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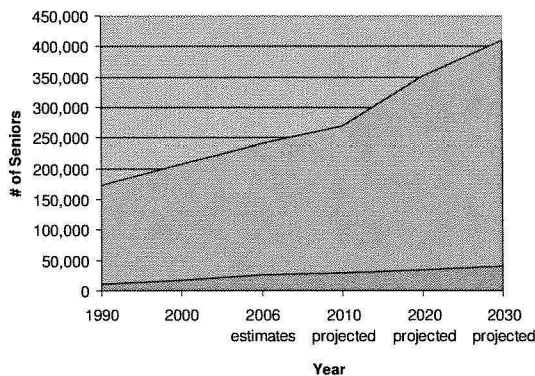
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Grants-In-Aid Informational Briefing

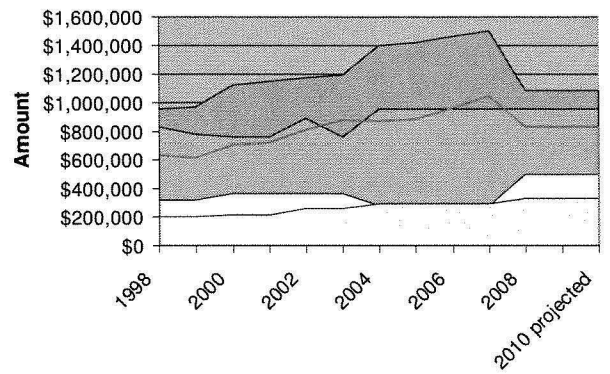
Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with additional information about our GIA request. This request is for \$1.4 million to maintain and address the waiting list for Lanakila Meals on Wheels - Hawaii's largest and only island-wide meal provider for seniors, serving over 1,700 nutritionally balanced meals per day.

As we all know, Hawaii's population of seniors has grown rapidly, and we now have one of the fastest growing senior populations in the nation. Unfortunately, funding has not kept pace with this tremendous population increase.

Hawaii Population: Age 60+



Funding for Meal Delivery: Statewide 1996-2008



At the same time, the power of the dollar continues to shrink. Housing (rent and electricity), medication, and food all cost more, and seniors' fixed incomes are stretched to the limit.

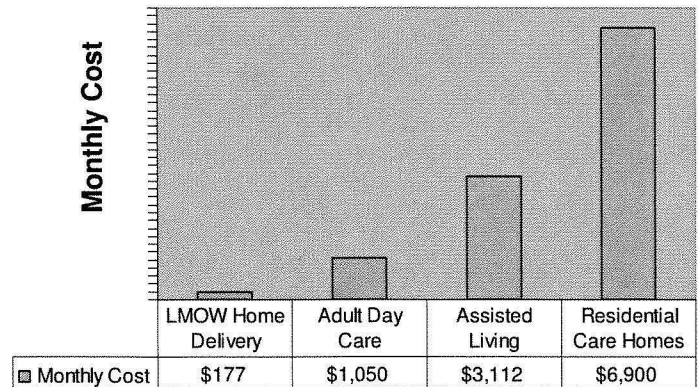
Unfortunately, the rising population and costs have resulted in a need for meals that far exceeds current funding. Lanakila Meals on Wheels is facing a funding shortfall to continue services next fiscal year, and a waiting list as high as 300 seniors that continues to grow. The total unmet need of seniors who need home delivered meals is 8,587 according to Honolulu County's Elderly Affairs Division 4-year plan: (2007-2011). Our State's aging boomer population threatens to worsen this statistic.

Sadly, without additional funding, seniors may lose their meal service next fiscal year and remain on the waiting list indefinitely without another secure resource to turn to for the most basic need – food. It is extremely heartbreaking to see so many of our senior citizens experiencing and facing hunger. No one should go without food, especially our seniors who have contributed so much over the years to our communities and State.

Lanakila Meals on Wheels provides a much needed – and cost effective – way to help prevent senior hunger and help seniors remain in their own homes, saving money for the government, taxpayers and families.

Poor nutrition can prolong recovery from illnesses, increase the cost and incidence of institutionalization and lead to a poorer quality of life. Delivering more than a nutritious meal, the Lanakila Meals on Wheels' volunteer may be a senior's only personal contact each day. We provide nutrition education and counseling, monitor health and welfare, and serve as an important bridge to other service providers, helping seniors remain in their own homes. It costs about \$177 a month to provide home delivered meal service for a senior, versus nearly \$6,900 a month for the average Oahu residential care home.

