kupukupu program as well in 2010-2013. During both pregnancies I was under MFSS before giving birth to both kids, being a young parent MFSS has helped me in all different areas. Without the help from the beginning I don't think I'd have the lack of knowledge on where to begin. They were the root of my guidance of being a young mother. I highly recommend this program to all ladies and families.

Mahalo,

Kristelle Turalva-Albano

This program has been a positive part of our lives. She has learned a lot since being in this program, I am sometimes ~~the amount~~ surprised as to the words she uses and the way she uses it properly. She enjoys the games & activities they do at school. She loves all her friends & teachers at school. I believe that if it was ~~for~~ ^{for} this school she wouldn't be as far in progress in her life at her age.

Wayne K. Dawson

Lahaina
Center Based

To whom it may concern,

Early Head Start has been a big help to the growth and development of my son, Jonathan. He has become more sociable and has learned a lot in his time there.

More funds would be helpful to an already great program. Future families would benefit greatly from it.

Mahalo,

Jonathan Uddipa



Lahaina
Center Based

TO: Whom it may concern,

Earlyheadstart has helped alot by making it so that I can work while my child is being well taken cared of.

My baby has learned alot being in this program. His teachers are awesome!

Thank You
Kimberly Brawley

Ki Brawley

Lahaina
Center Based

To whom this concerns,

4-16-18

Every since my son started early Head Start
his learn to say please, thank you, and you welcome.
The teachers there are big help with teaching
him how to use word for when he wants something

Kelsei-lyn Albiar Espiritu

K. Albiar Espiritu

Lahaina
Center Based

The Early Head Start program is such an asset to the community.

Financially it benefits families by helping them with no cost childcare. The cost of childcare for a baby/toddler is almost as high as rent for an apartment. This causes a great strain on families who have to work but can't find affordable childcare. The Early Headstart program is completely free. They provide diapers and meals during program hours which is such a great help for struggling families. Most childcares require you to bring your own supplies. All they ask is that you contribute your time through in-kind hours.

The in-kind activities teach the children but I also see it as an opportunity to spend quality time with your child. Time spent with children is so precious because they grow so fast. It nourishes them and makes them feel loved.

The activities the center does with the children educates them. They prepare them for preschool. My two older children both went to the center and by the time they graduated out they were accepted at their new preschool and had no problems transitioning. Aside from the fact that they truly missed their teachers from the Early Head Start program.

The teachers and staff are so patient and kind. They also offer help with any resources you might need. Need help paying for preschool? They are so knowledgeable and can point you in the right direction for assistance. Need help finding a preschool? They have a booklet with all, if not most of the preschools on the island.


Desiree Guillen



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Request for Support of Budget Line for UH Mānoa CTAHR Maui Cooperative Extension

Good Morning and thank you, Mr. Chairman and Council Members, for this opportunity to request your support for the budget line item for UH Mānoa CTAHR on Maui. My name is Nancy Ooki and I am a 4-H Youth Development Agent with Maui Cooperative Extension.

Thank you for your support of CTAHR programs in Maui County including my program, Diversity in Agriculture. This project was developed to help mitigate a lowered interest in agriculture combined with an increased need for workers in order to help sustain the agriculture industry in Maui County.

I would like to provide you with a brief summary of the activities and results of this program.

The program exposed youth at Maui Waena Intermediate School to agriculture and careers as part of a 4-H club and incorporated expert guest speakers from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.



PROGRAM CONTENT

Topics covered different areas of the food system and acquainted youth with the science, terminology, and real-life connections of the subject areas. For example, students learned the acronym FATTOM (Food, Acid, Time, Temperature, Oxygen, and Moisture) and their roles in shelf life and food stability as part of the **Food Science** meeting.



The **Landscape Design** project actually created a landscaped area at the front of the school and as part of the **Sustainability & Soil Science** activities students learned about saturation, run-off, and field-capacity. **Animal Science** focused on meat quality, animal anatomy, and ranching and for **Plant Science** students identified the parts and functions of flowers and built their own hand-pollinators.

The final meeting was an overview of **Indigenous Plants & Hawaiian Ethnobotany** where students experimented with varieties of mamaki tea leaves and pounded taro into pai'i'ai.

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A counselor from UH Maui College and two educators from UH Mānoa presented the **Careers & Pathway to Agriculture** activities and information on education options in Hawai'i.

Participants in the program were given pre and post surveys assessing their interest in some of the subject areas. Most surveys showed gains in knowledge and an increase in career interest. In addition to the surveys, youth were asked to review the entire program and share what they learned. A 5-minute video of their reflections is available online at: http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ctahr/dia/dia_final_report.mp4

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Students were given notebooks and objects to take home to share with their families, friends, and communities. These items are meant to spark discussions and to increase the knowledge and interest in agriculture and career topics beyond the youth who participated in the 4-H program.

FUTURE PLANNING

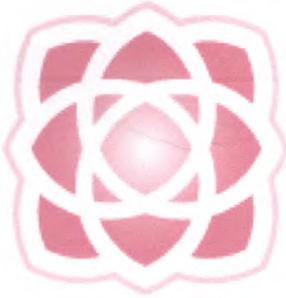
As the program was delivered presentations and activities were video and audio recorded. The next step is to populate a website with these artifacts for the purpose of creating interactive modules to reach additional middle school students in Maui County.



This project would not have happened without the support of Maui County since this project was specifically designed to meet Maui County needs.

I respectfully request your support for the UH Mānoa CTAHR budget line in the Fiscal Year 19 budget.

Thank you.



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Testimony on BF-1 FY 2019 Mayor's Proposed Budget Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Dear Chair Hokama, Vice Chair White &
Members of the Budget and Finance Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the budget.

I am here today to specifically support the \$4.2 million proposed for the Maui Visitors Bureau in the FY19 budget as I was questioned after my last testimony on why the Chamber supported this spending at this level.

I would like to begin with a few key points:

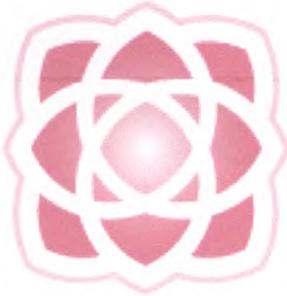
- Approximately 75% of our population is employed directly or indirectly by the visitor industry.
- Maui generated \$146,880,807 million in Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) revenue out of the total \$501,299,682 million generated in the State based on actual TAT Collections for FY2017 and first half of FY2018, which helps fund needed State and County services.
- Maui visitors frequent our local restaurants, hotels, activities and businesses and spent a total of \$211 per person per day and \$4.7 billion total in Maui in 2017, which supports local jobs and our local economy.

Our Maui Visitors Bureau (MVB) is critical to the success of our visitor industry and the economy of Maui County. There is a misconception that visitors will continue to visit Maui no matter what, but in reality, our visitor industry is fragile, and the global marketplace is extremely competitive. While Maui is a desirable destination, it is more expensive to visit and people can choose to visit other less expensive destinations instead. Travel is a luxury, not a need, and visitors have to make many different choices in selecting where to go and what to spend their money on. Last year's investment of \$4 million in the MVB generated a total visitor spending of \$4.7 billion in Maui, that is a return on investment of 11.74%!

Therefore, we must maintain a high-profile marketing campaign that features the quality and uniqueness of our experiences and that requires adequate funding. Maui County has consistently spent higher than other counties in our state on visitor industry funding, and as a result, we have achieved higher levels of success. In addition to MVB's critical role in keeping Maui top of mind, they also serve as our "brand ambassadors," assisting visitors with trip planning, places to visit and sights to see while here, and addressing emergency situations that affect both visitors and residents when they arise. To take funding away from MVB risks the livelihood of 75% of our population, the success of local businesses, and our County's and State's essential operations.

A policy in the Maui Island Plan refers to the ideal amount of visitor population to be 33% of the resident population (4-14). In 2017, it was estimated that we were at 35%. However, this was an anomaly as we had an unusual bump in visitors, likely due to the natural disasters in Florida and the Caribbean, but we have not seen the numbers to quantify this increase.

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We understand the community's growing concern regarding needed affordable housing and rentals and infrastructure. The Chamber has and continues to advocate for additional affordable housing and rentals and needed infrastructure on the State and County level as this is important to both residents and visitors. These are concerns that affect us all and our visitor industry has an impact on these. The issue is what can and should be done to mitigate these impacts.

There are a growing number of short-term rentals (STRHs), transient vacation rentals (TVRs) and bed & breakfasts (B&Bs), including many illegal units, which is impacting the availability of affordable housing and rentals. However, our community chose to allow STRHs, TVRs and B&Bs and created laws with caps for different areas across Maui to help regulate the growth of these accommodations. The Chamber supported those legislative efforts to create legal STRHs, TVRs and B&Bs to the desired degree allowed by law. The challenge is there has been no enforcement and we don't know if a valid source exists that clearly identifies how many illegal units we actually have. It is essential for the County to address the illegal units and we believe that doing so will have a positive impact on the availability of affordable housing and rentals. We understand the Planning Department is implementing a software system to help and we should allow time for that system to work and see the results. In addition to enforcement of illegal accommodations, County regulation over numerous years has also halted affordable housing developments and we are still recovering from that. However, with the improved economy and changes to the law, great strides are being made to create new affordable units in our community and even more will be built in the near future.

While we agree that visitors impact our County's infrastructure and affordable housing and rentals availability, there are other issues at hand. In 2016, 55.7% of visitors stayed in hotels and the rest stayed in condos, timeshares, with friends or relatives and rental homes (only 6.8%). The majority of visitors are staying in legal accommodations that the County approved, and we had only 2% higher visitors than the ideal visitor population in 2017 (an infrequent upswing that greatly benefitted our economy).

At the end of the day, the benefits of the visitor industry are critical to jobs and our quality of life in Maui County and we know of no other County spending generating such a significant and sizeable return on investment. Therefore, we ask that you keep the MVB budget at the proposed \$4.2 million.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

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April 16, 2018

Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair
Budget & Finance Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I ask for your support for the Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1,000,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Homes project in Lahaina that has the least amount of affordable housing on Maui.

I have been rooted in the Westside community for 20 years, all the while serving all many that live here. I am a certified Special Education Teacher and now for the last 10 years I am the Student Services Coordinator at King Kamehameha III Elementary. I LOVE MY JOB and I LOVE THIS COMMUNITY! I service all the students and families of King Kamehameha III Elementary as well as all of the private elementary schools, preschools, and early intervention students (IMUA Family Services), that reside in KKIII's district. I am so proud of our school and what we have accomplished over the years and desire to remain here and continue to build strong schools that our keiki deserve.

