



**Statement of**

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Aloha Mr. Kyle Chock and members of the Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Oversight Commission!

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) activities on Kaua'i.

The County of Kaua'i has benefited in many ways from the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and currently has \$13,909,622.00 in ARRA grant funding. Highway projects underway on Kauai are being managed at the state level through the State Highways Division. One of the projects is the resurfacing of Kūhi'ō Highway from Kawaihau Road to Kapa'a bridge, using \$1,021,416.00 in ARRA funds. Another highway project in progress is the widening of Kūhi'ō Highway from Kuamo'o Road to the temporary bypass road on Kūhi'ō Highway. This project is using approximately 15 Million Dollars in ARRA funds and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2010.

The County of Kaua'i is one of many partners collaborating with the state Department of Health on the "Communities Putting Prevention to Work" program, which is being funded by an ARRA grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The \$3,435,221.00 ARRA grant was secured by the state Department of Health. It involves many

community partners on Kaua'i and Maui focusing their efforts on reducing obesity. Mahalo to Dr. Dileep G. Bal with the Department of Health, Kaua'i District Office and his team of community members for leading this effort.

I will now provide a brief description of ARRA grant funded projects by Department.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney (OPA) currently has a total of five ARRA grant awards. The first award is a formula grant from the Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Recovery Act Grant (JAG). These funds provide training opportunities for prosecutors and law enforcement officers. OPA's second award is an expansion of the Victim of Crime (VOCA) Act Program. The VOCA funds were provided to the YWCA Sex Assault Treatment Program and the Family Violence Shelter. The next three grants are Byrne JAG grants that focus on drug prosecution, the Property Crime Prosecution Unit and the Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit. Each program has a goal of improving public safety on Kaua'i through efficient and effective prosecution of those who commit crimes.

The Office of Economic Development (OED) has two ARRA grant awards. The first ARRA award is in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). This federal ARRA grant is through the State Department of Labor to the County of Kaua'i. The primary purpose of the WIA grant is to have education and training aligned with jobs and industries important to our local economy. The second ARRA award for OED is from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). The EECBG grant will be used to plan/design and purchase/install a 25-30 kW photovoltaic power system for the new Kaiakea Fire Station located just north of Kapa'a, which is scheduled to open in September of this year.

The Office of Elderly Affairs (OEA) received two awards specifically to provide home delivered meals to persons over 60 years old. The grant is awarded through the State Executive Office on Aging to the OEA. The funds were used to supplement the current contracts in place to provide this service. OEA is also one of the community partners in the Department of Health's grant "Communities Putting Prevention to Work" grant by ensuring the continuation of the "EnhanceFitness" program for our seniors at the neighborhood centers island wide.

The Kaua'i County Housing Agency (KCHA) is in receipt of ARRA funds from Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Development Block Grant Program – Recovery Act (CDBG-R), a formula grant that will supplement the CDBG program. The funds will be used for two purposes. The first is to improve the two facilities in Kīlauea and Kōloa that house Kaua'i Head Start Programs. The second purpose of the funds will be to complete ADA improvements at the Kapa'a New Town Park, which will provide access routes to all amenities for disabled and elderly individuals.

The Kaua'i County Transportation Agency (KCTA) is in receipt of an ARRA grant award from a formula grant from the Federal Transit Administration via the state Department of Transportation to purchase buses. KCTA will purchase eight buses to expand the fleet and to replace aging buses.

The Public Works Department is in receipt of ARRA funds from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (WPCRF). These funds will be used to expand the Waimea Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which has been operating at more than 90 percent of its 300,000 gallon capacity per day flow. This project will double the existing capacity of the plant along with making improvements to the plant's solids-handling facilities and upgrading the effluent to meet the "R-1" standards. A total of \$7,438,075.00 of ARRA funding has been committed to this project.

The Parks and Recreation Department under the project management of Public Works Department have received ARRA grant funds from the Federal Highway Administration via the state Department of Transportation. The funds will be used to complete phase A of the Wailua to Kapa'a portion of the shared use coastal path. A total commitment of \$4,120,000.00 of ARRA funds have been received to date for this project.

The County of Kaua'i was also able to take advantage of the ARRA subsidized issuance of bonds through the Build America Bond (BAB) and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond (RZEDB). The bond float was completed in March of this year. The funds are being used for many capital improvement projects that the County had on the back burners which also includes large water department projects.

The County of Kaua'i had explored other grant opportunities including the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for fire station construction; however, we could not apply for it because we had already completed the bid process. Last year, the Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) submitted an application for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) 2010 Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). They did not receive an award but was asked to revise and re-submit the application for this year. KPD is currently waiting on the status of this year's application, which, if granted, will allow them to hire four new police officers.

The County of Kauai is very diligent in seeking grant opportunities that fit our project needs. My day begins by looking for grants that may fit into our plans.

In conclusion, I am appreciative to all Kaua'i County employees for their efforts to meet the requirements of the ARRA grants. To date, all departments have fulfilled their reporting requirements and have met their deadlines for quarterly reports.

I would also like to thank the Commission, our Congressional Delegation and Mr. Mark Anderson, State ARRA lead, for all of their support to the County Kaua'i.

I will be able to answer any questions that you may have.