A cost effective way to prevent more expensive premature institutionalization



Comparison

Since 1971, Lanakila Meals on Wheels has been committed to providing these services to our Kupuna. Our commitment extends to funding as well. Lanakila Meals on Wheels aggressively seeks private contributions from the community to help meet the growing needs. In addition, through our growing social enterprise, Xpress Chefs, we feature fresh produce and ingredients in healthy foods prepared for retail sales, catering services and meal programs including schools and care centers. All proceeds from this venture help fund Lanakila Meals on Wheels. Last year, Xpress Chefs contributed almost 10% of the cost of Lanakila Meals on Wheels.

By growing our social enterprise programs, Lanakila is working toward a goal of financial self-sufficiency. As we build our social enterprises, however, Lanakila Meals on Wheels must advocate for assistance to help prevent senior hunger and more costly institutionalization.

With Hawaii's rapidly increasing senior population, we are behind in meeting the needs of our elders. If we don't start meeting the current need for meals today, we will be even further behind as the demand grows exponentially.

Let's not forget that behind each statistic, is a person—it may be your grandparent, neighbor, parent, or someone else close to you, but each one has touched the lives of others in so many innumerable ways.

Our seniors need our support as soon as possible. We hope you can join us in the fight to prevent senior hunger and more costly premature institutionalization.

Mahalo,

Marian E. Tsuji, President & CEO

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GIA APPLICATION
BY THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII

Hearing: March 8, 2008 State Capitol Auditorium

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i provides civil legal assistance to low-income residents statewide through nine offices located in Kaneohe, Waianae, Honolulu, Lihue, Kaunakakai, Lanai City, Wailuku, Kona and Hilo. In FY 2007, Legal Aid handled over 8,400 cases, serving over 15,000 children, adults and seniors.

Legal Aid provides legal assistance, community education and outreach services to families and individuals who have critical need to:

- **Maintain or secure affordable housing**
- **Eliminate the barriers to being homeless**
- **Secure appropriate placement and services for abused and neglected children (we are guardian ad litem for the children)**
- **Obtain public benefits such as disability benefits from the Social Security Administration or Medicaid**
- **Help their family become safe and stable with family law services, including protection from domestic violence, child custody and support**
- **Be protected from a consumer problem such as mortgage "rescue" scams or illegal debt collection practices**

Additional funding for civil legal services is urgently needed. The Access to Justice Hui, comprised of representatives of the Judiciary, the Hawai'i State Bar Association, legal service providers, the Hawai'i Justice Foundation and the William S. Richardson School of Law, as well as bar leaders and other interested parties, recently concluded an extensive statewide assessment of the civil legal needs of low and moderate-income residents of Hawai'i. The resulting report, Achieving Access to Justice for Hawai'i's People: The 2007 Assessment of Civil Legal Needs and Barriers of Low and Moderate-Income People in Hawai'i, finds that only one out of five low and moderate income residents of Hawai'i have their legal needs met. Further, only one out of every three persons contacting an existing legal services provider can obtain the legal help they need. The full 200 page Hui report is available at <http://www.legalaidhawaii.org/images/uploads/justice.pdf>.

One of the key recommendations of the Access to Justice Hui is that the State Legislature should increase funding for civil legal services. See Community Wide Action Plan: Ten Steps in Increase Access to Justice in Hawai'i by 2010, issued by the Hui on November 7, 2007.

Legal Aid is requesting \$1,200,000 from the legislature for FY 2008-09 to:

- open a new office in Wahiawa (two attorneys and two paralegals)
- hire an additional attorney in the Hilo office
- hire an additional attorney in the Waianae office
- hire an additional paralegal in the Maui office
- hire an additional paralegal in the Kona office
- continue to provide civil legal services statewide

Funding from the Legislature for general legal services to the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i has substantially decreased over the past 15 years. In FY 1992, funding for this grant was at \$1.47 million. Between FY 1993 – FY 1997 the grant slowly decreased to \$1 million. In FY 2000 the award leveled off at \$810,000 for four years, and in FY 2004 dropped to \$647,000. In both FY 2006 and 2007, funding was \$649,000. Funding increased to \$810,000 in FY 2008. Overall, funding has decreased by 45% since 1992.

This request is an effort to restore our funding to a level closer to where Legal Aid was funded 15 years ago. The number of people living below 125% of the federal poverty guideline in Hawai'i has grown 28% to 156,321 since 1989.

Legal services will be provided statewide through Legal Aid's nine offices and over thirty satellite sites. With this support, Legal Aid will be able to continue its mission and provide critically-needed legal services to 10,000 families and individuals and positively affect the lives of over 20,000 people.

The requested funding increase will allow Legal Aid to help more families and individuals maintain or secure affordable housing, secure appropriate placement and services for abused and neglected children (we are guardian ad litem for the children), obtain public benefits such as disability benefits from the Social Security Administration or Medicaid, help families become safe and stable with family law services, including protection from domestic violence, child custody and support, and protect them from a consumer problem such as mortgage "rescue" scams or illegal debt collection practices.