I am a single mother and have three children of my own. I have struggled in the last 7 years to obtain affordable housing for my family. My first apartment following my divorce was more than 50% of my take home salary, 75% to be exact. It was then that a fellow teacher had informed me of this amazing program that could possibly benefit someone like myself. He had acquired a home through Na Hale O Maui a year prior. I immediately applied for the program and completed all 4 steps. I am currently renting a home on the westside and am very concerned that soon this will be unaffordable too. The landlord has continually raised the rent over the last two years as many landlords who used to rent to locals have now realized that Airbnb and Home Away to name a few have taken over the highly popular location of the westside and have turned to housing short term for tourists, where much of the money goes out of state from owners that live outside of Maui.

Na Hale O Maui's program allows an owner to be able to deed the house to their children after 99 years for an additional 99 years. This is also very important to me as I have a special needs son who will most likely work in the community we live in now but may not have the type of job that would earn him the income to be able to afford a house someday on his own.

My children's father has also been financially affected by the cost of housing and the recent Hawaii Commercial and Sugar Co.'s shutdown in which his job was lost. This now has affected my ability to receive child support as I did in the past and now will be supporting my children on my own. I have looked into other workforce housing projects but I don't make enough money to qualify for those and I make just over the limit for HUD.

I hope and pray that Na Hale O Maui will be able to receive the additional funding needed to move forward with the Kahoma Homes Project. I truly believe that in order to keep our community strong we need to keep our people here; those who service the communities they live in and selflessly give back on a daily basis.

Thank you for your consideration,

Renee Vachow
Single Mother of 3
Special Education Teacher
Student Services Coordinator
King Kamehameha III Elementary School

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IGNITE A LIFE

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Aloha,

Ignite A Life was founded by Robin Muto and her 16 year old son, Alexander, with the mission of providing year round educational and leadership opportunities to Maui County youth. Robin and Alexander began working toward this goal in 2010, and became a 501©3 in 2014. Their achievements include:

- Facilitated an opportunity for over 83 Maui County students struggling with Autism, Dyslexia and ADHD to participate in the Lindamood-Bell Learning Process to overcome reading, math, writing and learning challenges
- Student expeditions to Kahao'olawe
- Sponsorship of Maui County students to attend leadership summits around the globe
- Sponsorship of numerous local athletic camps

Since 2014, Ignite A Life has provided over 188 educational and leadership experiences to Maui County youth by enabling students to attend leadership events around the world. Ignite A Life is now proud to host their first annual Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy event this June on Maui, giving them a broader reach to Maui County's teens and young adults. They anticipate 250 youth to attend.

The goal of the Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy is to provide an annual educational/leadership event for Maui County youth focused on personal growth, goal setting and achievement, relationship and communication skills, financial independence, and community contribution. Teens and young adults from around the world will be invited to attend.

We humbly request your support in our endeavor to secure funds to provide Alaka'i scholarships to Maui County's under-served youth, including the current students from Hana, Lana'i and Moloka'i requesting assistance. In our past experience less than 25% of the students interested in our programs have the financial means to pay the full tuition. From the inception, it has been the mission of Ignite A life to provide these opportunities regardless of any student's financial situation. The tuition for the 6-day event is \$2,600 per individual, which includes accommodations, meals, educational materials, and world renowned speakers and coaches fees. We believe that investing in our youth in this way will produce our future Maui County leaders.

We look forward to speaking with you further about our organization. Thank you for time and your consideration.

Sincerely,
Robin Muto
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& GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



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Proposal for Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy

For almost a decade, Ignite A Life, dba the Hawaii Leaders Core, has provided opportunities for the youth of Maui County to become leaders in their lives, family, school, community, and the world! We encourage them to believe in themselves, and to apply their unique gifts to become a positive force.

The mission of Ignite A Life, a non-profit 501(c)3, is to increase the quality of life for Hawaii's youth, regardless of their financial status. We believe that teaching the youth how to break through limiting beliefs, set goals in line with their passions, communicate effectively and influence others for the better will create a strong generation of leaders.

After hosting numerous youth camps on Maui and taking students internationally to attend leadership summits, Ignite A Life believes that they will be able to serve tMORE local youth and the community of Maui by hosting an event here and inviting students from Hawaii and international countries to attend.

ALAKA'I YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Ignite A Life (www.ignitealife.org) announces the first annual **Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy** (AYLA), to be held June 18-24, 2018, at the **Maui Beach Hotel**, 170 W. Kaahumanu Ave., Kahului.

Alaka'i is the Hawaiian word for trailblazer – those who go first, which is the embodiment of this life-changing event.

AYLA is a 6-day residential immersion program, meaning that 200 participants will be staying on property for the duration of the program. This will enable our 75 experienced trainers, coaches, and speakers to participate and bond with their teams each day, debrief, review any areas of concern, and lead the youth throughout the program.

There will be two tracks:

- High School** – designed for youth entering or in 9th-12th grade, 14-18 years old.
- Grad** – designed for individuals representing graduated youth, ages 18-21.

THE CURRICULUM

The 5 Fundamentals of Leadership:

- Character Development
- Communication in Relationships and Leadership Roles
- Setting and Achieving Goals
- Contribution
- Basics of Financial Independence

Character Development

The event will help participants develop their character by teaching them how to move past their insecurities or limiting beliefs and gain a deeper understanding and value of themselves. It will teach them the value of stepping outside of their comfort zone in order to grow in areas of their life that are important to them. They will learn how to change negative meanings of their past events into positive ones to gain insight and drive them forward. Ultimately, the event will guide them to build their character as an individual so they can grow, create a more fulfilling life, and better serve their communities.

Communication

The content of this event teaches them how to communicate better so they can improve their relationships with people they care about, and learn how to build new ones. It teaches them how to commu-

nicate in leadership roles by teaching them how to develop their voice, communicate in teams, build rapport, and influence others.

Achieving Goals

The event will help them achieve their goals by teaching them how to gain wisdom from their failures. It is designed to help participants build on their strengths and teaches them how to collaborate with others. It will teach them the resourcefulness of having a positive and open mindset to adapt through the many team challenges we have, such as the team olympics.

Contribution

We believe that contribution is the highest level of leadership. We see contribution as selflessly giving time, energy, or resources to others to help them improve and grow. Students will have the opportunity to contribute to others by encouraging, and emotionally supporting their peers as they work together in teams. We will also emphasize the importance of passing on the skills they have learned at this event to make a difference in their communities back home.

Financial Independence

This event teaches students the basics of financial independence by removing their negative or limiting beliefs about money and then teaching them proven financial skills. Some of the skills that will be taught is how to compute return on investment, how to acquire assets instead of liabilities, how to work smarter not harder, and collaborate with others to achieve common goals.

How The Curriculum Will Be Taught

The event will be an engaging program with team-building activities such as **Team Olympics** and physical exercises, like a **Board Break**. These are used as a metaphor for breaking through fears and limitations. There will also be a physical challenge in the ocean and a **contribution activity** to teach students about the importance of giving back to others. A **Prize Wheel** will be part of the program during which students will learn the value of spontaneous opportunities through winning prizes. Lectures accompanied by a competition will help students understand and change their beliefs about money while gaining new insights. Intimate team discussions called **Debriefs** will be guided by our trained mentors to help students work through and process what they learned during the day in a safe open environment. To culminate the event, there will be a **luau and dance**, where students will celebrate the cultures they come from through performances. Students will also have the chance to present **comedy skits** in which they can use later to turn a tragic event in their life into a positive one.

Some examples of speaker topics:

1. The Power of Decisions
2. Raising Your Standards - Being the Best You
3. The Power of Choice
4. Overcoming Being a Victim
5. What You Can Do To Become a Leader
6. Finding your "Why" - Setting Un-realistic Goals
7. Building Rapport & Presentation Skills
8. Emotional Mastery
9. Money: Good or Bad? Basics of Financial Freedom

What our Curriculum Is Based On

The content for this event has been inspired by over 5 years worth of experience and participation in successful leadership events around the world that have existed for decades. Such events and organizations include:

- Anthony Robbins Foundation Global Youth Leadership Summit, USA and India
- Magic Moments Foundation Youth Leadership and Business Summit, Australia
- Harry Singha Foundation Youth Leadership Summit, United Kingdom
- Pan African Leadership Organization Youth Leadership Summit, Kenya
- Titanium Live, California

In researching and studying these amazing organizations, we are able to create our own custom curriculum and combine it with the unique values of the Hawaiian culture. The program is designed to address issues pertinent to the youth of Hawaii by acknowledging what is taking place in their communities, in addition to, addressing more global issues affecting today's youth. The team of individuals we have brought together to host this event are the top in their field and experts in working with the youth around the world to create a nurturing, engaging, and inspiring environment.

Post Event

Needless to say, the students will have a lot in store for them and will emerge as the leaders of the future for Hawai'i and other communities around the world. The learning doesn't stop when they leave the event. Ignite A Life has a network of students called the Hawaii Leaders Core (www.hawaiileaderscore.com), who are part of a year long program where they continue to apply what they have learned at the event. This program has achieved massive success over the past 5 years with students finding mentors, internships and participating in international trips.

THE FACULTY/SPEAKERS

Marlon Smith: As a keynote motivational speaker, Marlon has been blessed with opportunities to inspire, teach and motivate thousands of individuals in 45 states and 14 countries throughout the world. He has been the facilitator of **Anthony Robbins Global Youth Leadership Summit** for 15 consecutive years and also facilitates **Magic Moments** in Australia. He will be taking the lead as our facilitator for the **Alaka'i Youth Leadership Summit**.



Alexander Muto: Alexander is a social entrepreneur who builds businesses designed to increase the happiness and success of people. He began a company, **Hawaii Leaders Core**, at the age of 16 and co-founded the non-profit 501(c)3 called Ignite A Life. He will be speaking on **Finding Your "Why"** and **Setting "Un"-realistic Goals**

Kathy Buckley: Kathy is a five-time **American Comedy Awards** Nominee as **Best Stand-Up Female Comedienne** and the recipient of countless other awards for her work. She is also an actress, writer and producer, author, humanitarian and one of the country's leading motivational speakers. She has appeared on **The Tonight Show, Good Morning America, The Today Show, Entertainment Tonight, CNN, HBO** and many other TV shows. As a deaf comedienne, she has inspired people around the world with her touching and heartfelt story. Kathy has been a speaker at **Anthony Robbins Global Youth Leadership Summit** for years and is a key speaker at his Life Mastery Course. She is an amazing example of someone with an empowering story, which she will be sharing at **Alaka'i Youth Leadership Summit**.



