

House District 29

Senate District 14

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

Log No: 227-0

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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 (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN):

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE PROGRAM I.D. NO. (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN):

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual:

Dba: Urban Development Programs

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Mailing Address: Honolulu, HI 96819

2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION:

Name TIVA AGA

Title Executive Director

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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):

7. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

(Maximum 300 Characters)

8. FISCAL YEARS AND AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:

FY 2008-2009 \$ 250,000

FY 2009-2010 \$250,000

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 \$

TYPE NAME & TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

TIVA M. AGA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NAME & TITLE

JAN. 31, 2008

DATE SIGNED

Application for Grants and Subsidies

If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".

I. Background and Summary

1. A BRIEF description of the applicant's background;

Urban Development Programs (UDP) was established in May 2000 as a Center for Women of Public Housing. The purpose of the center was to provide a gathering place for women who are residents of public housing to use as a respite; a place to build relations/friendships with other women as they build and strengthen a positive foundation for their families. The Center also served as a safe haven for the women of public housing to escape for some time off to themselves whether it is for therapeutic gardening, sewing, arts and craft workshops, health awareness and prevention projects, entrepreneurial opportunities, and/or simply seek out solutions to their own social challenges. To operate the Center, it was depended on volunteer efforts from the community and within public housing. There was very little funding from Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

On August 2007, the program was officially registered and licensed to operate as Urban Development Programs as an LLC. We are awaiting our 501(c) (3) application approval; however, we have a fiscal sponsorship through Enterprise & Development Resources for the Pacific (EDRP), a 501 (c) (3) community-based organization located in the heart of Kuhio Park Terrace Resource Center in Central Kalihi.

Through the Executive Director's 15 years as a community builder [REDACTED] with public housing management at Waianae, Wahiawa, Palolo, Kaneohe, and the Central Kalihi District. As Tenant Relations Advisor with Management at Kuhio Park Terrace, she has witnessed firsthand the need for more direct services with families to prevent eviction and homeless. In the year 2007 there were 42 families that were evicted from Kuhio Park Terrace. This accounts for more than half of the number of families that were evicted statewide. The familiarity of various areas of disparities faced by the public housing residents, brought about the desire to create a program that will help with prevention and public awareness. Ms. Aga is credited with successful Community Celebration events, combined Neighborhood walks that included KPT, Mayor Wrights, Kalihi Valley Homes, Hauiki, Kaahumanu, Puahala, and Kam Homes projects. This helped to build and strengthen relations among housing residents, HPD, HPHA, elected leaders and neighboring communities. Additionally, her passion is helping people and making a difference in their lives.

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2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

Goal # 1

To reduce the number of evictions from public housing, and to prevent families and individuals from being forced into the ever increasing homeless population by empowering residents to actively participate in facility improvement and beautification efforts, take ownership by volunteering to assist management with building maintenance including elevator operations and quarterly tenant right workshops.

Objective:

- A. HPHA will provide UDP with a listing of tenants who are in default and for UDP to follow-up to schedule an initial assessment of the situation.
- B. TRIPH orientation can be done individually or in a group. This will include translations of all rental agreements, reassurance of tenants comprehension of their rights and a signed form of completion after the process.
- C. Assignment of services after initial orientation will be determined based on result from assessment by UDP.
- D. Complete a succession plan for each tenant who enroll in the TRIPH program and reflect timeline that will coincide with HPHA deadlines. UDP will be responsible for tracking the tenant and their progress.
- E. Establish a tenant association to address the influx of immigrant residents who are having difficulty communicating due to language barrier. TRIPH will spearhead and outreach effort to get more residents involve in community projects by volunteering with beautification, safe neighborhood watch, and adopting a neighborhood program.

3. State the public purpose and need to be served;

Public housing living is not always in the best of conditions, and residents must learn and be encouraged to report to proper authority when they are subjected to unsafe and unsanitary conditions in their project. Many times residents are afraid to report these type of conditions to authorities for fear that it might have a negative repercussion, lack of knowledge of whom and where to report, as well as not knowing how to report and bring about awareness. This is the same for not understanding communications on housing matters or request for compliance, which in some cases becomes the cause for eviction. Residents have complained of unfair treatment/services from Government Officials who would tell them to sign documents that they do not understand the contents, and has led to eviction and homeless. Some residents from Micronesia complain that upon arrival to