The funding increase will also allow us to recruit and retain our staff by paying living wages. Our attorney salaries are well below those paid to public attorneys and some other non-profit organizations. As a result we have had difficulty retaining and recruiting staff, particularly local attorneys. We are committed to improving the retention and enhancing the recruitment of staff. We have recently created a "Legal Aid Fellowship" program with the William S. Richardson School of Law to hire one Richardson graduate per year who is interested in practicing public interest law. The fellowships are for two years.

Without this grant, Legal Aid may be forced to significantly reduce its services in rural areas that traditionally do not have specific funding sources available to provide civil legal services. Furthermore, loss of these funds may affect Legal Aid's ability to leverage federal funds into the state that has allowed the organization to expand its capacity to provide services specifically in the areas of housing discrimination, supportive legal services to the homeless, housing counseling, and tax disputes with the IRS.

We respectfully request your support for \$1,200,000 in funding for the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i for FY 2008-09. This funding is urgently needed to help support civil legal services for those families and individuals unable to afford legal assistance.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Chuck Greenfield
Executive Director

FINGIA

From: Patricia "Hi'i" Campbell [maikahiko@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:48 PM
To: FINGIA
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Subject: Mai Kahiko GIA grant additional information

Aloha Finance committee,

I submitted a GIA grant in aid 2008 application for Mai Kahiko. I am not on the mailing list and wanted to know if you could add my email. I got the information of the briefing from a friend of mine, hence the reason I got this information.

In regards to the grant in aid submitted, I wanted to clarify on page 4 (budget) under other expenses for Airfare, interisland. The amount shown is for airfare for our two presenters/facilitators Carmen Hetaraka and Herewini Jones who are from Aotearoa, New Zealand who will be working with us to implement this pilot study at Waiawa Correctional Facility only. Nothing is for interisland fare.

If you have any additional questions please email or give me a call as it is our first grant in aid proposal. Thank you again for the opportunity to apply.

Aloha,

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Mālama
Learning
Center

To: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro
Chair, House Committee on Finance

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Alvin Nagasako
Mālama Learning Center

Date: March 8, 2008

RE: **Testimony**
Public Informational Briefing on State Grants-in-Aid
State Capitol Auditorium
1:30pm, 29 October 2007

Chair Oshiro, Chair Baker and the members of the Committees on Finance and Ways and Means, respectively, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony on behalf of Mālama Learning Center, which has submitted to your committees a \$1,275,000 grant-in-aid request to assist in the planning, design and construction of a state-of-the-art learning center facility on the grounds of Kapolei High School.

Founded in 2001 as a collaborative venture of the Nature Conservancy of Hawai‘i, Kapolei High School, and members of the general community, Mālama Learning Center (MLC) is envisioned as a unique public-private partnership whose mission is “to teach and inspire communities to participate in creating healthy living environments,” which will serve as a community venue for creative expression, and a living laboratory for collaborative learning on conservation. Its embodiment of sustainability and the native Hawaiian values of *mālama* (to care for / protect) and *ho‘okuleana* (to take responsibility) will serve as a magnet in West O‘ahu for community involvement and interaction.

Once completed, this high performance, environmentally friendly building will provide a venue for the children and families of West and Leeward O‘ahu to come together and participate in educational programming that centers around traditional Hawaiian culture, the arts and sciences, and the local environment. In addition to classroom space for educational activities, conferences, and workshops, the MLC’s new facility will house a performance hall, a dance studio, outdoor amphitheater for larger performances, and outdoor gardens with native Hawaiian and ethnobotanical gardens. Office space for businesses complementary to the MLC’s mission will be leased for sustainable income.

MLC currently plans to seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the United States Green Building Council as a "green" development. Accordingly, a construction team is currently being assembled to refine the conceptual design and create a plan for LEED-certified building that meets MLC's needs. The Mālama Learning Center's physical plant will be durably constructed with recycled and sustainable materials, and both the structure and its landscaped grounds will take into account the environmental conditions specific to West O'ahu, the efficient and responsible use of energy and water, and the latest advances in sustainable "green" practices and technologies.

MLC's stimulating and publicly-accessible setting will allow residents to exchange information about the importance of conservation and environmental protection, indigenous species and native ecosystems; participate in community-based workshops and cultural events; attend programs and performances that showcase the many talents of West O'ahu artists, artisans and performers; and enhance their children's education through the integration of native Hawaiian culture and values within the traditional learning experience. For example, MLC's current and successful series of programs, "Without Walls" (WOW), facilitates and coordinates workshops, exhibits, performances, mentorship opportunities, and service learning projects led by established practitioners in the arts, science, culture, and conservation.

The total estimated total cost of the new Mālama Learning Center facility is \$10,500,000. MLC's Board of Directors has already retained a highly qualified project coordinator to provide the necessary organizational and administrative support. Other prospective roles for this project include a construction manager, LEED commissioning agent, surveyor, engineers, landscape architect, contractor and third-party reviewer. Potential members of this team have been identified and are being actively recruited.