Daniel Ornelas: Daniel attributes the **Hawaii Leaders Core** with helping him find his message. He is a motivational speaker, talking about his life and the main message he's learned. He has shared his story at seven schools, spoken at **TEDxYouth** at Seabury Hall, and at the **Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans Awards Ceremony**. He will be speaking on **Overcoming Being a Victim**.

Felix Lin: Felix's mission is to love and encourage the power of the human spirit, to connect outstanding leaders, and to add massive value to everyone he encounters. He is the CEO of Pinpoint Resource Group, an executive placement and technical staffing firm. His greatest life's work (outside of his family) has been volunteering at the **Global Youth Leadership Summit**. With an amazing leadership team, he has helped design, organize, facilitate and grow the leadership body to deliver the best youth leadership content to over 300+ teams from 30+ countries annually. He will be running the **Board Break** activity and will be speaking on overcoming limiting beliefs.



Heather Miller: Heather was named **New South Wales Local Woman of the Year** for her dedication and unwavering commitment to magnifying the human spirit. She has been heavily involved in leading and facilitating youth leadership development programs internationally for the past five years. She will be speaking on contribution, team building, and bullying.



Robin Muto: Robin is the embodiment of contribution and support of youth, particularly in helping her son Alexander fulfill his vision and mission. She is the founder of the non-profit **Ignite A Life** and has spearheaded the planning and logistics of the upcoming event in June. She has an unparalleled commitment to the kids of the **Hawaii Leaders Core** who fondly refer to her as their second “Mom” or “Auntie”. She is the main coach and chaperone for all the trips and events hosted by **Ignite A Life**. When she is not supporting the kids, she is managing her husband’s Cardiology Medical Practice.

Chantal Charbonnier: Chantal attended her first leadership conference in 2014 with **Hawaii Leaders Core**. This sparked her passion to improve the quality of her life and those around her. In 2016, she delivered a talk with **TEDxYouth** at Seabury Hall and earned a full 4-year scholarship, currently studying Business Management at Hawai’i Pacific University. She serves as a Director of **Hawaii Leaders Core**.



Carolyn Sampson: Carolyn is a business owner, speaker, event facilitator, elite coach and trainer. She is skilled at working with international delegates, donors and sponsors and has served as Director, COO, CEO, CTO and advisor to several companies and has a successful track record of execution. She has been leading the Coaches Program at **Global Youth Leadership Summit (GYLS)** for the past seven years. She is a Trainer for **Anthony Robbins** and will be leading the Grad Program and is serving as consultant for

Alaka’i Youth Leadership Academy.

Margaret “Chili” Irving: Chili has been the Main Room Manager of **Global Youth Leadership Summit** for the past six years, and produced **GYLS India** – starting from scratch and now going into its third year. She is passionate about supporting youth and finds great fulfillment in watching the leaders develop in a matter of days. She is an Event Manager for Anthony Robbins, and will be serving as Production Manager and Creative Manager at **Alaka’i Youth Leadership Summit**. She is also a professional writer and world champion athlete.



TeeJay Dowe: As an experienced, energetic, and enthusiastic motivational speaker, published author and international coach, TeeJay has the right qualifications and credentials to make a difference for any individual who has the privilege of hearing her speak. With a passion to “inspire you to find the best within yourself in order to give the best of yourself,” TeeJay has traveled all over the globe to fulfill her mission of impacting the lives of 10 million young people so they can make informed decisions about their future

careers, livelihoods, and relationships. For her, it’s always been about empowering people to find their passion, reach their full potential and support others to do the same. TeeJay, author of **“PerfectShun: Permission to be Human,”** is the **National Ambassador for Prosperity and Peace for England.**

Scott Rankin: Scott is the executive producer of Lionsgate Productions 2013 film, **Angels Sing**. He is the President of **Vulcan Springs**. Scott is a philanthropist at heart. He supports an orphanage in India, serves the homeless of Philadelphia, and supports **Adopt A Classroom**. This makes Scott the perfect person to be speaking to our youth on the importance and fulfillment one gains from contribution.



OUR INVITATION TO YOU

As you can see, we have quite a line-up of anticipated speakers and activities for this breakthrough event. Our team is excited about impacting the lives of the youth of Hawai'i and facilitating their journeys into becoming leaders in their communities, and globally.

We invite you to become a part of this exciting mission. We would like to humbly request assistance with funding to produce such a lofty endeavor. The per person cost is quite high in order to be able to present this event with the outstanding caliber of speakers and trainers that we have hired, and we would like to be able to offer scholarships to those who have a strong desire to attend, but don't have the financial resources to do so.

Any assistance you are able to offer, will be truly appreciated. Please let us know if you have any questions. We would be happy to meet with you to provide further detail.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Muto
Founder and CEO of Ignite A Life
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TIMELINE OF IGNITE A LIFE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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2010-2017 TIMELINE

2010

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes

June-July, Maui | An 8 week long special needs summer camp designed to help gifted elementary students with Autism, Dyslexia, and ADHD overcome their reading, mathematics, writing, and learning challenges.
39 students - \$2,600 per student a week - \$101,400 raised



2011

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes

June-July, Maui | An 8 week long special needs summer camp designed to help gifted elementary students with Autism, Dyslexia, and ADHD overcome their reading, mathematics, writing, and learning challenges.
44 students - \$2,600 per student a week - \$122,200 raised



Maui Preparatory Academy Paddling

September, Maui | Ignite A Life donated a custom made Bradley Lightning six man outrigger canoe, 40 reinforced wooden Kialoa paddles, and 40 custom Patagonia race Jerseys to Maui Preparatory Academy. Ignite A Life also covered expenses and honorarium to fly in Sonny and Momi Bradley, the canoe designers and builders, to attend the canoe blessing.
Donation total: \$20,000

2012

Kahao'olawe Expedition

March, Kahao'olawe | Kaho'olawe is a Hawaiian island that was used as a military bombing range during WWII. Now, KIRC is working to restore the island's ecosystem and teaching Hawaiian studies to those who are willing to volunteer.
7 students, 2 chaperones



Camp Kuleana

June, Maui | As a joint effort between Ignite A Life and Lahaina Canoe Club, students received coaching in ocean canoe paddling, stand up paddle boarding, surfing, ocean safety, and Hawaiian culture. Coaching was given by Archie Kalepa, a world famous Hawaiian watermen, and Kahu David Kapaku, Hawaiian community leader and cultural expert.
46 students - \$120 per week - \$6,000 donated to Maui Preparatory Academy



2013

Unleash the Power Within

March, Los Angeles | A 4 day program to create breakthroughs, move beyond fears and limiting beliefs, accomplish goals and realize true desires. Thousands of people have now walked on fire with a group of peers in this life changing program, learning the skills to lead in their own lives.

2 students, 2 adults - \$200 per student, \$495 per adult



Global Youth Leadership Summit

July, San Diego | A 5 day residential event with over 300 students from 27 different countries. The main focus of the conference is to teach communication, relationship, and character development skills to students. These skills help them break through their own insecurities, limiting beliefs about themselves and others, and become more confident.

2 students - \$1,700 per student



Hawaii Leaders Core

August, Maui | Founded by Alexander Muto, Hawaii Leaders Core is a year long youth group that offers scholarships for leadership programs, international travel, coaching, internships, and an empowering community that Hawaii's youth can be apart of.



2014

Dreamers Amongst the Legends

June, Maui | An awareness fundraising banquet with the purpose of raising money for Ignite A Life. Students from the Hawaii Leaders Core met with potential investors or mentors and explained to them their goals and dreams. Students showcased their projects, sold their artwork, and demonstrated their public speaking skills they had been practicing as an integral part of the fundraising presentation.



Global Youth Leadership Summit

July, San Diego | This is the first time Hawaii Leaders Core traveled as a group to the youth leadership summit. There were 40 students from Maui County who learned about communication, relationships, and leadership. 75% of students were on scholarship.
40 students - \$2,200 per student - \$60,000 raised



Summer Basketball Camp

June-July, Maui | A joint effort between Ignite A Life and Basketball Maui, youth in grades 2-7 were able to join one of the three sessions of the basketball camp.

\$120 per week



Summer Soccer Camp

July-August, Maui | Coach Tony Chursky was a varsity boys soccer coach, director of 4 high schools, holds the highest license as a soccer coach in the United States Soccer Federation, had a 12-year career as a professional soccer player, and is featured in the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame ('03). This was for youth 6-12th grade.

\$185 per week



Harry Singha Youth Leadership Summit

November, United Kingdom | A 12 day trip to the Harry Singha Foundation Youth Leadership Summit and London. At the event, students learned relationship, communication, and character development skills.

Alexander Muto was invited to be a guest speaker
11 students, 4 chaperones - \$2,600 per student - \$26,800 raised



Lahaina United Community Basketball

December, Maui & Hawai'i Island | Nathaniel Muto created a competitive high school team with students from Maui county schools that did not offer their students the opportunity to play basketball. The students participated in 2 tournaments in Hawaii island.

11 students - \$1,700 per student travel



—2015

Kaho'olawe Expedition

March, Kaho'olawe | This was a joint effort by the Ignite A Life non-profit and the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). Kaho'olawe is a Hawaiian island that was used as a military bombing range during WWII. The focus of this trip was to build leadership skills, teamwork, restore the island's ecosystem, and learn about Hawaiian culture.

8 students, 3 chaperones



Maui Youth Weekly, Akaku Radio

April, Maui | Students were interviewed by Maui Youth Weekly radio show. Students either talked about their projects, passions, or offered inspirational wisdom to people listening.



Lana'i Legacy Program

April, Maui | 3 students from Lana'i High School were sponsored to attend HLC monthly meetings and participate in The Anthony Robbins Global Youth Leadership Summit. The goal for these students was to teach valuable leadership skills to their community, serving as mentors for the next generation of Lana'i's youth.



