

House District 41

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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS & SUBSIDIES
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISD STATUTES**

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Type of Grant or Subsidy Request:

GRANT REQUEST -- OPERATING

GRANT REQUEST -- CAPITAL

SUBSIDY REQUEST

"Grant" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specified recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities.

"Subsidy" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a recipient specified in the appropriation, to reduce the costs incurred by the organization or individual in providing a service available to some or all members of the public.

"Recipient" means any organization or person receiving a grant or subsidy.

STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY RELATED TO THIS REQUEST

OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES

AND PROGRAM I.D. NO. _____

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual:

DbA: American Box Car Racing International

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Mailing Address:
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2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION:

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3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:

- NON PROFIT CORPORATION
 FOR PROFIT CORPORATION
 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP/INDIVIDUAL

4. FEDERAL TAX ID #: 

5. STATE TAX ID #: 

6. SSN (IF AN INDIVIDUAL): N/A

7. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

Construction of a new community-based youth facility on Oahu by American Box Car Racing International

(Maximum 300 Characters)

8. FISCAL YEARS AND AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:

FY 2008-2009 \$ 251,000

9. STATUS OF SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS REQUEST:

- NEW SERVICE (PRESENTLY DOES NOT EXIST)
 EXISTING SERVICE (PRESENTLY IN OPERATION)

SPECIFY THE AMOUNT BY SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS REQUEST:

STATE \$ 0

FEDERAL \$ 0

COUNTY \$ 0

PRIVATE/OTHER \$ 0

TYPE NAME & TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:


AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

BC COWLING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NAME & TITLE

1/29/07
DATE SIGNED

**Construction of a New Community-Based Youth Facility on Oahu
By American Box Car Racing International**

**Application to the Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Hawaii State Legislature
For Capital Grant In Aid of \$251,000 for FY 2008-2009**



ABCRI's mission is simple yet compelling:

"We believe in mentoring youth by bringing families together to learn box car design and racing, increase self esteem, acquire new skills, build leadership and become safer drivers."

I. BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

I. Applicant's Background

ABOUT ABCRI

Organized in 1995 as a 501(c)(3) charitable, nonprofit organization, American Box Car Racing International (ABCRI) provides healthy, educational activities for Hawaii's youth and families. Having made remarkable progress since the "early days" of using borrowed parking lots for box car racing, ABCRI has become a well-regarded community organization with a proven "track" record of serving about 30,000 youth, parents and teachers annually by creating engaging, instructional box car programs which involve both youth and parents.

In 1997, impressed with ABCRI's educational and youth-family emphasis, the City and County of Honolulu provided the organization with a temporary site in Pearl City behind Sam's Club. With the generous help of local business leaders and volunteers, ABCRI built its temporary community facility and expanded its program offerings, all without a capital campaign.

In 2003 ABCRI formalized a public-private partnership with the City to develop a new, state of the art box car community facility in Kunia on City property. In late 2005, ABCRI opened a portion of its new facility.

For over 12 years, families, schools and youth organizations from around Oahu have participated in ABCRI's box car programs which teach safe driving skills, box car building and site maintenance while mentoring youth to become positive role models and future community leaders.

ABCRI fills a need in the community by providing an alternative for youth who are not motivated by popular sports but who are seeking wholesome, stimulating activities. Through its instructional programs, ABCRI creates opportunities for family bonding and team building, something so often missing in family life today. ABCRI's programs serve working families and their children, an often overlooked population, as well as lower income families.

ABCRI is governed by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors. Day-to-day activities are led by founder and Executive Director, Robert "BC" Cowling. An energetic youth-oriented staff plus community volunteers implement the educational programs and maintain the facility. About 70% of ABCRI's part-time staff are students, many of whom are working their first jobs. Program fees and volunteer assistance sustain ABCRI's operating budget, but a Capital Campaign has been launched to develop ABCRI's new and improved facility.

ABCRI's new Kunia location is already enhancing our capacity to serve our community through improved facility design and increased site visibility, allowing us to expand our programs to include more youth and families.

2. Goals and Objectives Related To The Request

ABCRI PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Education is an important aspect of all ABCRI programs. ABCRI provides productive free weekend and summer programs for youth, teaches valuable life and vocational skills and plans to provide positive after-school programs for youth in the future. ABCRI's program objectives are designed to:

1. Instruct parents how to teach their children to drive safely.
2. Teach and reinforce the "Safety Rules of the Road" to youth until they consistently demonstrate proficiency and mastery of these skills.
3. Provide families with quality-time experiences through shared educational and recreational activities which promote family bonding.
4. Provide a stimulating environment for healthy, outdoor exercise.
5. Provide youth an opportunity to learn new skills and leadership while improving self-esteem. After mastering the fundamentals of box car driving, youth program participants learn:
 - a. Box car repairing, building and design skills, which involves hands-on work and planning.
 - b. Cooperation skills as youth learn to work with their families and other youth.
 - c. Teaching skills as they learn to instruct other youth and families to drive while becoming Jr. Instructors.
 - d. Leadership skills as they mature and serve as mentors for younger kids.
 - e. Facility and grounds maintenance skills as they assist in facility upkeep.
 - f. Job training as they progress up the leadership ladder to qualify for part-time jobs at the track.