To raise the necessary project funding, MLC has recently implemented a capital campaign, which will be rolled out in phases, and which further enjoys the support of many prominent business and community members. The first phase of the campaign has thus far raised approximately \$1,000,000, and has another \$1,000,000 in applications pending to both private and public agencies. Further, MLC is currently in the process of initiating a concurrent green building phase, identifying various private sources that fund environmentally-friendly projects, particularly those that attain LEED certification. If approved by the legislature, the state grant monies will be used to further build financial capacity for the project, and will serve to demonstrate to the greater O'ahu community that it is worthy of their support, as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. Should you or any members of your respective committees have any questions concerning our application, please call our project coordinator, Paula Nagao, at (808) 351-9465.

State of Hawaii – Joint Public Hearing on March 8, 2008 at 9:00 AM
Senate Ways and Means Committee
House Finance Committee

GIA Request from **Moiliili Community Center**

Moiliili Community Center's Moiliili Senior Center program has been providing activities and services since 1971 to seniors 60 to 100 years old living in the East Honolulu area. Our GIA request is for **\$85,000** to supplement the \$106,278 state funds (DOH – Executive Office on Aging budget) that we receive through a contract with the City and County of Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division. The remainder of our total cost is covered through donations by participants, various fundraisers, and agency raised donations.

We are fortunate that MCC owns its own building, but the program must still cover its related expenses of electricity, water, maintenance, security, custodial, related staff time. The state funds we have been receiving have been at flat funding for over 10 years; yet cost factors continue to rise. Our seniors fall between the low income to high, with the majority in the middle income level. They continue to subsidize the operational expenses through their donations and are willing to pay, but only up to a certain level. A higher cost would stop many of them from participating in several different activities, limiting the number of activities they would participate in or stopping all together. Generally, they need to purchase their own materials for a class, additional costs to them.

The activities provided cover classes in **recreation and leisure** (22 different classes plus monthly specials) such as soroban (abacus), Mah Jongg where many 90 years and older and many in their late 80's continue to maintain their mental and social well-being; painting, sumi-e, chigiri-e, kumihimo where they learn to be creative; ukulele, karaoke, minyo singing where music trans all languages and cultures; line dancing and minyo dancing that helps to develop rhythm, movement; **education** classes and seminars (3 different classes plus monthly specials) such as Conversational English, various topics; **exercise and physical fitness** classes and activities (19 classes plus monthly specials) such as tai chi, stretching, ki, yoga that helps develop energy, balance, movement; **health screening and health education** activities include blood pressure readings, health seminars; **Volunteer opportunities** where about **245** seniors provide over **12,000** volunteer hours, teaching or assisting in classes, service to the community, performing at day cares, intermediate care facilities, crocheting baby blankets for the Navy Marine Relief Society layette program.

Services include **transportation, assisted transportation, escort, information and assistance, telephone reassurance, counseling, friendly visiting, literacy and language assistance**. These services are primarily one to one services and therefore have a higher cost per unit factor, but these are important in assisting the senior to maintain his independence. Transportation for doctor's appointments, marketing, benefit certification interviews, etc. is a high demand service with high cost factors, what with rising gas prices and vehicle maintenance.

Senior Center programs are important in keeping seniors involved with others, with the community, assisting them to maintain their independence with information, resources, and with maintaining their social, mental, and physical health. Caregivers find respite for themselves, taking exercise ukulele, or a craft. **We are able to reach and assist a large amount of people (Moiliili Senior Center has 1,000 registered seniors) at a lower cost. Do we want more seniors needing long term care services for a longer period of time at a very large cost to the State? Or do we want to keep them active and involved longer at a more affordable level per person?**

Please support the Senior Centers.



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March 5, 2008

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From: Carol H. McNamee – Public Policy Committee, MADD-Hawaii

Re: Grant-in-Aid – MADD Hawaii

MADD Hawaii would like to provide the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the House Finance Committee additional information in support of its 2008 Grant-in-Aid application.

To summarize our application, MADD is asking for funding for the following reasons:

- **Our income is down:** the funding allotment from our national office has been reduced 40%; and we've experienced reductions resulting from the winding-down of local grants. Staff is curtailed, making it harder for us to implement our programs.
- **Fatal crashes are up.** Alcohol-related fatal highway crashes have risen for 4 years. In 2006, 52% of highway fatalities in Hawaii involved alcohol — the worst ratio of any state in the nation.
- **Underage drinking** continues to be a major problem and danger for our young people as well as creating an estimated cost to the state of \$182 million (2001 data).

