

Presentation to the Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program Oversight Commission

Hawaii Department of Human Services

Homeless Programs

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DHS Summary

- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing is specifically for the three rural counties
- \$2,166,888 awarded as of September 30, 2009
- Nine sub-recipient awards
- No applications denied
- Funding Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

DHS Summary

- HUD has expressed serious concern that federal homeless funding awarded to the State on behalf of the rural counties was being assigned to a public housing authority which is a single purpose corporate entity.
- In response to the concern, Governor Lingle has designated the Dept. of Human Services as the grant manager for HUD homeless funds.

Award Purposes

- Assist two populations facing housing instability in the counties of Maui, Hawaii and Kauai:
 - (1) Individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at imminent risk of becoming homeless and need temporary financial assistance and
 - (2) Individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it.

Internal Controls

- DHS ARRA Oversight Workgroup
 - ARRA Coordinator
 - DHS ARRA Team:
 - Division Administrator
 - Grants Manager
 - Fiscal Officer
 - Contracts Specialist
 - Procurement Officer
 - Accounting Specialist
 - Convenes monthly or as needed
 - Recommends corrective actions on issues, provides internal technical support, identifies best practices, and ensures regulatory compliance
 - Consultation with SPO as necessary
 - Escalates issues as needed

Internal Controls, cont'd

- ARRA-related expenses are identified for fast tracking
 - “V” fund designation
 - Identified each grant for special handling
 - Record-keeping is segregated
 - Account reconciled to Financial And Management Information System (FAMIS – State accounting system)

Public Input

- Request for Information was distributed to the three rural counties and provided for public input.
- Three rural county Continua of Care community based planning groups were consulted for input.
- A second Request for Information was posted and distributed among the rural counties for comments, questions and application for funding.

Questions and Follow-up

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