3. Public Purpose And Need To Be Served

COMMUNITY NEED FOR ABCRI PROGRAMS

SAFETY AWARENESS EDUCATION

The proliferation of dangerous "street racing" on our freeways and roads has led to an increase in fatal accidents, most of them involving teenagers and young adults. In the recent past local newspapers reported an alarming increase in fatal car crashes involving Hawaii's young drivers. Unlike most other states, Hawaii has experienced an increase in fatalities involving drivers between the ages of 15 and 20 in recent years. These accidents not only destroy families and take loved ones tragically; they also lessen the quality of life for residents in our neighborhoods who rely upon safe and clear roads to commute to work and back as well as for other activities.

There is a need in our community for programs which teach children and youth how to follow The Safety Rules of the Road before they get behind the wheel of an automobile. ABCRI's focus on driver education fills this need by providing wholesome educational activities for our Keiki and their families teaching them how to drive safely and responsibly.

EDUCATIONAL YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

While recognizing the important long range benefits of instilling safe driving habits in our youth, ABCRI also recognizes the importance of addressing a real gap in our communities—the demand for quality educational and recreational activities for youth—especially for working families and their children. While programs do exist specifically for at-risk youth and families in marginalized areas, there are few programs for youngsters who seek engaging activities and who may lack the resources to participate in them.

ABCRI serves this often overlooked group, whose parents work hard everyday to provide the basics, but sometimes cannot afford to pay for extracurricular, but vital programs. These children are in danger of falling into the at-risk population without healthy, stimulating activities like box car racing into which they can channel their energies. With its free youth programs, ABCRI also provides opportunity for under-privileged youth. ABCRI's programs give our youngsters a very effective alternative to drugs, crime and other destructive behavior.

At the ABCRI Box Car Track youth learn safe driving skills and how to design, build and maintain box cars. They learn how to mentor others and about giving community service by helping with track upkeep. Their self esteem improves and their leadership skills grow. Some kids earn a part-time job with ABCRI—usually their first. All the while, these youth are engaging in positive activities which motivate them to become peer role models, to stay in school and to continue their education pursuing their individual goals to become productive citizens and adults.

As part of ABCRI's mentoring and leadership program, instructors monitor Youth Program participants' school reports to reinforce the importance of maintaining good grades and planning for post-secondary and continuing education.

PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Lastly, research points to a lack of physical activity as a contributing factor in childhood obesity. This is becoming a national concern and there is a need for programs which promote stimulating and fun activities for children to help them develop and maintain healthy bodies. ABCRI fills this need by giving children, and their parents, an opportunity to "exercise" in a healthy outdoor setting. ABCRI's box car programs encourage physical activity and youth get a "workout" by pushing their cars up the ramp, running, lifting and playing with other children and their families.

4. Target Population To Be Served **POPULATION SERVED & FROM WHERE**

ABCRI's target group is youth, primarily from ages 6 to 16+ (low to moderate income) and often their families. Program participants come from all parts of Oahu, though a greater number come from the Central and Ewa areas. The breakdown is as follows:

- **YOUTH PROGRAMS** serve approximately 300 youngsters annually. About 40% of these children reside in the Pearl City/Waipahu area while 35% come from West Oahu, primarily the Ewa, Kapolei, Makakilo and Waianae areas.

- **SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM** participants number about 4,000 annually and include public and private school groups from all over the island and special education classes. The majority of participants come from the Aiea, Pearl City, Waipahu and Mililani areas. About 25% come from Honolulu and about 20% come from West Oahu. Youth group participants include virtually all of the YMCAs, City Summer Fun and Boys and Girls Club programs, many church youth programs, scouting and home school groups, military youth centers, plus Hale Kipa, Hui Malama Ohana, adolescent and adult day treatment programs, the Robby Benson Center and Newtown Recreation Center.

- **FAMILY PROGRAMS** attract 25,000 youth and parents, the majority from Central and West Oahu and Honolulu. An average of 2 children per parent come per visit and about 60% of parents are under 35.

5. Geographic Coverage

The geographical coverage of ABCRI's 30,000 program participants each year is as follows:

Central Oahu	30%
West Oahu	27%
Honolulu	17%
Waipahu / Pearl City	12%
Windward	8%
North Shore	3%
East Oahu	3%

With the opening of our new Kunia facility, we are seeing the number of participants from West Oahu increasing.