Key objectives of the proposal

- **Strengthen our Big Island presence.** 2005 federal (NHTSA) reports show 26 alcohol-related traffic deaths for Hawaii County vs. 29 for Honolulu County — 5 times more on a per capita basis. It is urgent that we expand our programs and help save lives on the Big Island.
- **Raise awareness.** We need to strengthen and improve our communications arsenal: videos, victim stories, our web site, and increased statewide media campaigns.
- **Reach college kids.** Expand our current UMADD program (MADD campus chapters focusing on the very high-risk 18 to 25-year old age group).

- **Deploy target-specific, cost-effective campaigns.** Deliver hard-hitting messages to 18-34 year old males where they work and where they drink. These men constitute the highest drunk driving offender group, and are the hardest to reach with conventional media.

Additional information....

- The alcohol-related crash problem in Hawaii County is not improving. The 2006 and preliminary 2007 statistics show high numbers of fatal highway crashes in Hawaii County (39) and over half are alcohol-related. This data unfortunately reinforces the need for a MADD presence on the Big Island.
- MADD has been contacted by a group on the Big Island asking for our help with underage drinking programs and legislation. This demonstrates the need for more programs relating to underage drinking, especially on the neighbor islands. A MADD presence in Hawaii County would help, along with a website, videos, and other materials that could be shared with all of the other counties.
- The Honolulu Advertiser of March 5, 2008 reported on the national and local costs of traffic crashes as determined through research conducted by AAA. Nationally the cost of traffic crashes is reported to be \$160 billion and just Honolulu's share of this cost is \$608 million annually. Compared to other studies we have seen, this is a conservative number, in part because it only includes the city of Honolulu and none of the neighbor islands. The AAA report also quoted its CEO as saying that even though 43,000 Americans are killed on U.S. highways every year, "the annual tally of motor vehicle-related fatalities barely registers as a blip in most people's minds.' It's time for motor vehicle crashes to be viewed as the public health threat they are." MADD Hawaii is in total agreement with these statements and we feel it is extremely important to invest in reducing economic costs along with individual pain and grief in Hawaii county - the location of our state's biggest problem.
- MADD's 2008 application for a grant-in-aid is only the second proposal we have submitted. Last year was the first time we applied in our 24 year history in Hawaii. Although the legislature tried to help our organization, the specific funding source from which our support was to come, was found to be not applicable or allowable for our needs. Therefore, our same need for support continues. The MADD National office has agreed to provide some seed money for starting a Hawaii County Chapter but it will not affect the current grant-in-aid proposal. In addition, 100% of any money received by MADD Hawaii stays in the state and 90% of our funding supports MADD's programs and services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this additional information in support of MADD Hawaii's grant-in-aid application for 2008.

NĀ LOIO

Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR GRANTS-IN-AID FUNDING

GRANTS-IN-AID INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

House Committee on Finance

Saturday, March 8, 2008. 9:00 A.M.

State Capitol Auditorium

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Ways and Means Chair
The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, Ways and Means Vice Chair
The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Finance, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Finance, Vice Chair

From: Patricia McManaman
Na Loio – Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center

Founded in 1983, Na Loio provides statewide free legal services, case management, community education, and advocacy in the public interest for vulnerable Hawai'i residents including low income immigrants, refugees, and other persons seeking justice. Significantly, almost 50% of Na Loio's clients are victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault and other serious crimes, or abused and abandoned immigrant children. This past calendar year, for example, Na Loio provided free full legal representation for 148 vulnerable immigrants, of which 52 were victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, 5 were human trafficking victims, and an additional 5 were immigrant children who had been neglected, abused or abandoned.

Services for clients are provided through three main program initiatives. The Immigrant Domestic Abuse Project (IDAP) focuses exclusively on immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Since the project's inception in 2000, IDAP has provided full legal representation for over 150 immigrant victims and assisted over 400 others with advice and counsel. IDAP's highly interactive and collaborative format is a model for the delivery of cost efficient statewide services. Under IDAP, Na Loio provides direct legal representation for immigrant victims helping them to secure legal status, citizenship, and access to public benefits. To provide immigrant victims with comprehensive services, Na Loio partners with domestic violence shelters and attorneys across the state. At shelters, for example, designated Immigrant Advocates identify immigrant victims in need of Na Loio's legal services. Once identified, Na Loio's attorneys and the Immigrant Advocates collaborate to secure documentation and evidence needed to support a victim's petition for legal status, naturalization, or public benefits. Na Loio's attorney partners include the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i and the Domestic Violence Action Center, as well as private attorneys. Under IDAP, Na Loio partners with and pays a modest stipend to these legal service providers to

provide needed family law legal services including: restraining orders, paternity, divorce, and contested child custody legal assistance.