Hawaii, if they have no family, they will immediately be placed at Institute of Human Services while they await an opportunity for housing placement. However, when they are evicted, they are back to square 1 of being homeless. Unable to understand why they are in these circumstances brings about confusion, anxiety, embarrassment, homesick and loneliness, rejection, and other conditions that warrant uncontrollable behaviors. Pacific Islanders ranks high with public housing residents, and public dependence on welfare assistance. They are underrepresented with qualified people that are able to help in their native language and accessing assistance. This presents a dire need for services by UDP to help residents live and enjoy public housing living without fear of unnecessary eviction

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

With our project called Tenant Rights in Public Housing (TRIPH), we anticipate to service families and individual residents of public housing throughout the State of Hawaii. TRIPH will initiate a pilot project to start at Kuhio Park Terrace, the largest public housing in the State with the highest number of immigrant residents. Individuals may also access TRIPH services who are future tenants on HPHA waiting list. Immigrant residents who are transitioning into public housing living and who are faced with language barriers will be encouraged to enroll in educational courses offered by TRIPH such as Conversational English, Parenting Education, Housekeeping, Community Volunteerism, and Accessing Resources. This shall be a requirement for new tenants' orientation that will help them acquire a better understanding of rules and guidelines, as well as their tenant rights.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Geographic areas of service will include all public housing projects throughout the State of Hawaii. Kalihi area has more housing projects and centrally located within 5 miles of each other will be offered TRIPH services first.

II. Service Summary and Outcomes

The Service Summary shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant's approach to the request. The applicant shall clearly and concisely specify the results, outcomes, and measures of effectiveness from this request.

I. Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities;

TRIPH is projecting a 2 year pilot project to be operated as 3 phases. The initial implementation is targeted for the largest housing project in the State, Kuhio Park Terrace. If our proposal is awarded, services will launch in July 2008 with completion by end of fiscal year 2009.

Phase I.

Hire operational staff and put them through trainings to qualify for work that will involve translations, cultural sensitivity, case management interviewing, note taking and other areas pertinent to field services. Additional survey training shall be administering surveys with assistance in language of individuals with limited ability to speak, read, or write. Review and translate HPHA documents relating to Tenant Rental Agreement, Tenant Rights, Project and House Rules, Tenant Responsibilities, and Eviction Procedures. Interviews are crucial to determine needs, problems, and fact finding solutions. It is equally important that outreach workers who will be conducting interviews are equipped with communication and people skills to acquire positive outcomes. Results will be compiled in a report that will serve as a guide with our project. Staff will go through orientation to include assessment of geographic locations. This process will cover the first 6 months operations.

Phase II.

Begin with assessing the homeless and eviction cases. HPHA reports indicate 77 families were evicted in 2006 and a decrease by 1% with 76 families in 2007. There are 42 families that were evicted from Kuhio Park Terrace in 2007. For individuals and families, some of them are reported to taking shelter at the Institute of Human Service, Waianae Outreach Center, or moved in with other families in housing and causing safety issues with overcrowding, and living unauthorized. It will be a major task to locate families who were former residents of housing to include them our program surveys and assessments. The same process will be conducted with tenants of public housing throughout the Island of Oahu. Results will be used by TRIPH to compile a data base that will provide valuable information for our work.

Phase III.

TRIPH will test its program with referrals from HPHA. Referrals shall be tenants who are near eviction, with individualized services to include counseling, guidelines to meet timeline of corrective action requirement. A detailed outline will be created so it can be directed to individual situations and causes of violations. Written results will be shared with HPHA to assist with decisions made on individual cases. The number of successful and failed outcomes will be realized by the end of the second year.

2. Quality Assurance and Evaluation

Urban Development Programs (UDP) with its program Tenant Rights in Public Housing (TRIPH) is committed to providing quality services to the public regardless of national origin, sex, race, age, religion, income, or locale. We are dedicated to serving public housing communities within our capacity. UDP is

known for networking and collaborative work to complete tasks and works with clients with the utmost respect and professionalism.

TRIPH has a Quality Assurance System to assure quality work with our clients and communities that we serve. Our system will stress accountability, facilitate responsible behaviors, emphasis on leadership qualities, and empowerment of clients to take prevention measures to ensure family shelter, and unnecessary homeless.

This system includes:

Quarterly Review and evaluation of: Individual and family living conditions; Development and implementation of practice guidelines; Monitoring and review of case management; Client evaluation and service satisfaction surveys.

Our fiscal sponsor is EDRP, and we have made arrangements for this sponsorship to ensure UDP performs and follow through with service specified with G.I.A. contract.