6. How Grant Will Permit Our Community To Benefit From Related Activities

The requested \$251,000 Grant In Aid will enable ABCRI to further develop its new facility in Kunia and continue its educational programs which will benefit our community in the following ways:

- Prepare youth to be safer and more responsible drivers by learning and practicing The Safety Rules of The Road, which will impact our tragically high youth automobile fatality rate.
- Provide a free, hands-on program for youth to improve self-esteem through developing new cognitive and personal skills as they learn to build and repair box cars, teach others to drive safely and assist with facility maintenance.
- Provide a mentored, Youth Volunteer Leadership Ladder leading to part-time employment at the track. One of ABCRI's Leadership graduates is now in his fourth year at the UH Engineering school, funding his way with numerous scholarships.
- Provide youth with a healthy, exciting alternative activity to turn them away from destructive behavior, which will reduce crime and undesirable behavior in our youth.
- Provide a healthy family educational and recreational activity which creates quality time for families to share and positively impacts family bonding, strengthening communities and families.
- Provide much needed youth and family activities for West Oahu communities.

- Provide a resource for the DOE and other nonprofits serving youth. Elementary, middle and high school students come to our facility for educational box car field trips, learning driving skills and box car physics. Numerous other youth organizations, such as YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs and Big Brother Big Sister also bring their youth to the Box Car Track.

The capital improvements funded by this grant request will enable ABCRI to increase the number of participants served and to substantially deepen the educational experience of its free youth program participants.

II. EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITY

A. Necessary Skills and Experience

ABCRI has maintained a box car program and facility since 1996. Over the past twelve years we have trained more than 150,000 youth and 75,000 adults to safely drive box cars. We have designed, developed, operated and maintained two temporary year-round facilities prior to our current facility in Kunia.

We have developed a comprehensive free youth program which helps kids learn a wide variety of personal and cognitive skills. Many of our youth develop into box car instructors teaching other kids and adults box car driving skills. Some of our youth qualify for part-time employment as an ABCRI instructor. We teach kids to work with their hands, design with their imagination and drive with clear, cool heads. We teach up to 4,000 school kids a year the intricacies of box car physics, as well as safe driving skills.

All of our program participants learn The Safety Rules Of The Road and must constantly demonstrate their awareness and adherence to them to be able to drive on our tracks.

ABCRI PROGRAMS

ABCRI offers the following six educational box car programs which include team building opportunities for families as well as for youth, three of which are free:

1. **WEEKEND YOUTH PROGRAM (FREE)** – Youth from 6 to 16+ learn maintenance and people skills by working with their hands to maintain and repair box cars, plus interact with and assist track participants each weekend. About 300 youth a year take part in this program.
2. **SUMMER WEEKDAY YOUTH PROGRAM (FREE)**—About 50 youth per year, from 6 to 16+, earn their Jr. Instructor Badges. Under the direction of experienced instructors, these boys and girls learn to instruct families to drive, build, repair and maintain box cars.
3. **STUDENT FIELD TRIPS (Program Fee)**—About 4,000 students per year from kindergarten through high school participate at the facility each year, learning driving and box car physics. Groups serving disadvantaged youth such as the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club regularly bring their youngsters to the track as a motivational tool to improve behavior.
4. **OPEN TRACK HOURS (Program Fee)**—Approximately 2,000 families (6,000 people) a year participate in track activities learning to drive box cars and to work together as a team.
5. **FAMILY GROUP ACTIVITIES (Program Fee)**—Nearly 6,500 families (19,000 people)

each year celebrate special days like birthdays and holidays together participating in box car activities on a reserved track. Many families are repeat visitors.

6. **STUDENT RACING PROGRAM (FREE)** – Experienced youth drivers learn advanced driving skills at these special monthly events.

7. **ABCRI Box Car School Challenge (FREE)** – Students from 4th through 12th grades learn hands-on skills through age-appropriate box car projects involving box car designing, building, finishing and race tuning. The 2nd annual ABCRI Box Car School Challenge is scheduled for May 16, 2008.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

Over the past several years, ABCRI has established strong and productive relationships with such community youth organizations as the Boy Scouts of America, the YMCA of Honolulu, the Boys and Girls Club of Ewa and Waianae as well as schools and church associations. These partnerships have resulted in the development of special programs to serve these youth populations and their needs. Additionally, ABCRI has developed partnerships with Kapolei High School's Academy program, Assets School, a special needs school, the Bishop Museum, the University of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu and such businesses as Tesoro Petroleum, Pepsi and Kellogg's to create educational box car programs and special events.

B. Quality Assurance and Evaluation

QUALITY ASSURANCE

ABCRI's programs were designed to meet the needs of youth in our communities. The organization provides wholesome, educational activities which teach teamwork, leadership, life skills and promote family bonding. The focus of ABCRI's youth programs is to develop young men and women who will become the future leaders of tomorrow----who learn how to be model students and who will make meaningful contributions to their schools and communities.

ABCRI's Executive Director and educational staff continually monitor and evaluate ABCRI's programs to assure they are achieving program goals and objectives. Input from youth participants, parents, teachers and counselors is utilized to improve and enhance existing programs.

EVALUATION

ABCRI's programs are evaluated on a regular basis by the Executive Director, educational staff and community leaders. With over 12 years of experience in program development and evaluation, the Executive Director reviews all aspects of ABCRI's programs to ensure they are meeting the educational and social needs of the youth served.