The Immigration Law Project (ILP) is Na Loio's second core statewide legal services program. Under ILP, Na Loio reaches out to and provides services for immigrant victims of human trafficking, immigrant victims of serious crime, abused and neglected immigrant children, disabled naturalization applicants, asylum seekers, and other vulnerable members of our statewide community. Most of Na Loio's clients are eligible for legal remedies yet cannot prevail without legal representation, and many have strong roots in the community. In addition to full legal representation cases, Na Loio regularly provides over-the-telephone consultation and advice to individuals, state and federal agencies, and other non-profit or community organizations. A toll free number is maintained for Neighbor Island residents. Last year alone, Na Loio responded to over 950 telephone requests for simple advice, counsel, or referral.

Since its inception twenty-four years ago, Na Loio has actively engaged in community education projects reaching thousands of immigrants and citizens alike. Topics are timely and diverse and have included presentations on civil rights, public benefits, voting and voting rights, legalization, language access, remedies for immigrant victims of crime and sexual assault as well as abused immigrant children. Na Loio's education forums and training workshops are developed and presented to a wide range of the community including: church groups, state agencies, community organizations, and the community at large. Last year for example, Na Loio provided 30 plus community presentations reaching over 1,000 persons statewide.

Na Loio is also frequently asked to participate on boards and commission to formulate policy recommendations to benefit the community. For example, Na Loio actively participated on the Hawai'i Statewide Strategic Plan for Victim Services sponsored by the Department of the Attorney General and also sits on the Violence Against Women State Planning Commission. Na Loio is presently active and participates in the Hawai'i Anti Trafficking Task Force I (to establish a protocol for case referral and management between law enforcement and service providers in cases involving human trafficking victims) and the Hawai'i Anti Trafficking Task Force II (established by the 2006 Legislature to submit a report on human trafficking in Hawai'i and to make legislative recommendations.)

Over the past 10 years Na Loio and its staff have received numerous state and national awards attesting to its services and programs including: YWCA Luncheon Leaders Award, Foundation for Improvement of Justice Award (Atlanta, Georgia), Organization of Chinese Americans, Ho'okele Leadership Award (Hawaii Community Foundation), President's Award (Hawai'i Women Lawyers), and the Rhoda Lewis Award for Public Service.

In its 2007 groundbreaking report, *Achieving Access to Justice for Hawai'i's People*, the Access to Justice Hui makes a compelling case statement for enhanced support for legal services for Hawai'i's indigent community. The report notes that only 1 out of 5 low and moderate income residents of Hawai'i have their civil legal needs met, and that the lack of in-house attorneys and adequate funding for operations are significant barriers to obtaining justice in Hawai'i. To continue the provision of services for its clients, Na Loio respectfully requests funding in the amount of **\$478,000.00**. This request reflects a modest \$55,000.00 increase over last year's funding appropriation. The proposed increase will help Na Loio to offset increased rental costs associated with its move to the Kukui Children's Foundation Building in the summer of 2008 and will also support funding for case management services by a licensed social worker.

As Na Loio begins to take on more and more work with vulnerable victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault, the need to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate case management services has never been so acute. Inevitably, as immigrants transition to America they confront gaps between their old society and American society. At these critical junctures, immigrants are particularly vulnerable. Unsure they can access the police or courts, for example, many immigrants remain in abusive relationships because their batterer has told them they will be deported if they report the abuse, or that the courts will not award an immigrant parent custody of a minor child. Many United States citizen abusers also refuse to complete and file immigration forms to legalize the status of their immigrant spouse, or restrict their immigrant spouse from access to ESL courses or other activities outside the home. Isolated and alone, these immigrant victims live a horrifying life in constant fear of abuse and deportation.

At Na Loio, we have helped immigrant victims who have been chained like animals and locked in their homes, set on fire by their abusive spouse, denied food and other basic necessities, burned with cigarettes, thrown out of moving cars, attacked with knives, and threatened with other unimaginable harms. More than one immigrant victim has confided that without our services they would be dead. At Na Loio not only do our victim clients receive needed legal help as a necessary component of holistic services, they also receive social services. Over the past year, for example, Na Loio helped immigrant victims to: acquire safe housing, secure food and clothing, obtain needed medical services, and enroll in college. We also provided financial counseling and budgeting services as well as basic instruction on accessing public transportation and bus routes. Existing funding for Na Loio's part-time case manager, social worker may not be renewed after December 2008. Accordingly, in order to continue to provide necessary, unduplicated services for our clients, we are requesting funding for salary in the amount of \$25,000.00 plus payroll taxes and benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair & Members of the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair & Members of the
House Committee on Finance

From: Kamaki Kanehele, President
Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association

Re: Grants-In-Aid Informational Briefing
Saturday, March 8, 2008, 9:00AM
State Capitol Auditorium

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
GIA 188-C – Agnes K. Cope Hawaiian Cultural Center
\$1 million

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Oshiro and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on our Grants-In-Aid Application for the Agnes K. Cope Hawaiian Cultural Center. After several years of intensive community-based planning, the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association (NHHCA) has taken the lead role to implement the development of a major “village center” project that will include this multi-purpose cultural community center, an affordable rental housing complex, commercial retail spaces and the International Surfing Hall of Fame. This exciting community development project, which carries a total estimated development cost of nearly \$70 million, will be located on a 13.57 acre site centrally located in the Nanakuli community (adjacent to the Nanaikapono Elementary School). NHHCA was awarded a long-term 65-year lease from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). The Nanakuli Village Center will be completed in three phases over the next 2 to 3 years.