III. Financial

Budget

SEE ATTACHMENT

IV. Experience and Capability

Not applicable

B. Facilities

UDP has a building that houses the Women Programs located at 1550D Linapuni St., with its offices in one of the two KPT towers, B building 1545 Linapuni St., Room 107. Both facilities are within 100 yards from each other in location. Together we have an approximate 5,510 sq. ft. of working facilities. Both are within ADA requirements for accessibility.

V. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

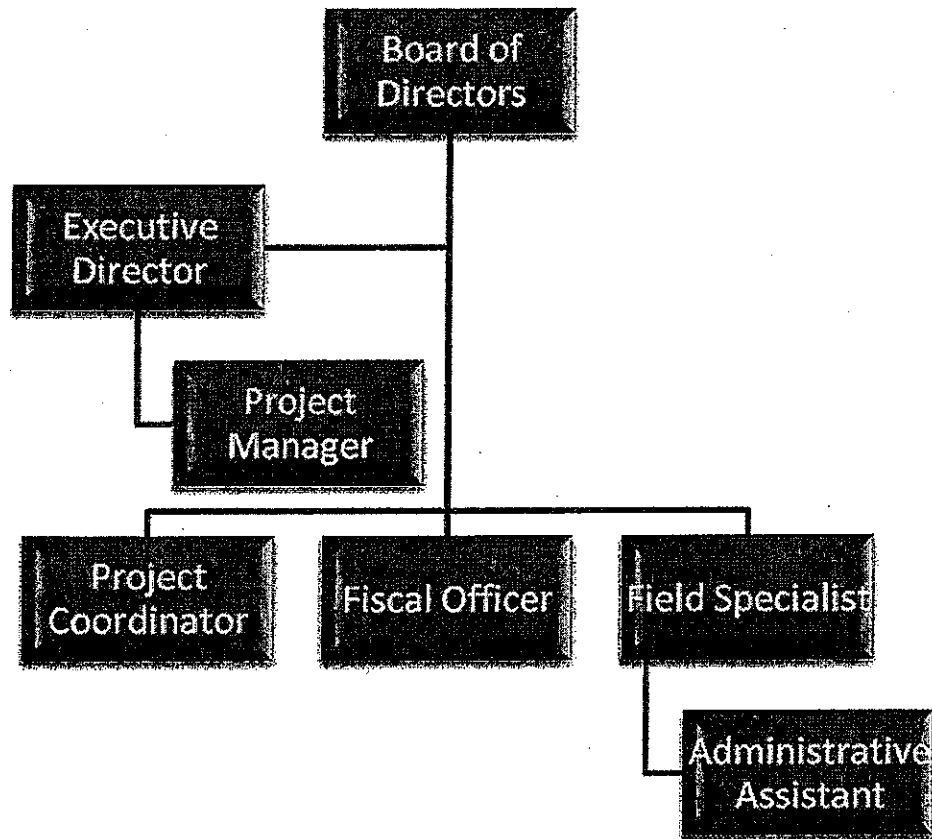
Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

<u>Staffing</u>	<u>Position Requirements</u>
Executive Director	Minimum of 10-years experience in similar capacity.
Fiscal Officer	Minimum of 5 years experience in similar capacity. CPA prefers.
Project Manager	Minimum of 5 years experience in similar capacity
Outreach Coordinator	High School Diploma. Trained to provide services.
Administrative assistance	High School Diploma. Trained to provide services.

B. Organization Chart

Urban Development Programs is a registered and licensed LLC in Hawaii and currently governed by a voluntary Board of Directors. The Executive Director of UDP is responsible for the overall operation and management of the organization.

TENANT RIGHTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING (TRIPH)



VI. Other

A. Litigation

Not Applicable

B. Licensure or Accreditation

Not Applicable



**DECLARATION STATEMENT
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISIED 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:

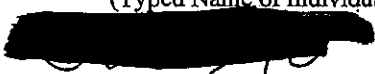
- (1) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
- (2) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded shall be conducted or provided.

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.

Urban Development Programs
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)


(Signature)

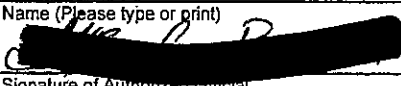
January 31, 2008
(Date)

Tiva M. Aga
(Typed Name)

Executive Director
(Title)