Additionally, the Executive Director seeks and incorporates recommendations from teachers, youth counselors, parents and community leaders into the program curricula and track experiences.

EVALAUTION MEASUREMENTS

Our measures of effectiveness have, to date, relied mainly on oral and written feedback by schools, community organizations and parents who have observed first-hand the effectiveness of our educational and recreational programs. Throughout ABCRI's 12 years of existence, many

letters of support and endorsement have been received from school and community leaders as well as parents. A sampling is included in this package.

A participant evaluation form which will give us more accurate data on the quality and effectiveness of our programs as well as more detailed demographic information is in the planning stage. The forms will measure, as a minimum, the following assessments:

- Qualitative ratings of ABCRI programs, staff, volunteers, facilities and services
- Collection of demographic and usage data

C. Facilities

FUNDING REQUEST TO FURTHER DEVELOP NEW KUNIA FACILITY

ABCRI is requesting a \$251,000 State Grant In Aid to further develop our new Kunia facility. We have completed Phases 1 - 4 out of a planned total of 9 phases, creating improvements valued at about \$800,000, 40% of our planned total budget of \$2.0 million. The above GIA request will provide funding for Phase 5.



Phases 1 - 4 of our new Kunia facility currently include:

- Perimeter Fencing
- 2 Family Tracks
- Temporary Track Safety Railing
- Basic (erosion control) Landscaping
- Partial Finish Landscaping & Irrigation
- 6 Temporary Participant Tents
- Partial Permanent Track Safety Railing & Signage
- Temporary Classroom-Shop With Box Car Storage
- Fully ADA Compliant Design And Construction
- Completion of Permanent Track Safety Railing & Signage
- Completion of Finish Landscaping & Irrigation

Needed Phases 5 Improvements to be funded by this grant include:

- **Completion of Planning & Design for 6 Classroom Pavilions**
- **Completion of Planning & Design for Classroom Shop**
- **Construction of 6 Classroom Pavilions**
- **Construction of Infrastructure & Pad for Classroom Shop**

Planned improvements for Phases 6 - 9 include completion of Classroom-Shop, lighting for evening operations, restrooms and a 3rd Track. Most of the balance of construction not funded by this grant request will be funded through private sources.

Unlike many nonprofits, ABCRI sustains its operations through program fees, as well as providing free youth programs. To develop its new facility in Kunia, however, ABCRI must ask for help from the community. The Kunia facility is becoming an attractive addition to the surrounding community and has been designed by local architects and engineers to harmonize with the surrounding residential areas. Local community groups have been very receptive to the opening of this new ABCRI track because they know there is a lack of much needed educational and recreational activities for youth and families who reside on Oahu.

III. PERSONNEL: PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

A. Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

ABCRI is governed by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors. Day-to-day activities are led by founder and Executive Director, Robert "BC" Cowling on a full-time basis. Board members are selected for the qualities they bring to the vision and guidance of the organization. Some of them also assist in developing ABCRI's facilities.

BC Cowling grew up racing go-karts with his father. He won championships and learned first-hand how meaningful shared quality time can be for family bonding and learning new skills. Later BC again teamed with his Dad to develop an international racing organization called Formula Five. Subsequent work with in the nonprofit sector and a career in mortgage brokerage prepared BC to mold ABCRI into the solid community organization that it is today.

B. Organization Chart

BC is supported by 8 -10 part time staff members at the track and a community resource consultant. Key staff positions include track coordinator, youth coordinator and maintenance coordinator. ABCRI invests long hours in the training of its staff. In addition to learning all the details of teaching safe driving and box car building, staff must serve as role models for youth is everything they do at the track. ABCRI's facility is smoke-free, alcohol-free, drug-free and foul-language-free. Youth are counseled to challenge themselves, focus on personal achievement and develop a positive attitude toward life's challenges and other people.

Please see Attachment "A" for more information about ABCRI's Staff.

IV. SERVICE SUMMARY AND OUTCOMES

A. Scope Of Work, Tasks And Responsibilities.

ABCRI uses a non-traditional approach in executing its programs. It utilizes experiential learning to instill leadership, team building and safe driving skills in youth, many of whom do not respond to traditional educational methods. This approach has proved very successful for ABCRI and has turned many youth away from destructive behavior. ABCRI is perhaps the **only** nonprofit organization in our community that is successfully using this formula.

ABCRI's programs are broad-based and address the needs of youth, families, schools, counselors, and non-profits. They also include free, fee-based and special programs for disadvantaged youth.