Hawai'i Industry Charity Walk

May, Maui | The charity walk is a fundraising event hosted by Maui Hotel & Lodging Association Annual Visitor Industry to help non-profits raise money and spread awareness. Ignite A Life joined the walk with 30 participants to raise money for our organization
Total raised \$24,000

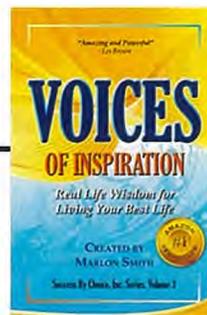
Global Youth Leadership Summit

July, San Diego & Buena Park | Students from Maui County participated in the Global Youth Leadership Summit for 4 days in San Diego where they developed leadership, life, relationship, and personal skills. Prior to the summit, students visited Knotts Berry Farm as a day trip.
22 students - \$2,200 per student



Voices of Inspiration

August | Voices of Inspiration is a #1 Amazon Best Seller. It was co-authored by Alexander Muto as a "chicken soup for the soul" styled book, created by Marlon Smith. Alexander shared his tribulations and the breakthroughs he had while growing up.



Unleash the Power Within

October, Los Angeles | UPW is a 4 day program to create breakthroughs, move beyond fears and limiting beliefs, accomplish goals and realize true desires. Thousands of people have now walked on fire with a group of peers in this life changing program, learning the skills to lead their own lives.
2 students, 1 chaperone - \$2,200 per person



Lahaina Rotary Club

September, Maui | Hawaii Leaders Core students were guest speakers at the Rotary Club of Lahaina. The purpose of this was to speak about the The Anthony Robbins Global Youth Leadership Summit and get funding from the Rotary Club.



2016



Titanium Live Leadership

February, Irvine | Titanium Live is a 4 day event where Arman Sadeghi works with groups of people to bolster their creativity and innovation - opening the door for them to become highly effective leaders.
6 students - \$2,000 per students



Magic Moments Foundation

June, Collaroy & Sydney, Australia | Magic Moments Foundation Youth Leadership and Business Summit is a 5-day conference dedicated to growing the minds of youth by enhancing relationship, leadership, communication, and business skills. After the event, students had the opportunity to tour Sydney and embrace the local culture.
4 students - \$2,500 per student



Global Youth Leadership Summit

July, San Diego | A five day residential event with over 300 students from 27 different countries. The lessons learned here help youth breakthrough their insecurities, limiting beliefs about themselves and others, and become more confident. Prior to the event, HLC had a team bonding day at Disneyland.
15 students, 4 chaperones - \$2,200 per student



DirtFish Racing Academy

July, Oregon | Ignite A Life sponsored one high school student to pursue his racing passion at a 4-day DirtFish Off-Road Racing Academy.

Unleash the Power Within

November, San Jose | UPW is a four-day program to create breakthroughs, move beyond fears and limiting beliefs, accomplish goals and realize true desires. This event had 10,000 people attending from all over the world and no one left without a breakthrough.
3 students, 1 chaperone - \$2,200 per person

2017

Speakers of Hawaii

January-May, Maui | To make a greater impact in the schools of Hawaii, Ignite A Life flew in 4 international speakers and partnered them with our own youth speakers. They spoke at 10 schools in Maui County on topics tailored to the individual schools' needs. Some of the topics were bullying, self-discovery, the importance of teamwork, and how to turn bad days into good days.

Date with Destiny Gold Coast

May, Australia | Date with Destiny is a 6 day event designed to discover what motivates you so that you can reignite passion in all aspects of your life. Followed by the event, the Hawaii crew explored the streets of Sydney for 3 days.

3 students, 6 adults - \$2,500 per person

Magic Moments Foundation

June, Australia | Magic Moments Foundation Youth Leadership and Business Summit is a 5 day leadership camp with 200 international youth. The conference enhances relationships, leadership, self love, business, and financial knowledge. Ignite A Life hosted parents, a principal, and students to attend.

4 students, 3 parents - \$2,500 per person

Global Youth Leadership Summit

July, San Diego & Irvine | Ignite A Life and Hawaii Leaders Core supported 12 students to fill the roles as Ambassadors, Alumni, and Youth Coaches at the Global Youth Leadership Summit. Students made international connections, discovered their passions, and built on important leadership skills. Later, 7 students joined us for our excursion to Disneyland.

12 students - \$2,500 per student

Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

October, Maui | Each year, an ever-increasing number of men, women and their families are joining the award-winning Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Event is a playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in their community about the serious causes, effects and remediations to men's sexualized violence against women.





Rich Dad Poor Dad

September, O'ahu | Ron Salvador is a CASHFLOW Trainer from Rich Dad Poor Dad. He offered to teach students of Hawaii Leaders Core the ins and outs of finance, investing, Bitcoin, and business.
5 students

Christmas Fundraiser

December, Maui | Jersey Mike's, Ululani's Shave Ice, and Maui Spider Jump came together for a one-day fundraiser for Ignite A Life. 20% of the day's proceeds from Jersey Mike's and Ululani's Shave Ice were donated to Ignite A Life, and 100% of proceeds from Maui Spider Jump were donated.

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“When I discovered the Hawaii Leaders Core I was immediately intrigued. The way that Alex described it to me hooked me in right away. I joined the group my freshman year at age 14. Hawaii Leaders Core has helped me to step outside of my comfort zone as a leader and as a friend. Attending the leadership event in San Diego has impacted my friendships, my family relationships, and my confidence. I am very proud to be apart of such a connecting, loving and inspirational leaders Core.”

- Naia Litman

“Hawaii Leaders Core has benefited me by being a place to feel welcomed and become closer to others. It makes me want to push myself and others to being the best people we can be.”

- Wilson Tinkler, Student

“My son has really turned a lot of things around in his life. He’s taking responsibility for his health and grades! He’s dropped 70 pounds and is sitting with mostly B+s and school! He’s doing phenomenally well and I really can’t thank you enough for the difference you have all made in his life.”

- Rebecca, Parent

“We are so grateful that Alex included my daughter, Lexie, in his vision of taking 40 students to the Global Youth Leadership Summit. I thought this would be a great opportunity for my daughter who was pretty quiet. But I was wrong, and it was much much more! Hawaii Leaders Core truly let Lexie blossom and discover what a big world we have and let her become the best version of Lexie with her own labels for herself. After four years in the group, she won a scholarship to a University where she competed against 850 other students with similar qualifications. The interviews were key and she won a 4 year, full tuition, room and board with a direct entry into medical school scholarship. Hawaii Leaders Core has set her up for success to present herself with confidence and determination.”

- Valerie Leon, Parent

“I have witnessed all the kids involved in the Hawaii Leaders Core since the beginning and I cannot believe the tremendous amount of growth, maturity, sense of community, and overall feeling of well being that all of the kids involved have created.”

- Robert Bluh, Parent

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Robi Kahakalau will play a free concert in Lahaina on Thursday.

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Hawaii Leaders Core to host Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy

BY LOUISE ROCKETT

WEST MAUI — For the past five years, the Ignite A Life (IAL) nonprofit dba Hawaii Leaders Core (HLC) has been opening doors for the youth of our island community, sponsoring attendance at various renowned youth leadership summits across the globe, including San Diego, United Kingdom and Australia.

Their success rate with the students of the HLC has been stellar, so practiced, that the beneficial organization is hosting the first-ever Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy (AYLA) this summer on June 18-24 at the Maui Beach Hotel.

Co-founders of IAL are the mother-son team of Robin and Alex Muto, respectively. Robin is a Launiupoko resident, the CEO of the 501(c)3 and wife of island Cardiologist James Muto, MD.

Alex is now a 20-year-old student at Santa Barbara City College studying communications. He graduated from Maui Preparatory Academy in 2015. When he attended his first Global Youth Leadership Summit in San Diego at 16 in July 2013, he returned a different person, empowered, on a mission, founding the Hawaii Leaders Core (HLC) just one month later.

"I wanted to share and bring these skills back to the youth here, to Hawaii, to the people I feel are like my brothers and sisters," Alex told the Lahaina News.

The mission, Robin added, "is to increase the quality of life for Hawaii's youth, regardless of their financial status. We believe that teaching the youth how to break through limiting beliefs, set goals inline with their passions, communicate effectively and influence others for the better will create a strong generation of leaders."

Alex walks the talk: "We take local kids in the community and send them to the different leadership summits. We have sent 188 so far," Alex observed, from across Maui County, including Lanai and Molokai.

The cost, on the average, is about \$2,500 per trip/per student. "Everything is paid for," he added.

"That was step one; step two is hosting our own event," Alex announced. "We're entering into the international community now," with a six-day residential immersion program.

AYLA is open to 250 youth, with the majority from Maui — anywhere from 150 to 170 — and the remainder from international countries," Alex anticipated.



Alexander D. Muto

There are two tracks: High School and Grad. The younger track is designed for youth entering high school or in ninth through 12 grades. The Grad track is open to graduated youth, ages 18-24.

The curriculum is similar to other summits held across the world; it focuses on the five fundamentals for leadership: character development, communication in relationships and leadership roles, setting and achieving goals, contribution (selflessly giving) and financial independence.

IAL has assembled a force of qualified presenters for the summer academy, including coaches, motivational speakers and experienced trainers like Marlon Smith, Kathy Buckley, Felix Lin, Heather Miller, Carolyn Sampson and Margaret "Chili" Irving. Local favorites will also be on stage.

Alex has attended a large

number of similar seminars and is now a sought-after motivational speaker.

"I give a talk about How to find your Why, so you can overcome any How," the young leader added.

West Siders Chantal Charbonnier and Daniel Ornelas will share their successes as well.

Since 2014, Charbonnier has participated in over half-a-dozen summits and is an exemplary role model. She graduated from Maui Preparatory Academy in 2016. With a full-ride scholarship, the 19-year-old is now attending Hawaii Pacific University on Oahu, studying business management and administration.

She is an accomplished speaker. "I delivered a TEDx Youth Talk up at Seabury Hall in 2015, and I spoke on not playing the victim role in life, advocating for taking advantage of opportunities."

Ornelas is another local TEDx speaker sharing his message at AYLA.

Ornelas is the Lahaina owner of Devictimized, LLC. His topic is "Overcoming Being a Victim."

Robin is pleased with the lineup: "Our team is excited about impacting the lives of the youth of Hawaii and facilitating their journeys into becoming leaders in their communities and globally."

At \$2,600, the price to attend is high; but scholarships are offered.