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

Applicant: **Urban Development Programs (UDP)**

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Salaries	160,500			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	20,063			
3. Fringe Benefits - health care insurance	19,500			
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	200,063			
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island	0			
2. Insurance	2,100			
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	6,300			
4. Lease/Rental of Space	30,000			
5. Staff Training	0			
6. Supplies	1,800			
7. Telecommunication	3,000			
8. Utilities - Internet access	720			
9. Contractor services - research consultant, janitorial	48,000			
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20				
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	91,920			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	2,400			
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0			
E. CAPITAL	0			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	294,383			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	250,000	Richard Schrantz		
(b) Private Foundations	45,000	Name (Please type or print)		
(c)				
(d)		Signature of Authorized Official		
		Date		
		Fiscal Consultant		
TOTAL REVENUE	295,000	Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION PERSONNEL - SALARIES AND WAGES

Applicant: Urban Development Programs (UDP)

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 A x B
Executive Director	1	\$60,000.00	50.00%	\$ 30,000.00
Fiscal Officer	1	\$50,000.00	25.00%	\$ 12,500.00
Project Manager	1	\$45,000.00	100.00%	\$ 45,000.00
Program Coordinator	1	\$40,000.00	100.00%	\$ 40,000.00
Field Specialist	1	\$36,000.00	50.00%	\$ 18,000.00
Administrative Assistant	1	\$30,000.00	50.00%	\$ 15,000.00
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				\$ -
TOTAL:				\$ 160,500.00

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:
 Executive director, fiscal officer, and admin assistant represent 19.5% of total project cost. Project manager, project coordinator and field specialist are direct project costs and represent 35% of total project costs.

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Applicant: Urban Development Programs (UDP)

Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Computers	3	\$550.00	\$ 1,650.00	
Fax	1	\$250.00	\$ 250.00	
Copier - to be leased	1	\$0.00	-	
Telephone system	2	\$250.00	\$ 500.00	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	7		\$ 2,400.00	
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Honda Van - to be leased	1.00		\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	1		\$ -	
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION
CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS**

Applicant: Urban Development Programs (UDP)

Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ANY OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED			FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS
	FY: 2005-2006	FY: 2006-2007	FY: 2007-2008	FY: 2008-2009	FY: 2009-2010	FY: 2010-2011
\$ 618,204				\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	
TOTAL:				\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						
Total project cost over two years, assuming average annual inflation rate of 5%.						



Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.
A Non-Profit Human Service Agency

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Honolulu Community Action Program

January 31, 2008

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Joan P. White
Executive Director

Dear Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay:

Aloha! On behalf of Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP), I offer my sincerest gratitude to you for your representation and dedication to providing support for non-profit human service agencies ease their challenges in combating poverty. As Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Grants-in-Aid, you are perhaps the most influential in terms of providing financial resources to organizations dedicated to the fight against poverty. Your dedication is deeply appreciated.

Our mission at HCAP is "Providing Opportunities and Inspiration to enable low-income individuals or families to achieve self-reliance." We are committed to educating and supporting our communities to help guide them toward self-sufficiency. To achieve this desired outcome, we are committed to seeking out and creating partnerships with other service agencies. These partnerships afford us the opportunity to combine our limited resources to create opportunities and conditions by which low-income people can become self-sufficient. One such organization is "Urban Development Programs" (UDP). UDP's mission is to help women, children and families particularly immigrants transition into public housing, provide guidance and services to improve their quality of life while moving towards self-sufficiency. UDP provides these services through educational programs. These programs include Conversational English, Parenting, Unit Housekeeping, Community Volunteerism and Accessing Resources.

At HCAP, we spent tremendous effort to prevent duplication of services among human service agencies. By establishing a partnership with UDP, we are able to prevent duplication of effort while expanding needed services to our clients. Over 60 percent of our clients which are low-income individuals and families need these services, but we are unable to provide them through our own programs and through our referral services via partnerships with other human service agencies. The specific nature of these services provided by UDP makes them unique by providing a perfect fit to the ever increasing immigrant and homeless population. Additionally, the Executive Director and Founder of UDP, Tiva Aga has over fourteen years of community service including housing management positions through private contracting management and numerous advisory positions among tenant associations in public housing. With such experience among the leadership at UDP, HCAP is most certainly looking forward to a most valuable partnership among community service agencies.

To that end, the HCAP Kalihi-Palama District Center strongly recommends approval of UDP's request for funding through Grants-in-Aid. Approval of this fund will be instrumental in HCAP and UDP's abilities to provide services, while creating opportunities and conditions by which the unfortunate can become self-sufficient. I hope for your most favorable consideration of UDP's request.

Respectfully,


Ace S. Tufu
Community Service Manager
Kalihi-Palama District Center

January 31, 2008

Re: Urban Development Program

To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the Academy of Child and Youth Care, it is a pleasure to give my most outstanding endorsement and recommendation for the Urban Development Program. The Academy of Child and Youth Care has responsibility for setting standards and best practices to ensure excellence in programs and centers for children and youth around the world.