ABCRI Programs are comprehensive in scope as demonstrated in the following statistics.
ABCRI:

- Instructs about 17,000 youth each year the key elements of safe driving.
- Supervises about 8,000 parents annually as they teach their children safe driving under our program guidelines.
- Mentors up to 1,000 youth annually who participate in our free youth programs. These youth have an opportunity to develop important life skills in a non-traditional setting.
- Teaches about 4,000 students annually the basics of box car physics and driving.
- Partners with schools and youth organizations. In partnership with the YMCA, we have held in-depth box car building programs for about 50 kids over the last three summers.
- We provided a year long mentorship program for ASSETS School students in 2002-03.
- In 2004-2005 we partnered with Kapolei High School's (KHS) to help develop their Bi-Annual Box Car Academy which gave 69 students hands-on training in CAD designing, physics and box car construction. A total of 23 box cars were built that year. During 2006-2007, KHS students built 32 box cars. Planning is underway for more box car construction at KHS during the 2008-2009 academic year.
- August Ahrens Elementary students built 4 box cars at our track in the Spring of 2006 and Radford High School is underway and has signed up for the 2008 Box Car School Challenge.
- Kapolei Middle School has also signed up for our 2008 Box Car School Challenge.
- Employs about 12 people, about 70% of whom are youth working their first jobs.
- Is developing and maintaining a two acre box car facility. We are involving adults and youth from the community to design, build, maintain and operate our new state-of-the-art box facility in Kunia.

OUTCOMES

Over the ten years it has been operating, ABCRI has achieved some remarkable outcomes. In addition to training 30,000+ youth, parents and teachers annually, ABCRI is very proud that it has accomplished the following outcomes:

- Instilling safe driving habits in over 150,000 youth
- Building community capacity through its youth and family programs
- Providing much needed educational and experiential youth activities which deter destructive behavior

- Providing a unique community-based educational and recreational facility
- Stimulating creativity and skill development in youth using non-traditional methods
- Helping youth find direction through mentoring and coaching programs
- Strengthening families, schools and communities by providing needed after-school and weekend activities
- Having a positive impact on reducing criminal behavior in youth

B. Project Timeline

July 2008 – September 2008

- Finish Design & Planning for Classroom Pavilions
- Finish Design & Planning for Classroom Shop

October 2008 – December 2008

- Secure Permits for Classroom Pavilions & Shop

January 2009 – June 2009

- Construct Classroom Pavilions
- Construct Classroom Shop Infrastructure & Pad

DURATION FUNDS NEEDED

We anticipate the planning and construction to be funded by this grant will continue through June 2009. In order to maximize the use of funds, our construction timeline has been stretched out to best utilize volunteer labor from the construction industry.

ABCRI's Board of Directors has been actively pursuing in-kind donations from contracting, paving, engineering and architectural firms to reduce construction costs and best utilize direct funding.

V. FINANCIAL

Budget

See attached form, Budget Justification / Capital Project Details. Since the request is for Capital Funding only, other Budget items are not applicable, including, but not limited to: Personnel, Training, Travel, Equipment, and Motor Vehicles.

VI. OTHER

A. Litigation

ABCRI is not involved in any litigation.

B. Licensure or Accreditation

ABCRI is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Both federal and state tax returns are current as is our GET filing. No other licenses or accreditations are required in our field.

CONCLUSION

ABCRI has been operating effective educational and recreational box car programs for youth ages 6 to 16+ and their families for 12 years. These programs fill a serious need on Oahu for instructional activities which teach our youngsters how to drive safely and responsibly, provide an alternative to drugs, crime and other destructive behavior and promote fun physical activity. Additionally, these programs offer parents and their children opportunities for family bonding and team building, something so often missing in family life today.

While program fees cover ABCRI's operations, ABCRI must raise the funds needed to complete construction of its facility. Your approval of a grant in aid of \$251,000 would provide us with the essential funds for further development of our new and improved facility enabling us to continue serving our Keiki and families and will help make our *communities better and safer for all*.

ATTACHMENT "A"

ABCRI KEY STAFF

ABCRI Executive Director Robert "BC" Cowling manages the daily activities of the organization, including:

- Hiring staff
- Developing & supervising staff training programs
- Training key staff members
- Scheduling participant activities
- Program development
- Site development and maintenance
- Office management
- Financial records
- Cash flow management
- Box Car Track design

BC served as ABCRI's lead organizer and volunteer Board President from its inception in 1995. In October 1998, BC became ABCRI's first Executive Director and began receiving a partial salary beginning in January 1999. ABCRI's volunteer Board actively supports BC and provides management assistance as needed. Today BC earns \$2,750 per month, working about 80 hours a week. BC is also supported by a part-time staff of 8 to 10 people, averaging about \$8.00 per hour.