Robin explained, "They can pay all at once or in five installments for the next five months. If they are experiencing an absolute financial hardship, we are requesting a \$300 commitment, so we can see that the kid really wants

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to be a part of it. We hope that they can afford the \$300, and then we will give them the scholarship for the rest of it. If they can't even afford the \$300 and if they still want to come, we're still going to get them a scholarship."

Alex is open: "We always want to give equal opportunities to everybody."

Generous donors in the community continue to support the Ignite A Life opportunity. Benefactors include Maui Cardiology, Maui Hotel and Lodging Association Annual Visitor Charity Walk, Benevity Community Impact Fund, Herb King, Zachary & Carmelina Maragoudakis, Ali Laputka Legacy, Dolores Kirby, Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, Dr. Bob Gwynn, Chopra Center for Wellbeing Dr. Gary Woodworth, Jonathan Allen, Lynch 'Ohana, Pitzer Built Construction, Peter Appel, Dr. Richard Terry, Forber 'Ohana,

Frank 'Ohana, Island Paperie, Kenda Kapaku, Mary Jo Lobianco, Michelle Liberati, Miso Phat, Network for Good and Van Boxel 'Ohana.

"We are very grateful for everyone who supports us at Ignite A Life and our vision....," Robin said.

To learn more or to enroll, visit hawaiileaderscore.com, ignitealife.org or call (808) 250-2550. ■



Hawaii Leaders Core students presenting and offering scholarships at Kamehameha Schools Maui - Career Day 2018

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Community encouraged to support Alex Muto's dream

February 27, 2014

BY LOUISE ROCKETT, Lahaina News

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NAPILI - Last summer, 17-year-old Maui Preparatory Academy student Alex Muto attended the Anthony Robbins Foundation Global Youth Leadership Summit (GLYS).

At the annual conference, participants are encouraged to identify personal goals, pledge a commitment to community service and make a difference.

Alex came home inspired; now, he's on a mission to make a better world for tomorrow starting today.

He's founded the Hawaii Leadership Corps (HLC), a force that will join him in 2014 to experience the five-day life-changing program held at the University of California, San Diego - for free.

Alex is steadfast in his values.

"I personally believe knowledge should be free. I don't think knowledge should be withheld, and I want to make sure that this opportunity is given to the community as a whole equally, so that everybody has the chance to be able to go," he told the Lahaina News.

He spread the word across the island at sporting events, canoe regattas, through e-mail blasts, school drama groups and word of mouth.

"It's starting now. We already have 37 kids enrolled, committed to going; and we're working on raising funds. We are looking to give this opportunity to learn these life skills that the Anthony Roberts Foundation teaches," he advised.

Students have enlisted in the HLC from Molokai, Maui Prep, Lahainaluna High School, Seabury Hall, Kihei Charter School and Kamehameha Schools. Some are home-schooled, others are Door of Faith, Kahana youth parishioners, and two are from the Mainland.

Kameryn Pupunu attended the summit with Alex last year and will be joining the HLC in 2014.

"I want to say that GLYS was the absolute best experience I've ever had. This program was amazing... and I can't say that enough. I learned so many things about life and myself," Pupunu said.

Alex's vision is worthy: "to give this opportunity for them to take the power of their life into their hands."

"My mission," he added, "is to be able to give the opportunity and the chance for a lot of students of Maui and also a lot of the other people in Maui to be able to achieve their dreams and overcome a lot of the mental challenges that would stand in their way - like fears, limiting beliefs and other things that would arise in their life that may cut their dreams short."

The objective is empowerment through sharing, collaboration, innovation, leadership, creativity and networking.

"I've had the opportunity to go to a great school. I've had the opportunity to have tutors and to have things and to meet different people and have different coaches; but it doesn't mean anything to me if I have no one to share with.

"If I go the mile, and I go all the way," Alex continued, "that's great for me, but it doesn't give me fulfillment. I want to give the same opportunity to people from the community and for these students to also be able to achieve their dreams. That's my dream, and that's the legacy I want to leave; so that when I go off to college, it will perpetually continue with my brother and with other people in this tradition, and this culture will be created of self-empowered people."

There's a bigger picture, Alex said.

From the initial 37, all empowered with new life mastery skills, the foundation for a "Dreamers Campus" will built on diversity, Alex explained.

"They are all linked by this same basic vision and concept. You have a bunch of different people from different nationalities and different walks of life raising the same plaque," he remarked.

Alex's Mom, Robin Muto, is enthusiastic in her support of her son's vision.

"If one created 37, and those 37 create another 37, and those create more" the concept would grow, she suggested.

"I want to pretty much create a new kind of Silicone Valley on Maui. An innovative atmosphere and environment where people are collaborating to make their dreams come true," he said.

Kahu David Kapaku of Kahana Door of Faith Church, where the Muto family gathers for Sunday services, aptly and fondly described how Alex's passion is growing.

"I think it is like the ripple effect. It starts here, and then it gets bigger and bigger. We start at a nucleus, throwing that little stone into the pond, and then that ripple gets bigger - it has to; it is part of the natural order. I think in this sense, Alex is the stone that was thrown into the pond," Kapaku said.

As Alex's vision expands, so do the costs and the shared vision.

"It cost \$60,000 to take these 37 kids," Robin calculated.

Investors are contributing from Maui Cardiology, her husband's (Dr. James Muto) practice, Robin said, and from The Chopra Center, Lindamood Bell Learning Processes, Pitzer Built Construction and the Kahana Door of Faith Church.

She has raised, thus far, \$42,000.

"We're asking the community to give Alex's dream a chance," Kahu Kapaku observed, "because I believe it is not really about Alex's dream; it's a community of dreamers, and out of the community of dreamers, things happen.

"That is why I think this is important," he continued, "because we're looking at young people as almost the catalyst for what is about to happen. It is in that kind of dreaming, we're giving them a chance.

"To raise \$60,000; that's really not the issue. The issue is how far can we push our dreams, and how can we instill dreams in our children... The cost is nothing but what comes out of this. It's going to be just incredible. It's going to go beyond the horizons - it's going to be infinite," Kahu Kapaku predicted.

For more information, or to make a donation, e-mail Alex or Robin at dreamerscampus@gmail.com. View Alex's YouTube clip at www.youtube.com/watch?v=S380brkbUb4&sns=em.

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Youths attend global leadership summit

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Forty Maui County youths attended the Global Youth Leadership Summit held July 19-25 at the University of California, San Diego. The conference was hosted by the Anthony Robbins Foundation. The group is part of the Hawaii Leaders Core, whose mission is to “empower youth for a brighter tomorrow.”

HLC members had the opportunity to meet and collaborate with other youths in a five-day program designed to boost them into leadership roles.

Global Youth Leadership Summit’s format includes small group discussions, hands-on service learning experiences, leadership simulation games and exercises designed to enable summit participants to identify their strengths. Speakers presented on topics from leadership styles to contribution. At the conclusion of the Global Youth Leadership Summit, participants were encouraged to identify personal goals and make a commitment to community service.

According to a news release, Hawaii Leaders Core was formed in 2013 by Alexander D. Muto, a high school student at Maui Preparatory Academy, to support and encourage Maui youths to reach their highest potential and dream a “bigger dream.”

HLC members attend schools throughout the county, including Maui Preparatory Academy, Lahainaluna High School, Kamehameha Schools Maui, Seabury Hall, Kihei Charter School and Akaula School (Molokai), the release said.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Hawaii Leaders Core or businesses interested in supporting the nonprofit should contact Robin Muto, founder of Ignite a Life Foundation, at ignitealife@gmail.com, or visit www.ignitealife.org.

Thursday, August 7th, 2014

By Molokai Dispatch Staff

Molokai Youth to Attend Global Leadership Summit



Ignite a Life Foundation News Release

Youths from throughout Maui County had the privilege of attending the Global Youth Leadership Summit July 19-25. This prestigious international conference is hosted by the Anthony Robbins Foundation and is held at University of California San Diego campus. The group is part of the

Hawaii Leaders Core (HLC) whose mission is to "empower youth for a brighter tomorrow."

Two students from Molokai were among the 38 youth to attend the summit. They were Royden Abafo from Aka`ula School and Patience Nakihei from Molokai High School.

HLC members traveling to the Leadership Conference will have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with other youths in a five-day program that provides participants ages 14 to 17 with an environment designed to boost them into leadership roles that will change their lives and communities.

Global Youth Leadership Summit's format includes small group discussions, hands-on service learning experiences, leadership simulation games and exercises designed to enable summit participants to identify their own particular leadership strengths. Dynamic keynote speakers from around the world present on topics from leadership styles to contribution. At the conclusion of Global Youth Leadership Summit, participants are encouraged to identify personal goals and make a commitment to community service.

The HLC community is a nonprofit community and leadership organization that meets regularly to give youth the opportunities and resources they need to discover and pursue their passions without limitations. Hawaii Leaders core was formed in 2013 by Alexander D. Muto, high school student at Maui Preparatory Academy, to support and encourage youth from throughout the island of Maui to reach their highest potential and dream a "bigger dream."

Individuals interested in learning more about the Hawaii Leaders Core or businesses interested in supporting this non-profit organization should contact Robin Muto, founder of Ignite a Life Foundation, at ignitealife@gmail.com or visit the website at ignitealife.org.

HAWAII LEADERS CORE HELPS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

As you read this, 40 young members of the **Hawaii Leaders Core** are gaining valuable leadership experience as they take part in the Global Youth Leadership Summit, an esteemed international convention at the **University of California, San Diego**. Running July 20-24, this five-day program allows children ages 14 to 17 from all over the world to unlock their leadership potential.

Those attending the conference are participating in small group discussions, hands-on service learning experiences, as well as leadership simulation games and exercises designed to pinpoint individual leadership strengths. They will also have the opportunity to hear vibrant speakers address a variety of topics from leadership styles to community involvement. The founder of Ignite a Life Foundation (and mother of Alexander), at ignitealife@gmail.com or visit Ignitelife.org.

-Ashley Probst

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Hey, some kids aren't throwing shakas!

Leading others to dream on campus and off

October 2, 2015 piolog Features 0

Muto talks about his experience starting and leading a non-profit organization. (Photo by Madison Barnard)

First-Year L&C student Alexander Muto aspires to help others become leaders in their own communities

By ALTHEA BILLINGS

WHILE MANY first-years enter college expecting accomplishment and success, Hawaii native, Alexander Muto, already holds a few notches in his belt. He's the CEO of his own non-profit, a contributing author in a bestselling book on Amazon, and has spoken about his experiences internationally. All of that, before the age of eighteen.

