

WHO WE ARE: The Hawaii Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs is a collaboration of Boys & Girls Club organizations in the State of Hawaii. Participating members include Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Island, and 3 Military-based Boys & Girls Clubs on Oahu: Army, Air Force, and Marines. These Clubs have come together to enhance our capacity to enable all Hawaii keiki, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

WHAT WE DO: Boys & Girls Clubs operate dedicated youth development facilities for school-aged keiki. Our centers are open every day after school, on school holidays, and during the summertime. Our Clubs offer Hawaii's keiki a positive alternative, during the hours when they might otherwise be unsupervised at home or on the streets, with trained, caring professional staff and some of the best evidenced-based programs in the nation. Boys & Girls Clubs aim to help every child develop the character, skills, and self-confidence to make the most of their lives. Boys & Girls Clubs offer programs in education and career development, character and leadership, life skills, arts & culture, and fitness, sports, and recreation.

GRANTS IN AID REQUEST: The Hawaii Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs requests a Grant In Aid for \$340,000.00 to support a collaborative pilot outreach effort by its member organizations, designed to recruit and serve approximately 510 new keiki ages 10 through 17 years in Boys & Girls Club programs during after school hours. This is our first GIA request.

BGC Maui's Goal: 200 more keiki BGC Big Island's Goal: 160 more keiki

Military-Based BGCs Goals: 50 more keiki each from neighboring communities off-base

## It breaks down to \$667/keiki for a lifetime of difference.

Goals: The proposed programs are designed to prevent, reduce, or eliminate antisocial behaviors among adolescents by increasing their protective factors and decreasing related risk factors. This "One-Stop Shop" concept collection of Boys & Girls Club activities will focus on middle and high school aged youths and emphasize early interventions. Research clearly indicates youth are highly vulnerable to the initiation of a range of antisocial behaviors and of alcohol and drug use at this age range. This outreach initiative provides a package of evidenced-based programs that develop and increase important protective factors while decreasing risk factors related to these programs areas. "One Stop Shop" components include Boys & Girls Club's Nationally acclaimed research-based drug and alcohol prevention program, "SMART Moves"; the fitness and nutrition program, "Triple Play"; Educational enhancements, "Power Hour" and "Project Learn"; Leadership Programs, Torch and Keystone Clubs; and Boys & Girls Clubs' general youth development strategy, the Drop In Program.

Outcomes: The Hawaii Alliance will measure and report to the legislature on outcomes from this initiative in the key areas of impact: Prevention, Fitness/Nutrition, and School Performance. We believe that this investment by the state will result in greater savings for Hawaii in reduced dropouts and incarceration and greater productivity as our keiki develop the competencies and character they need to succeed.

COMMUNITIES WE WILL REACH: Island of Maui, the Big Island, and communities around Fort Shafter Barracks, Schofield, Aliamanu Military Reservation, and Helemano Military Reservation (Leilelua, Moanalua, Radford, Aiea, and Mililani School Complexes); Hickam (Moanalua, Radford, Aiea, Pearl City, and Aliamanu School Complexes); and Kaneohe, Camp Smith, and Manana Housing (Pearl City, Castle, Kailua, and Kalaheo School Complexes).

<u>Sustainability:</u> Clubs in the Hawaii Alliance will work with private donors and state and local government to ensure that our outreach efforts are sustainable for years to come, and can expand into new communities to serve underserved keiki.