ABCRI's Key Staff members are:

- Kelly Carrington, Track Coordinator, Youth Coordinator & Head Instructor, with ABCRI since June, 2001
- Colleen Carrington, Instructor & Grounds Maintenance Coordinator with ABCRI since February 2002
- Mel Nakahata, Box Car Maintenance Coordinator, with ABCRI since June 2001
- Dustin Poole, Instructor & Maintenance Assistant with ABCRI since November 2005
- Chuck Poole, Volunteer Shop Instructor with ABCRI since July 2005

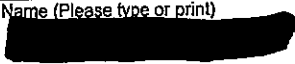
Key staff responsibilities include:

- Working with ABCRI's Executive Director to implement staff training programs
- Training new staff as needed
- Supervising instructor staff
- Instructing participant activities
- Training and supervising youth volunteers
- Overseeing box car repairs
- Customer service
- Supervising maintenance

During hours of operation, ABCRI has on duty from two to six staff members (including one to three key staff members) and usually a group of youth volunteers learning and assisting. Six of ABCRI's nine current staff members were either volunteers or students (or both) when hired. We train our staff carefully and thoroughly and supervise instructors on an ongoing basis. Participant Safety is a top priority with ABCRI and staff training reinforces this priority.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS
(Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

Applicant: **American Box Car Racing International**

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL	251,000			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)				
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	251,000	BC Cowling	947-3393	
(b)		Name (Please type or print)	Phone	
(c)			1/23/08	
(d)		Signature of Authorized Official	Date	
TOTAL REVENUE	251,000	BC Cowling, Executive Director		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION PERSONNEL - SALARIES AND WAGES

Applicant: American Box Car Racing International

Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME BUDGETED TO REQUEST B	TOTAL SALARY BUDGETED IN REQUEST AxB
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				\$ -
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TOTAL:				\$ -
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Applicant: American Box Car Racing Internation Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:			\$ -	

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JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:			\$ -	

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION
CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS**

Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Applicant: American Box Car Racing International

Total Project Cost	FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED			
	Other Sources of Funds Received in Prior Years FY 2005-2006 FY 2006-2007 FY 2007-2008	State Funds Requested FY 2008-2009	Funding Required in Succeeding Years FY 2009-2010 FY 2010-2011	
Plans	130,000			
Land Acquisition	2,500		25,000	43,000
Design	22,500	0	0	0
Construction	1,814,500	79,000	35,000	0
Equipment	37,500	33,000	211,000	240,000
		0	0	0
Total:	2,007,000	251,000	476,000	283,000
		98,000 *		

NOTE 1: GIA Funding for FY 2007-2008 of \$75,000 has not yet been released.

NOTE 2: The balance of funding needed will be raised from primarily non-state funding sources in FY 2009-10 and 2010-11.

**DECLARATION STATEMENT
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant acknowledges that said applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants and subsidies pursuant to section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

- (1) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded;
- (2) Comply with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
- (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
- (4) Allow the state agency to which funds for the grant or subsidy were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and assuring the proper expenditure of the grant or subsidy.

In addition, a grant or subsidy may be made to an organization only if the organization:


- (1) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
- (2) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded shall be conducted or provided.

Further, a grant or subsidy may be awarded to a non-profit organization only if the organization:

- (1) Has been determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
- (2) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

American Box Car Racing International
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)


(Signature)

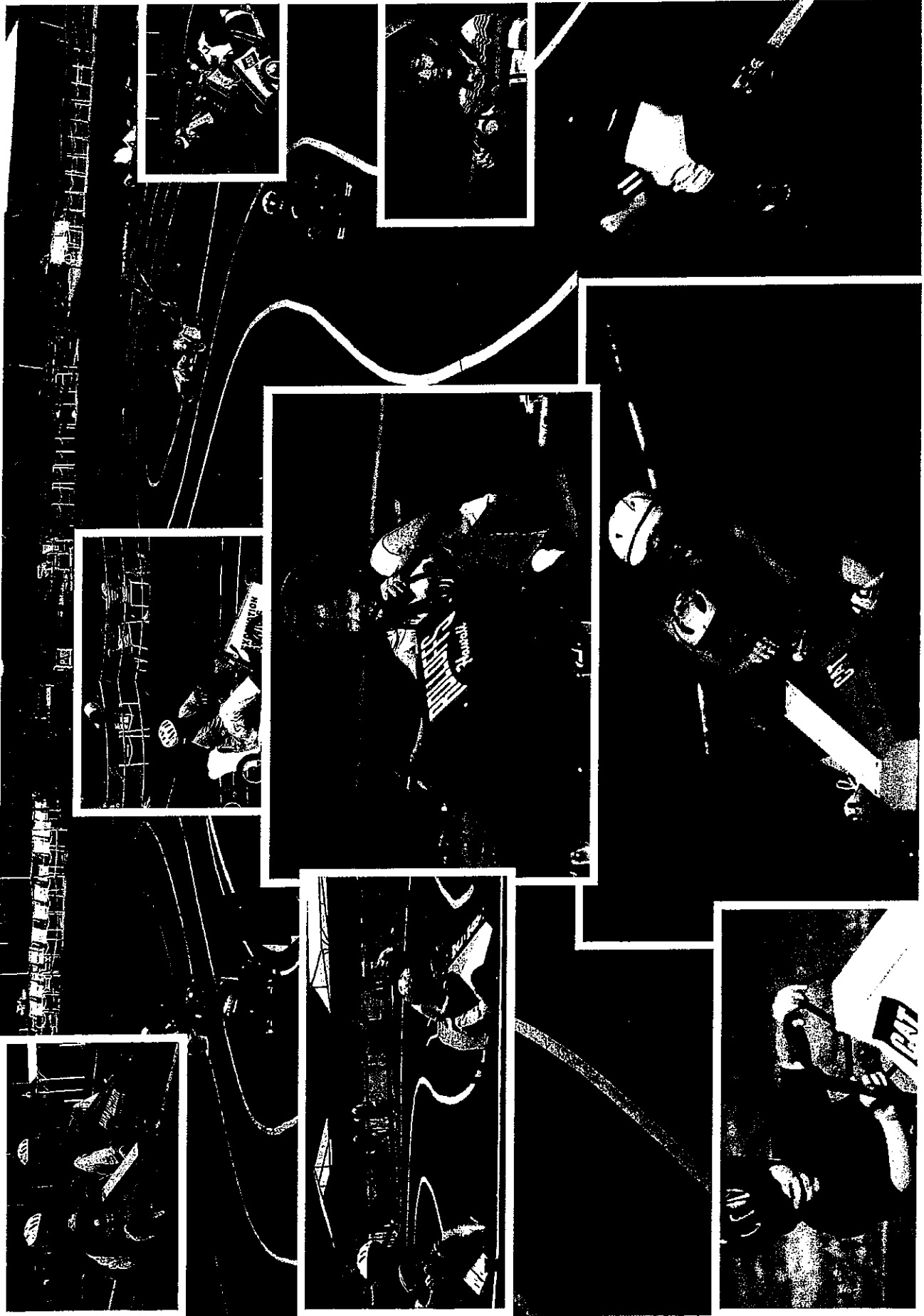
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BC Cowling
(Typed Name)