Muto's journey began in middle school, or what he describes as his "trial by fire." It was in that socially polarized environment that Muto experienced bullying, in more ways than one.

"I felt not only the ridicule of being white in a society that was mostly Asian, but also placed out socially because of my ADHD and dyslexia," Muto said. "I lost myself, and I let other people decide who I was and who I would be, letting their bullying and peer pressure really sink in and create the person that I was. I hated waking up to myself every morning. I hated feeling trapped by having other's expectations put on me."

But Muto did have a reprieve from all of this.

"I had this other personality that hung out with me like an imaginary friend and I let her be kind of the more positive side of myself, while I was the more negative. One day I decided to kind of switch places with her and embody her," Muto said.

After that day in the life, he had a realization.

"Other people's opinions had not only brought me pain but they had not brought me pleasure," Muto said. He "destroyed that personality" and set out on a quest to find himself.

Muto travelled to Canada to see Deepak Chopra and then on to Los Angeles, perhaps the most pivotal part of his travels. There he participated in a youth summit on leadership, which was led by professional motivational speaker, Anthony Robbins in 2013. This summit attracted young people from all over the world.

"People who had grown up in very different economic backgrounds, some people who grew up living with nine other people in their room in Mumbai to people who had been in the US and been very privileged. And we all came together as people and familiar friends and souls to learn more about ourselves and others in a really open environment," Muto described of the experience.

Robbins inspired Muto deeply.

"I was like 'Oh my god, he's teaching youth how to open up, discover who they are... they're teaching what I want to teach,'" Muto said.

As impacted as he was, Muto knew he had to bring this message home, back to his community.

With the help of his mother, he raised \$60,000 to bring 40 students from his high school to the same event the next year. Muto created the Hawaii Leadership Core (HLC) and the non-profit Ignite a Life to serve as the sponsoring organ. Throughout his work, Muto has seen a lot of change in those students.

"They are free now," he said. "They're leaders instead of followers, they have made it their personal mission to go out and help others as a kind of ripple effect."

Outside of the annual summits in California, the HLC and its sister organization Dreamer's Campus University (DCU), also created by Muto, serve as mentoring groups for students and give back to the community. "We did a walk for suicide prevention, we went with the Kirk foundation and planted trees on a military bombing range to try to restore the island's ecosystem."

Muto has high aspirations for DCU. Eventually, he hopes to have a physical campus for interested students.

"Dreamer's Campus is going to be a maker's space where people can explore different career paths," he said.

DCU and HLC are self-sufficient operations, able to operate on their own, without Muto's guidance. At the helm are those who have completed their programs, just like Muto has.

Furthermore, based on the model of his previous successes, Muto hopes to start another organization, tentatively titled 'the Portland Leaders Core', to enable more people, college students in particular to attend the Anthony Robbins event that changed his life.

"If there's one thing you take away from this, it's that I really love helping people," Muto said. "I really want to help people discover who they are and be curious and explore, to grow as people so that they're not bogged down by the chains of society and so that they can do what they want in their lives because you only get to live this life once... Might as well go down swinging."

Hawaii Leaders Core Legacy Program offered to Lanai Youth

Contributed by Alexander Muto, Founder, Hawaii Leaders Core

Every hero has a story. In the Hawaii Leaders Core (HLC), we teach youth how to become the hero of their own life story and how to inspire others to do the same.

Imagine a place where anything is possible, fear is as thin as rice paper, and limiting beliefs can be overcome. It is a place where you are completely accepted for who you are and where your dreams can be achieved. It is a place where you begin your journey with growth-minded youth from 27 countries learning side-by-side. It is a place where you may spend what may be the best five days of your life!

I found this place and it changed my life. It is called the Global Youth Leadership Summit (GYLS). The summit is hosted by the Anthony Robbins Foundation, a multibillion dollar organization whose sole purpose is to improve the quality of people's lives on a global scale. GYLS takes place at the University of California San Diego.

After GYLS, I made a choice to be the master of my fate; it led me on a journey filled with renowned speakers, philosophers and friends in a global community. I was driven to give something back to my own Hawaii community and founded the Hawaii Leaders Core (HLC) to help other youth to achieve their dreams, discover who they are, improve relationships, and to learn how to become an entrepreneur in a business they are passionate about.

HLC models GYLS; we are an open, close-knit community where individuals can be themselves and discover their full potential. We coach and mentor youth with our own unique programs and with programs developed by the Anthony Robbins Foundation.

Through the work of other like-minded individuals, HLC raised \$60,000 to send 40 students from Maui and Molokai to GYLS in 2014. Like me, the students who attended said it changed their lives. Although they are still in high school, many of them have already started their own businesses and are making their dreams a reality.

In HLC's second year, we transformed it with our Legacy Program, making our student body smaller and adding specialized training to enable students to carry HLC into the future with a branch on each island. We wanted it to be available to more youth, so everybody can glean its impact, no matter where they live, and regardless of their economic background.

With a donation from Zachary and Carmelina Maragoudakis and a matching contribution from Apple totaling \$10,000, we are making the first step in the Legacy Program a reality. We are offering three Lanai High students scholarships of \$2,300 each for full expense paid trips to GYLS and membership in HLC. These scholarships will enable the Lanai students to be a part of a global community and learn leadership skills from world renowned speakers from across the globe. They will travel with 13 Alumni and four Ambassadors to GYLS this August 2015. When their training has been completed they will return to Lanai and begin a branch of HLC ensuring a perpetual organization for the entire community to take advantage of. They will become the leaders of their community and contribute the same opportunities to students year after year.



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Packing their bags for GYLS!

On Monday, April 27, Alexander Muto visited Lanai High and Elementary School with other members of Hawaii Leaders Core to meet the three Lanai students who have been chosen to attend the Global Youth Leadership Summit this coming August.

Principal Elton Kinoshita asked a school com-

mittee to select three students for the program and Junior students Kanani Tolentino, Nicolas Niimi and Jayde Fernandez were their choices to receive the all expenses paid, scholarships to attend GYLS. They will also be participating in HLC activities next school year. Congratulations to Kanani, Nicolas and Jaye, they will be exceptional representatives for our Lanai youth.



Front: Alexander D. Muto, Chantal Charbonnier, Rear, L to R: Nicolette Falk, Kathryn Jacinto, Robin Muto, Rebecca Geng, Kanani Tolentino, Nathaniel Muto, Jayde Fernandez, Piers Polinsky, and Nicholas Niimi. Photograph by ADJ.

Mahalo to Hawaii Leaders Core Supporters

We want to give special thanks to Kim Dixon, Steve Jelvani and owner Ross Scott at Sunshine Helicopters for their amazing support and generous donation to escort our HLC students over to Lanai to present the scholarships. Unfortunately weather conditions cancelled the flights but their generosity was appreciated.

We also want to give special thanks to Darri Felicilda and Lynn Sauler at Lanai Expeditions for their generous donation to also help in transporting our students and chaperones to Lanai on April 27.

This year, the Hawaii Leaders Core has received donations from the Chopra Center for Wellbeing,

M.D., FACC, Lindamood Bell Learning Processes, Kahu Glenn Kamaka, Herb King, Dr. Gary Woodworth, Cary Virtue, Dr. Richard Terry, Sam Jadallah, Dolores Kirby, Zachary and Carmelina Maragoudakis and Apple totaling over \$35,000 to provide scholarships for students to attend the Anthony Robbins Foundations Global Youth Leadership Summit this August at the University of California San Diego.

For more information about Hawaii Leaders Core, visit Alexander Muto's website at: dreamerscampus.com. To make a tax-free donation, go to: ignitealife.org. For more information, please contact Founder Robin Muto (808) 750-7550.

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CHANTAL CHARBONNIER AND HER SCHOLARSHIP WINNING EXPERIENCE AT HPU

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October 17, 2016



Not many teenagers can say they've had the opportunity to give a TED Talk and even fewer can say they've won a four year scholarship based in part on that talk, but Chantal Charbonnier can say she's accomplished both. As the recipient of last year's Biz4Good scholarship, Charbonnier proposed a way to increase employee productivity through changing each employee's mental state.

Charbonnier, a freshman majoring in Business Administration, heard about the scholarship opportunity three days before the deadline to register from her high school counselor at Maui Preparatory Academy. Her willingness paid off when she was one of two students awarded full tuition to HPU.

The inspiration for Charbonnier's idea came from Tony Robbins' Global Youth Leadership Summit that she's been attending for the past four years, most recently serving as a Youth Leader. The conference teaches young adults about the importance of having a strong mind and learning to stand up for themselves and their ideas.

Charbonnier's project was the culmination of a year-long venture that was supported by multiple people including her high school counselor and HPU faculty and staff. The skills she's learned go far beyond just the project itself. She's learned communication and flexibility when curve balls have been thrown her way. "The day of the workshop, I had to fly in from Maui, but there was a big brushfire that closed down the major highway, so I was unable to get to the airport. I had to Skype in and I was able to participate in the final workshop where I was awarded the scholarship. It definitely taught me to plan ahead in case things go wrong!"

For prospective students interested in competing in HPU's scholarship challenge, she encourages students to attend the workshops. "It helps to be able to connect with prospective students as well as teachers and faculty and to be able to see what you're getting in to. It's (also) nice being able to see where you're going to be if you do attend HPU."

Within the few short months that she's been at HPU, Charbonnier has created a lot of memories in and outside of the classroom. In the HPU Honors Program, she's learning about topics like science fiction and its relationship to real-life science, something that she didn't know much about before. Outside of the classroom, she's been bonding with her peer mentor and even conquered Koko Head to watch the sunrise. When asked about some of her favorite things about HPU so far, she reflects and says there are so many. "I love the weather. The faculty are really nice and I love that they embody the Aloha spirit, because that's something I take very seriously. I don't regret coming to HPU."

About #HPU4HAWAII:

The #HPU4HAWAII Scholarship Challenge is a program designated to encourage Hawai'i's youth to find creative solutions that positively impact the state and the world. Hawai'i High School seniors are invited to share their ideas; four full 4-year tuition scholarships to HPU are being offered. A workshop is being held on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016. More information here.