I recently visited Urban Development Program to make a full and complete assessment of the plans and future work. I spent a total of 72 hours in December of 2007 in Kuhio Park Valley and visited with the leadership of the Urban Development Program, the board, with residents and youth who lived at Kuhio Park Terrace, and community leaders. The program has a solid base of support from the residents. Community leaders and professionals also trust in the excellence of the services that can be provided. In short, I believe that given full resources for implementation, the Urban Development Program can be one of the stellar examples around the globe. The attached proposal which lasts 2 years and is focused on reducing the number of evictions and lowering the homeless population is both comprehensive and of high-quality in design.

As a Harvard-trained Child Psychologist and Anthropologist, specializing in the needs of indigenous populations at-risk, especially the needs of Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Micronesian and other island cultures represented at KPT, I found the proposed pilot project to be thoughtful in its cultural competence, well developed around its strategies to ensure healthy growth, and organized to fully develop empowerment and engagement of residents and youth facing significant challenges. The leadership and the Board of the Urban Development Program are not only diverse but offer significant and skilled expertise in multi-cultural communication, teamwork, and community development. In short, my assessment is that you can expect strong success and productive impact from this program.

I would also like to note that, Executive Director, Tiva Aga, is known around the world to have both integrity and caring vision in the development of programs for those amongst us who are poor and need to find strength. At AED, which works on educational and community programs in more than 150 countries, we have consulted with Ms. Aga on the development of mentoring, leadership and community economic development initiatives. Ms. Aga is a member of the Board of the Native Hawaiian Pacific Island Alliance and has been highly recognized for her commitment to both women and children in communities that are struggling to succeed. Ms. Aga has the trust and professional respect of leading scholars and policy-makers cutting across the fields of community development, social welfare and economic change. Her well-known writings on the life of Samoan and other Pacific Island communities have significantly changed the way practitioners and scholars think about effective interventions and lead the way for the development of a new generation of change.

Fully supporting, Ms. Aga, is a Board that represents business, so [redacted] service, education, military and local government. The Board is not only deeply respected in Hawaii but also here in Washington, DC. They are hands-on and deeply dedicated to the key success of this project.

Last, but perhaps most important, it is the residents themselves who are asking for the skills, strengths and competencies that Urban Development Program will provide in the design and implementation of this pilot. The residents of Kuhio Park Terrace, are rapidly moving towards health. Many residents are indeed accessing the services and supports of the Urban Development Program joining in making the complex safe, with youth and families becoming more fully engaged in schooling and work. The

community has reached a kind of tipping point for success that can only be strengthened and advanced by the pilot project.

The leaders engaged in the development of this project under the guidance of Ms. Aga, have worked with hearts, minds and hands in a way that can provide healthy development, safer spaces and stronger community for the next generation, and we as elders must be there to support with the strongest resources available. I commit the full support of the Academy for Educational Development in saluting, recognizing and working to sustain the proposal which has been submitted to you.

Most Sincerely,

Dr. Andrew Schneider-Munoz

Vice President and Director, AED Center for Youth Development

Member, Academy of Child and Youth Care

Certified Clinical Child and Youth Care Specialist





Enterprise & Development Resources for the Pacific (EDRP)

1485 Linapuni Street, Suite #122
Honolulu, HI 96819

January 31, 2008

Dear Representative Michael Magaoay,

Aloha! On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors for Enterprise & Development Resources for the Pacific (EDRP) and the fiscal sponsor (FEIN#99-025587), I am writing in regards to the Urban Development Programs and their submission of a grant proposal in response to the Grant-In-Aid program.

Under the direction of Tiva M. Aga, UDP's pro-active approach through its Tenant Right In Public Housing project will certainly help residents of Kuhio Park Terrace have a voice. This collaboration effort with the tenants will certainly echo throughout the state as a preventative measure to reduce tenant eviction to increasing homeless. It is a good thing and certainly will not only strengthen people in public housing but will also give them a sense of hope to eventually transition out of housing.

I strongly believe that with the assistance from Grant-In-Aid, UDP will increase the effort of state by providing more assistance in the transitioning efforts for tenants in public housing. UDP will bring a breath of fresh air by increasing activities for residents within Kuhio Park Terrace, especially for our women and children.

For those reasons and more, I wholeheartedly support Urban Development Programs' "Tenant Right In Public Housing" project and their application for Grant-In-Aid funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Tau Ve'e Remmers
Executive Director
Enterprise & Development Resources for the Pacific