Executive Director
(Title)

APPENDIX

1. Facility Photos
2. Recent Letters of Support
3. IRS Letter of Determination
4. Honolulu Advertiser Article



The New ABCRI Box Car Community-Based Youth Facility in Kunia

January 24, 2008

Mr. Robert "BC" Cowling
American Box Car Racing International (ABCRI)
1518 Evelyn Lane
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

RE: Community Support For ABCRI's Box Car Track In Kunia

Dear BC:

The Village Park Community Association enthusiastically supports ABCRI efforts to further develop its Box Car Track in Kunia. Finally we have something to offer our kids! Box Car activities are great for all kids (and parents too). The portion of the facility developed so far looks great! And we were happy to partner with ABCRI the past two years for our Village Park Community Association Christmas Program.

We therefore ask our community and government to support ABCRI's ongoing capital campaign by contributing funding, materials and labor to help this project develop further. ABCRI is leading the way in its public-private partnership with the City and County of Honolulu and has proven it can stretch capital funding a long way by mobilizing in-kind donations.

Let us know how we may be able to help!

Sincerely,

Maureen C. Andrade

Maureen Andrade, President
Village Park Community Association

TRANSCRIPT OF LETTER FROM CORA FERNANDEZ:

January 2006

Dear Mr. B.C. Cowling

First of all-Happy New Year & congratulations in finally getting the ABCRI Box Car track opened & running! I'm aware of the challenges (some) that you had to go through—but you didn't give up...and for the many children & families that can benefit from your program—Thank You for all your hard work & persistence in making it happen! Mission accomplished.

I've only met you in person once but I've heard a lot about you through Favian—and I can see you're a very kind man. I "Thank You" especially for giving Favian the opportunity to work for the Box Car Track a few years back—you are a very positive male role model for kids like Favian. You've helped me in a lot of ways in helping me to mold a boy who lacks the male role model. It was very important (still is) to have positive role models in his life. I always believe that we could use more gentleman in this world and also to learn the importance of being able to "give back". Favian's experience at the Box Car Track taught him some very important lessons in his young life—and you've greatly helped make a positive impact—till this day.

Currently Favian is now attending his first year at St. Louis and very busy but happy with extra curricular activities in football and canoe/paddling. Loves going to school now and continues on his way in training to be a good young gentleman. Though I work 2 jobs to help him at St. Louis—its well worth the investment!

He is very happy there and has many positive male role models at this school. His grades have improved significantly despite his academic challenges of the past & present. At least now he has bigger goals & dreams—even talked about possibly going to Notre Dame after High School. Wherever he goes—at least I know he can dream & know that anything's possible just as long as puts his heart & soul into it—just like you did with the Box Car Track.

You see, whether you realize it or not—you continue to be a great role model for him!...and I'm sure for other kids as well. It's a blessing you're right in our community now and I hope you continue to prosper and make great impacts on other kids lives like Favian.

Again, on behalf of Favian, I sincerely & whole-heartedly "Thank You!" for all the good you do in our World! It's beyond words.

May God continue to guide you & bless you abundantly!

Best Wishes!