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3 graduates receive scholarships

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Daniel Ornelas

Three Maui County high school graduates have been awarded \$1,000 each by the Josh and Souk Jerman Foundation Scholarship program. Now in its 14th consecutive year, the Josh and Souk Jerman Foundation Scholarship (formerly the Josh Jerman Maui Nui Scholarship) program has provided scholarships to college-bound students who will attend an accredited four-year college or university.

This year's recipients are Daniel Ornelas from Maui Preparatory Academy, Nickolas Lopes from King Kekaulike High School and Katelynn Oliveira from Hana High and Elementary School.

In the fall, Ornelas will attend the University of Hawaii at Hilo, where he plans to study communication. Lopes is attending the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, where he is pursuing a degree in pre-veterinary medicine. Oliveira will attend University of Hawaii Maui College, where she plans to pursue a culinary arts degree.



ALAKA'I YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

June 18-24, 2018



IGNITE A LIFE

For the past half decade, our non-profit, Ignite A Life has been taking the students of the Hawaii Leaders Core off island to youth leadership events around the world. In order to serve MORE of our local youth, we believe that it is now time for us to bring the leadership content back home to the beautiful islands of Hawai'i. In 2018, Ignite A Life is honored to host the Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy (AYLA) here on Maui. Alaka'i is the Hawaiian word for trailblazer – those who go first, the creator of the new path or the leader.

AYLA is taught by international world-class speakers, trainers, and facilitators who are the best in their fields and have a passion for helping improve and transform the lives of our youth. It is inspired by the numerous leadership events that our team has travelled to around the world and the relationships we have fostered from our dedication to serving our youth.

We have a vision for Hawai'i with strong youth leaders today, and even stronger leaders for tomorrow.

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Alaka'i Youth Leadership Academy is a 6 day residential immersion program that brings youth from around the world together in a nurturing, engaging, and inspiring environment. It focuses on leadership development and life skills mastery. The content is designed to help participants identify their own unique strengths and talents, to build their self confidence, and foster outstanding relationships in all areas of their lives. It teaches students how to overcome limiting beliefs, fears, or insecurities. It guides them to build their character as an individual so they can grow, create a more fulfilling life, and better serve their communities back home.

AYLA has two tracks: High School and Grad

The High School track is designed for youth entering or in 9th-12th grade (~14-18 years old). It focuses on topics like building more self-confidence, turning ideas into reality, leadership, communication, relationships, and emotional resilience to navigate through life's daily challenges at home and in school.

The Grad track is designed for individuals the age equivalent of a graduated youth (~18-24 years old). It focuses on topics like handling stress, finding or refining your purpose and mission, the psychology of success, creating opportunities, building rapport, leadership and life mastery skills, and creating fulfilling positive relationships.

Both tracks are designed for participants who want to step up, learn the skills to create a better quality of life and become leaders or for those who just want more, but don't know the next steps to take.

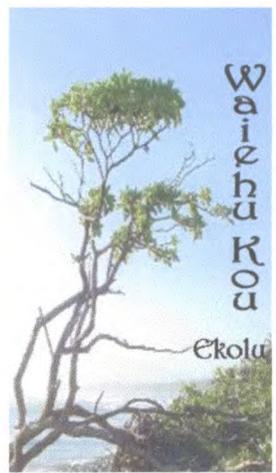
We are currently offering "Early Bird" specials with significant discounts and also working with local companies and private donors to provide scholarships. It has been part of our founders mission to never let a person's financial status limit their ability to receive these opportunities. So if you are willing to take the next step...register now and together we will make it happen!

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TO: Council of the County of Maui
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Re: Public Meeting Testimony, Wednesday April 18, 2018, 1:30 pm

To: HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

First off I wish to mahalo the Council of Maui County for this opportunity to speak in favor of the extension of bus service to my community Waiehu/Waihe'e and its integration into the transportation network here on Maui.

By way of introduction my name is Roy Oliveira and I reside on Hawaiian Home Lands, Waiehu Kou Phase 3. I currently hold the office of President for the Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Association, LLC, which is one of the homesteads located on Kahekili Highway (340) just south of the Waihe'e Township.

I especially view this extension of bus service as a real benefit to two deserving yet underserved contingents of our people, our keiki and our kupuna. Kupuna would benefit from contact to medical and grocery access. Keiki will now have access and mobility to enjoy and prosper here on Maui in an atmosphere of safety. These benefits are realized with minimal affect on additional traffic congestion. Another added benefit I think could be realized is the slowing of traffic on the long straight away on Kahekili highway (340) adjacent to the homesteads, where the speed limit of 30 mph is seldom observed.

The positive impacts of this bus service will make our community a more convenient place to live, but I also consider us deserving of this because we contribute to the Maui economy and culture as much as any other community serviced by this County Bus and therefore should have access to its benefit.

Roy K. Oliveira

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April 17, 2018

Honorable Riki Hokama
Budget and Finance Committee Chair
And Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Subject: Hale Mahaolu Home Ownership & Housing Counseling
Topic: Foreclosures

Another area of importance is helping homeowners that are in foreclosure for non-mortgage payments. These are homeowners that are faced with the dilemma of losing their home. Homeowners are in a stress mode and don't know where to seek help. Referrals are coming from the Court, Servicer, and by others who we've helped.

We've encountered uncontrollable causes by the homeowner's difficulties in making their monthly mortgage payments due to income change from unemployment, under employment, change of job, reduced pay or hours, decline in business earnings, death of a spouse, disability, or a divorce.

As counselors, we're a bridge between the homeowner and mainland servicer in submitting a loan modification package for the homeowner. We're in contact with the Servicer for status and in keeping the homeowners in the loop. The final decision is with the Servicer to approve or to reject the loan modification package.

On an average, it takes about 4 months for a decision. We've had decisions done by servicer in 60 days or as long as 8 months.

Our goal is to save the homeowner's home and not have the homeowner be included in the homeless statistics of Maui County.

With the continued support from Maui County, we will be able to continue to offer the Home Buyers Ed classes to help prepare the home buyers on home ownership.

Sincerely,

Rudy Balinbin, Program Specialist

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April 18, 2018

The Honorable Ricki Hokama
Budget and Finance Committee Chair, Maui County Council

RE: Maui Visitors Bureau FY 2019 Budget Consideration

Aloha Chair Hokama and Councilmembers,

I'm Sherry Duong with the Maui Visitors Bureau. Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. I'm expressing my support of the proposed FY 2019 budget for the Maui Visitors Bureau. Tourism is a vital contributor to the health and vibrancy of our Maui, Lana'i and Molokai Islands. 75% percent of Maui County jobs directly and indirectly relate to tourism, representing the highest tourism-job-reliance of any county in the State, an industry that brought \$4.7 billion to Maui County in visitor spending in 2017, don't know of any other industry in Maui County that can match that.

We want to ensure that Maui County remains an outstanding place to live and that residents enjoy a good quality of life. As such, our goal is for tourism initiatives to maximize benefits to the local economy while minimizing the burden on our infrastructure and ecosystem. We have heard concerns and have taken tangible steps in responding with smart initiatives that promote responsible tourism.

Our recently released Maui County Tourism Industry Strategic Plan aspires to be a targeted action Plan, focusing on the four pillars:

- 1) Community- initiating honest conversations with the community to tackle challenges and leverage opportunities:
- 2) Culture-ensuring an authentic visitor experience that fosters appreciation of our Hawaiian and multi-cultural heritage:
- 3) Environment- increasing efforts to minimize adverse impacts on our natural environment and infrastructure
- 4) Visitors- exploring sustainable strategies for engagement with current and new markets.

We are tackling root problems head-on. For example, we created a partnership with the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council to increase environmental awareness among visitors. At the Aloha Classic Windsurfing tournament, participants were shown an interactive video about reef-damaging sunscreens, types of sunscreens to avoid, and types to use. MVB distributed hundreds of Hawaiian Sol's eco-friendly sunscreen at the event to help raise awareness among visitors. In addition, we have hosted 2 safety seminars for our industry partners.

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MVB has also created a safety video which includes ocean safety. This video was produced several years ago and is currently played at the airport. We have tried to have this video on airlines but have been met with resistances. We've also created "Tips for a Safe Vacation" brochure and distributed to hotels, condos and our safety seminars.

MVB assists visitors that have experienced some type of adversity while visiting. In 2017 we assisted 417 visitors, 131 with medical conditions, 31 deaths (14 natural causes, 17 drownings). You will also see MVB at the emergency management agency when they open the EOC for emergencies such as tsunami, hurricane, fire, or flooding ...doesn't matter what, it still affects our visitors therefore we are there to keep the hotels and condos informed so that they can share the message with the guest.

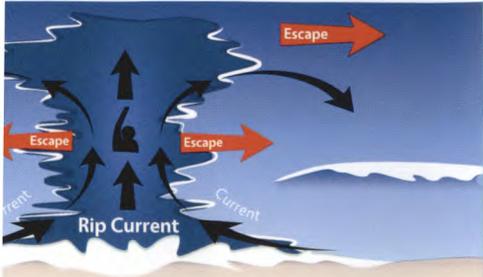
As you can see, contraire to the belief that Maui Visitors Bureau only brings visitors to Maui, we do much more behind the scene that many are not aware of.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sherry Duong
Executive Director

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OCEAN SAFETY GUIDE

Beach & Marine Essential Safety Tips

Maui County

consists of the islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai.

Maui itself is the second-largest island in the State of Hawaii and has more miles of sandy beaches than any other island. Lifeguards can be found at all county beaches and at Makena State Beach Park ("Big Beach"), all of which are labeled on the map below with a  symbol.



Makena Beach State Park

Also known as Big Beach, Makena Beach State Park has an **increased risk of neck and back injuries due to potentially large shorebreak**. Please exercise caution, listen to lifeguard warnings and pay attention to any warning signs posted.

See this symbol?

This is the official symbol worn by our County of Maui Ocean Safety Officers. Unless you see a lifeguard with this symbol along with a lifeguard tower, **you are not at a guarded beach.**

Some visitors assume that hotel or resort employees are watching you when you jump into the ocean. This is not their job nor their responsibility. Please be aware, and be safe.



