
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that drug abuse,
2 particularly the use of crystal methamphetamine, also known as
3 "ice," is the greatest threat to community health and public
4 safety on the island of Hawaii. Although law enforcement
5 constitutes strategic element in combating drug abuse, the
6 community cannot solely rely on increases in the policing and
7 prosecution of abusers, nor can drug abuse be solved through
8 institutional rehabilitation and education. Grass roots
9 community involvement is a necessary element in combating this
10 plague upon the island of Hawaii. In an effort to stimulate and
11 implement grass roots community involvement in the fight against
12 drug abuse, the county of Hawaii developed the community
13 anti-drug fund and implemented various drug and substance abuse
14 services and programs, such as the healing our island fund,
15 which is based on the community anti-drug fund. The healing our
16 island fund was established two years ago and thus far, one
17 hundred thirty community groups have received grants to address
18 drug and other substance abuse services and programs. The



1 community anti-drug fund is intended for non-501(c)(3)
2 organizations and community associations to conduct anti-drug
3 activities in their communities with a focus on the youth,
4 family, and neighborhood. These grants are limited to requests
5 of no more than \$2,000 and are used for grass roots
6 community-based anti-drug and substance abuse events.

7 The community anti-drug fund is administered by the Hawaii
8 county resource center, a division of the Hawaii county
9 department of research and development. All grant requests are
10 evaluated by a committee of ten to fifteen representatives from
11 county, state, and community members from every district of the
12 island of Hawaii. All grant requests that are not funded are
13 provided assistance from the Hawaii county resource center to
14 improve their applications and increase the likelihood of
15 funding in the future. Applications are reviewed monthly, and
16 funding is made available the following month. All grantees are
17 required to submit a follow-up report detailing their program's
18 or initiative's impact on their community and the number of
19 participants in anti-drug efforts.

20 The community anti-drug fund has been very well-received in
21 the community for the past two years. Its purpose, to provide
22 support to grass roots and community-based anti-drug efforts,



1 has encouraged multiple communities to collaborate and cooperate
2 in prevention efforts to address substance abuse issues. The
3 county of Hawaii looks forward to continuing this program with
4 continued state legislative support.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
8 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2008-2009 for the county of Hawaii to implement grass roots
10 community involvement through the community anti-drug fund.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
12 Hawai'i for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Hawaii County; Anti-Drug Fund

Description:

Appropriates funds to the county of Hawaii to implement grass roots community involvement through the community anti-drug fund. (HB1177 HD1)