Cora & Favian (14) Fernandez



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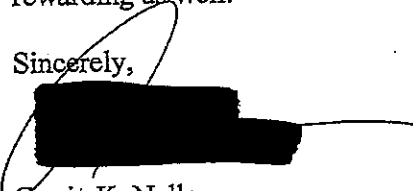
Dear BC:

Enclosed is a certificate of appreciation for your participation in ASSETS High School's Mentorship Program. Thank you for mentoring Chris Gire, Billy McRoberts, Aaron Eveland, and Tyler Turran this year.

Our students did a wonderful job showcasing their work experience at Mentorship Night with their visual display boards and oral presentations. It was a meaningful learning experience for them as they made presentations to parents, faculty, and administrators.

Thank you for your part in providing our students with hands-on experience and helping them develop a better understanding of the workplace environment. We hope you found the experience to be rewarding as well.

Sincerely,


Carrie K. Neller
High School Assistant Principal

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Our Letter Dated:
March 1996
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)

AMERICAN BOX CAR RACING .

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Steven T. Miller
Director, Exempt Organizations

SATURDAY SCOOPS

Box Car Kids Riding Gravity For Thrills & Skills

By Michael Tsai
Advertiser Staff Writer

There's nothing remotely high-tech about the classic American box car — just wood housing steel powered by gravity. No bells or whistles. No smoke and nary a mirror. Still, that didn't keep thoroughly modern Joshua Okuda, 5, from having a blast on his first visit to American Box Car Racing International's recently opened track in Kunia.

"It's deceiving," said Joshua's dad Ivan, 38. "It doesn't look like it would be real fun, but it is. You can go pretty fast around the turns."

The weekend fun can be deceptive — in a good way. "Our whole purpose is to teach parents how to teach their kids to drive safely and responsibly," said BC Cowling, executive director of the nonprofit organization.

Before they get behind the wheel, riders are given comprehensive instruction on how to safely operate the vehicles as well as a briefing on the rules of the track. Many younger kids start by riding along with an adult. Those who are capable eventually take the wheel themselves, learning hands-on how to maintain their center of gravity, keep their feet on the pegs and lean to build momentum.

The track was designed with the help of University of Hawai'i physics instructor Pui Lam for maximum safety and rideability. Cowling said the rules of the track help to ensure safety while teaching young drivers an important lesson. "There are rules, and if you don't follow them, there are consequences," he said.

Reckless lane changing, crashes and other dangerous behaviors result in a warning, then assignment to a slower lane, and, if necessary, a time-out. "The principle is to teach kids the rules of the road at a point where the consequences are still minor," Cowling said. "Later, when they're teenagers out on the road at 2 a.m., they'll already have had a series of good decisions behind them."

In the five months since the track opened in Kunia, thousands of adults and kids have manned Cowling's fleet of low-riding vehicles and circled the clearly marked, tire-lined track. Ivan Okuda said he and Joshua had such a good time, he plans to bring his youth ministry with him next time.

Wil Cristobal of Mililani steered his daughter Emily, 6, around the track on their first visit last week. "I thought it was going to be a lot slower," he said. "I didn't expect it to be fast." Cristobal said some of the younger drivers had difficulty keeping control of the cars, while others excelled after just a few laps.

The track is available to private groups by reservation, and to the general public during open track hours.

Reach Michael Tsai at mtsai@honoluluadvertiser.com



AMERICAN BOX CAR RACING INTERNATIONAL

Track hours: 2-6 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and most holidays; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays; spring break hours, noon-6 p.m. March 27-31

Where: Turn in to the driveway of the Kunia Park & Ride; look for the checkered flags.

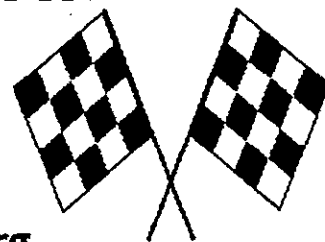
Cost: \$6 for first time (watch or drive, includes Track Pass); \$4 with Track Pass

Information and reservations: 947-3393, www.boxcarracing.org

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Dear Senator Baker:

Enclosed please find our application (original and copy) for a Capital Grant In Aid (copy also sent to Representative Oshiro, House Finance Chair).

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The following information is included:

1. Application Cover Sheet
2. Application
3. Budget
4. Declaration
5. Appendix

ABCRI is a non-profit organization which teaches youth safe driving skills and provides healthy wholesome activities for the entire family, a real need in our community.

We opened our new Community-Based Youth Facility on Oahu in fall 2005 and are currently serving about 2,500 youth, parents and teachers each month. The value of construction completed to date is about \$800,000, which represents 40% of our total project budget of about \$2.0 million. We have completed Phases 1, 2 and 3 out of a planned total of 9 phases. Phase 4 funding was approved during last year's legislative session, but has not yet been released.

We are requesting a Grant In Aid from the Legislature of \$251,000 for FY 2008-2009 to develop Phase 5 of our facility. These next steps of development will enable us to substantially increase the number of participants served and strengthen the educational experience for our youth program participants.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We humbly ask for your favorable approval of this request.

Sincerely,

BC Cowling
Executive Director

cc: Alika Jamile
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