Essential Safety

- **Many ocean activities can be strenuous.** Consult a doctor about any such activities before you participate, especially if you have a preexisting medical condition or are taking medication.
- **Know your limits.** If you get tired while swimming in the ocean, you run the risk of drowning.
- **If you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol,** you increase your risk of drowning while in the water.
- **Ocean conditions can change in an instant.** Ask a lifeguard about ocean conditions if one is available.
- **Heed all posted warning signs.** They are there for your protection and safety.
- **Wave heights can increase very quickly.** If you find yourself faced with a large wave, do a "duck under" underneath the wave and come up behind it. Move to shore between wave sets. Make sure to breathe before you dive.
- **Waves can break in shallow waters and push swimmers onto shore with great force.** Move away from the shorebreak and never turn your back to the ocean.
- **Hazards exist in all coastal areas**—not just in the water but on shore as well. Be careful on sand and rocks, wet and dry.
- **For stand-up paddle boarders:** You are required to wear a lifejacket if paddle boarding beyond 1/2 mile from shore. The U.S. Coast Guard prohibits any paddle boarders in violation to go beyond 1/2 mile from shore.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency/Police/Fire/Ambulance	911
NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS:	
Lāna'i Community Hospital	808-565-8450
Lāna'i Police Dispatch (non-emergency)	808-565-8388
Maui Bus	808-871-4838
Maui Emergency Management Agency Hotline	808-986-1200
Maui Memorial Medical Center (Maui Health Systems)	808-244-9056
Maui Police Dispatch (non-emergency)	808-244-6400
Moloka'i General Hospital	808-553-5331
Moloka'i Police Dispatch (non-emergency)	808-553-5355
Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i (VASH)	808-244-3530
Visitor Information Line (24/7)	800-525-MAUI (6284)
Weather, Surf & General Information	866-944-5025 or 808-944-3756

RADIO STATIONS

In case of an emergency, listen to the following local stations:

- KAOI-AM 1110
- KNUQ-FM 103.3 / 103.9
- KMVI-AM 900
- KONI-FM 104.7
- KNUI-AM 350
- KPMW-FM 105.5
- KAIO-FM 95.1 / 97.7
- KPOA-FM 93.5 / 92.9
- KDLX-FM 94.3
- KHEI 107.5
- KLHI-FM 92.5 / 101.7
- KISS 99.9 / 99.3
- KMVI-FM 98.3

The Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i (VASH) is a non-profit organization that provides assistance twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. VASH assists visitors whose vacations are affected by crime or other emergencies.

Tips for a Safe Vacation



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Aloha and Welcome to the Islands of Maui Nui!

(Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i)



You are visiting some of the most beautiful and pristine islands in the world. The allure of our islands, and the friendly aloha of our people, will embrace you and create memories to last a lifetime. But just as you would at home or when visiting any other destination, we encourage you to be mindful of your surroundings and various situations so that your visit is indeed positive and memorable.

General Safety Tips

- Do not dive into waterfalls or unknown pools of water. Rocks are often difficult to see.
- Drink plenty of water when hiking or spending a lot of time outdoors. The altitude of some hikes and the intense tropical sun can be dangerous.
- Island rainstorms can occur quickly and unexpectedly, and even brief downpours can cause flash floods. If the water level suddenly rises in a river, drainage canal or other waterway, immediately head for higher ground.
- Seat belts are required for all drivers and passengers. Car seats are required for children under four years of age and booster seats for children under eight years of age.
- Use caution when driving on one-way bridges. Courtesy is to alternate every four to five cars.
- Use sun block when outdoors as the sun's rays are harsher in the tropics.
- Please use eco-friendly sunscreen to protect our reefs.
- It is illegal to text or talk on your cell phone while driving.

Protect Your Valuables

- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle (this includes the trunk).
- Do not leave valuables unattended at the beach or pool, including car keys.
- Avoid leaving itineraries exposed in your vehicle or hotel room.
- Do not display parking passes unless necessary.
- Carry cash separately from your credit cards.
- Keep a list of credit card account numbers stored separately from the actual cards.
- Store valuables in your hotel's safe deposit boxes, either in your room or at the front desk.
- If you do not wish to utilize safe deposit boxes, please place all valuables out-of-view when leaving your room or retiring for the evening.
- Close and lock all doors when you leave your room. This should also be done when retiring for the evening. Screen doors can be easily cut and



Beach Safety Tips

- Swim at beaches with lifeguards.
- Before entering the water, check with lifeguards for information on ocean conditions.
- Never swim alone; use a buddy system.
- Look for and observe any warning signs. A red flag means it is unsafe to enter the water.
- Don't fight if you're caught in a current.
 - Stay calm – panic will only tire you.
 - Swim across or perpendicular to the current.
 - Wait for the current to release you – it will.
 - Swim parallel to shore and then make your way in.
- Never turn your back on the ocean.
- Be careful when standing near the shoreline or on rocks near breaking surf – waves can wash you into the ocean.
- If you see someone in trouble, alert a lifeguard or call 911. Unless you are an excellent swimmer, don't go into the ocean to assist the victim.

Warning Signs

(please pay special attention to these signs where they are posted)



Sirens

- The State Emergency Siren System is tested every month on the first working day of the week, always at 11:45 a.m. for one minute. If longer, please turn on your radio station for special announcements.



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Maui County

April 18, 2018

TESTIMONY Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee

Good Morning, Chair Hokama and Members of the Committee:

I am Warren Watanabe Executive Director of Maui County Farm Bureau representing Maui's commercial farm and ranch families and organizations.

We appreciate the support and encouragement by the Council as Maui's agriculture undergoes major changes. The closure of HC&S has significantly impacted our community with downsizing of vendors due to the loss of critical mass. At the same time, we see hope of regrowth. Our farmers see opportunities on HC&S lands and we have already seen the positive impact to Maui Cattle Company with grassfed pastures in Hamakuapoko.

Funding by the County enables Farm Bureau to leverage those resources to expand our ability to assist farmers and ranchers. You may have heard of the Food Safety Modernization Act that has caused significant angst for our farmers – many fearing that compliance will result in loss of viability and closure of farms. Farm Bureau is dedicated to identifying solutions that will result in FSMA compliance that is applicable to our farmers. For example, Farm Bureau recently awarded grants to identify low cost water testing procedures for our farmers and better understand the risks associated with our non-potable irrigation water resources.

In partnership with the Hawaii Farm Bureau we are also providing train the trainer classes that will educate farmers on Maui on compliance measures that they in turn can pass on to their workers. I serve as Co-chair of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Food Safety Committee and these are just a few of the services we are able to provide via the Maui Farm Bureau organization. These classes are open to all those that may be impacted by FSMA so even as we receive funds as Farm Bureau, our services extend to those outside our organization. The goal is to move the needle on agriculture.

During 2017, a major project we undertook was education of the public about the rat lungworm. Our farmers took a major hit on sales. Together with DOH, DOA, and CTAHR, we helped our farmers develop tools to communicate what they were doing to protect their crops from slugs, snails and rats to deliver safe produce to their customers.

There are many other examples one of which is a new effort we will embark in 2018 -2019. We are able to leverage funding received from the Hawaii Food and Wine Festival to develop training material for immigrant farmers who may not be familiar with U.S. and Hawaii laws. We feel this is an important tool to also help our existing farmers as new regulatory requirements appear in the horizon.

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Maui's Flagship Agricultural event is the Maui County Ag Festival. As you know we were plagued by rain this year. Despite the horrible weather, we were surprised to see the number of people in attendance. Yes, the count was down from last year, but we saw how people were willing to come out to enjoy the activities as the event has matured as a recognized fun family event. There are improvements needed but the potential is clear.

Our Ag in the Classroom program continues to grow and is well accepted by the schools. Over 1000 students have been registered for this year's event scheduled on April 26 and 27. They experience first hand how roots grow to watching dog herding and making seed balls for reforestation on Haleakala Ranch.

Much of the funding received assists our commodity groups, Maui Cattlemen's Association, Maui Coffee Association, and Maui Association of Landscape Professionals. In FY18, we are assisting the Maui 4-H clubs with the Upcountry Fair. Helping these organizations help their members is a critical piece to growing agriculture on Maui.

We are concerned about the movement of our programs to the Department of Environmental Management. Environmental stewardship that results in sustainable practices is a part of agriculture. However, first and foremost, agriculture must be economically sustainable... it must make money. We need to pay for inputs, labor, as well as regulatory compliance. This makes it a better fit with the Office of Economic Development. Agriculture grew Maui. Agriculture can again be an economic engine for the County. But this will require solid business practices that will allow our farms and ranches to grow. OED and their various programs, specifically the grant program is important to agricultural growth. MEDB, CTAHR and the SWCD organizations also provide additional services to farmers and ranchers. SWCD's cost share program for our farmers as they complete conservation plans made possible by County funding increase farm viability while complying with County Ordinance requirements.

We thank you for your support in the past and respectfully request your support of level funding for the coming year.

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Keeping Agriculture in Office of Economic Development

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Aloha Council Members,

I may not be able to attend the 9:00am Council Meeting on Wednesday, but do not want to miss the opportunity to let you know that Agriculture should stay in the Office of Economic Development, and please not let it be moved into Environmental Management. It's been a pleasure working with OED, as they fully understand the Agriculture Industry, and what it needs in order to stay viable. Our Industry is about economics and finances, and without economics, Ag fails as a business. Please remember, Ag is a business. The staff and management of OED are always there to help come up with ideas and figure things out. I really can't imagine Ag being in a Department that focuses on landfills and sewage. Two very important components of a community, but.... I mean, really,,,,,is that where Agriculture is heading? Hmmm I hope not, but if we let it, it will. Is the EP&S management and staff knowledgeable about the in's and out's of Agriculture, in order to see that it succeeds?

OED is doing a fine job. Please, let's let it continue for the good of everyone.

Thank you,

William G. Jacintho
Maui Cattlemen's Association, President

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April 17, 2018

Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair
Budget & Finance Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui
Kahoma Homes

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

We ask for your support for Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Homes project in Lahaina that has the least amount of affordable housing on Maui. Many renters on Maui live in overcrowded conditions and pay more than 50% of their income for housing costs. We want the opportunity to be part of the NHOM ohana with these 12 homes.

These homes will be safe, secure homes for Maui's workforce including teachers, police, firemen, and many more employees to:

- Live in the district where we work;
- have our children attend school where we live (and not on the other side of the Pali);
- stop driving over the Pali to and from work;
- stop the loss of family and friends who may be forced to move to the mainland for a lifestyle and housing that is more affordable.

Thank you for your help and support,

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