Agnes K. Cope Hawaiian Cultural Center

The *Agnes K. Cope Hawaiian Cultural Center*, with a projected development cost of \$14 million, represents the first of three phases in the overall “village center” project. This 47,000 square foot, two-story facility will consist of a large assembly hall, flexible meeting spaces, a *Kamehameha Preschool* to accommodate at least 50 children, classrooms for UH’s *Ho’o Kulaiwi* teacher recruitment program, offices for the *Native*

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Hawaiian Hospitality Association cultural/tourism instruction program, a home for the ***Waianae Coast Culture and Arts Society, Hokupili LLC*** (a partnership of ***NHHCA, Princess Kahanu, Waianae Kai and Waianae Uka Homestead Associations***) and the ***Nanakuli Kokua Ohana Center*** (nonprofit made up of education, business and homestead leaders). There will also be a certified community kitchen. CNHA's ***Hawaiian Homestead Technology Inc.*** computer job training and employment program will also be located in the Center.

Similar to the ***Kulana 'oiwi*** multi-service center on Molokai, this Center will house many Hawaiian trust service entities. And just like Molokai, it will provide a connection and services to all the Hawaiians living along the leeward coast. There is currently no community center and the availability of cultural, health and social services is limited due to the lack of program and office space in the area. In addition to providing flexible office/program space for various Hawaiian trusts' service provider agencies, the ***Agnes K. Cope Hawaiian Cultural Center*** will help address the need for facility space for after-school, adult education and job-training programs, as well as community-based recreational activities and special events for the residents of Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead and surrounding communities (Lualualei, Waianae, and Makaha). As was done in ***Kulana 'oiwi, Kamehameha Schools*** is funding the construction of its preschool and a portion of the common areas.

Hale Makana O Nanakuli Affordable Rental Housing Project

In response to Oahu's growing homeless crisis and recent beach evictions, the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association is developing a \$14 million 48-unit affordable rental housing project in its community. The ***Hale Makana O Nanakuli*** project will provide safe, secure long-term rental housing at substantially below-market rents for Oahu's very-low income families, with three "critical need" populations specifically targeted: 1) Homeless families/individuals, with preference given to those who have completed transitional programs and require long-term housing; 2) Seniors, including those caring for grandchildren and/or single parents; and 3) Single parents with children. This badly-needed rental housing project is another component of the "village center" development project. The objective of this project is to provide *truly* affordable long-term rental housing for Oahu's most needy families by securing the grant funding necessary to develop a debt-free project that can maintain rents at substantially below market rates over the long term. The State's Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corp. has already provided a grant of \$3 million. State and Federal low-income housing tax credits will provide over \$6 million and the remaining funds will come from the State legislature, private foundations, and hopefully OHA. OHA's financial participation is needed.

The ***Hale Makana O Nanakuli*** affordable rental housing project will be developed on a 2.46 acre site in central Nanakuli, which is part of the 13.57 acres "village center" site controlled by the NHHCA through a long-term lease agreement from DHHL. The project will consist of five 2-story residential buildings, two small, single-story service buildings (security and laundry facilities), landscaped areas and uncovered parking. A total of 48 living units will be developed: 8 studio units (400 s.f.), 8 one-bedroom units (550 s.f.); 24 two-bedroom units (824 s.f.); and 8 three-bedroom units (950 s.f.). Total square footage is approximately 43,000 s.f. (living areas only) and building floor plans are based on an award-winning model Charles Riding project developed on Maui and in connection with the 72-unit ***Kahikolu Ohana Hale O Waianae Project***, which was partially funded by this State Legislature.

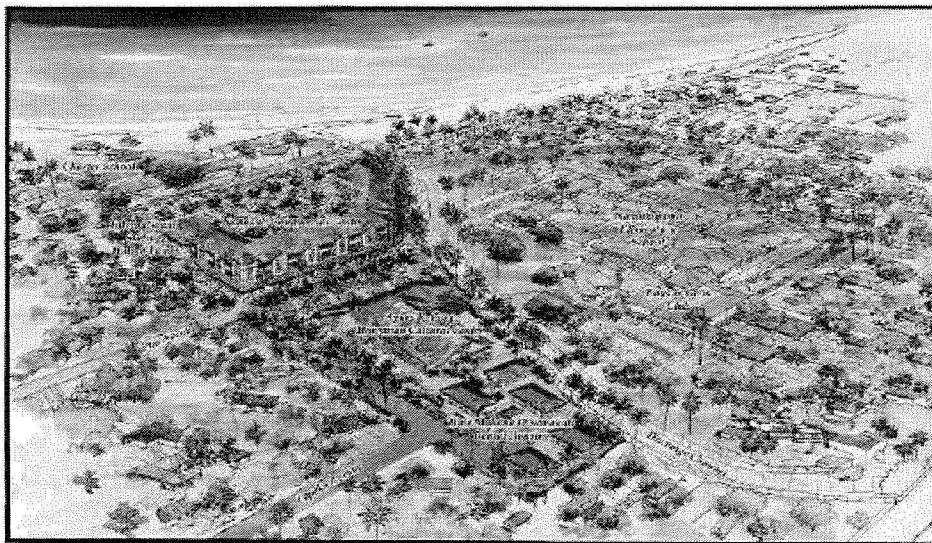
Nanakuli Commercial Center

This \$10 million *Nanakuli Commercial Center* is a collaboration between *DHHL* and semi private development, being comprised of *NHHCA*, developer *Pilani Group* and broker *Sofos Realty Corporation* for the development of a 37,000 to 46,000 retail/office commercial project. The Bank of Hawaii is the anticipated lead lender of \$7 million, with Morgan Stanley providing about \$3 million in new market tax credits. This new one story shopping center will have a Hawaiian Cultural Plantation theme motif fronting Farrington Highway. The Project has already started preliminary backbone infrastructure construction with total project completion anticipated in the first half of 2009. Rental income generated from the commercial project will help to partially fund the construction of the *Agnes K. Cope Hawaiian Cultural Center*.

The *Nanakuli Commercial Center* is being marketed to a mix of local and national tenants. These companies will most likely include the following: *Buffalo Keaulana Surf Center*, *Walgreens*, *Seven-Eleven*, *L&L Barbeque*, and *Taco Delmar*. Smaller tenants may include a pizza restaurant, coffee store, and cell phone company. For smaller community businesses, there will be kiosks located in the front, adjacent to the parking area. These tenants will fill a void in the marketplace between Waianae and Kapolei. *Sofos Realty Corporation*, the leasing agent for the project believes that this project will enjoy a successful lease up, since no new retail project has been built in leeward Oahu since 1996. Market studies indicate a need for the types of services as outlined above.

Conclusion

The Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association is requesting that this Legislature be a party to this major native Hawaiian community initiative. We appreciate the past contributions and welcome whatever future financial help that can be provided. If you have any questions, please contact President Kamaki Kanahale at 228-4728 or Vice-President Michael Kahikina at 291-5244 or mkahikna@bgch.com.



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**Grant in Aid Informational Briefing Testimony
For Oahu Arts Center**

Leeward, West Oahu and the North Shore are areas that are growing each day with more and more families moving to new developments in those communities.

The Oahu Arts Center began as the dream of parents, teachers, artists, and community members. For the past five years, the grass roots organization has been committed to planning and developing a non-profit arts education and performance center that will serve residents of all ages, island-wide.

The Oahu Arts Center is requesting \$3.0 million to complete the planning and design work for the center and to construct a 500 seat amphitheatre on donated land located at 1080 Lehiwa Drive in Mililani Mauka. Once the planning and design work is completed and the amphitheatre constructed, major fundraising efforts can begin for construction of the center which will house an arts education center.

The goal is to provide a first-class performing arts education center, an outdoor amphitheatre and auditorium, centrally located on Oahu to attract residents and visitors of all ages, island-wide. The Oahu Arts Center will be centrally located in a region that currently has few facilities in which to showcase Arts and/or entertainment. Leeward Community College Theatre (LCCT) enjoys an extremely full schedule and Central and Leeward Oahu needs another performing arts facility to help accommodate the multitude of groups that LCCT is not able to serve.

The Oahu Arts Center will also provide desperately needed courses and programs to individuals, allowing community members and visitors to explore and enhance their overall interest in art education and programs. Specific examples of programs to be offered include after-school and intersession art education programs for area youth. In addition, during the day, programs for seniors will be offered to give seniors a place to gather and share artistic expressions.

The Oahu Arts Center will allow for the creation of an arts community that will foster collaboration for aspiring artists and performers, and will bring together dancers, painters, sculptors, singers and musicians in one central location.

A grant in aid from the legislature is critical since Oahu Arts Center must begin construction on the site no later than June 30, 2010 or the property will revert back to Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. who donated the land to OAC with the condition that construction begin in the next 26 months.



Phase 1 - Entry Perspective



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