

# Kashyan

*True generosity is giving with no expectation of receiving anything in return. In times of need, our people often give whatever is needed, be it time, wisdom, material things, or simply a hand. The only expectation is that the same kindness will be extended to others in their time of need.*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grant # OHA-08-019509

### MISSION

To create, retain and expand wealth of Native Hawaiians by improving economic self-sufficiency and business sustainability.

### FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS

The Economic Development Hilo provided a wide range of services from research and economic analysis to coordination of grants and economic development programs. Priority projects during 2008 included:

- Alaska Natural Gas Initiative: an investigation of the economic benefits of shipping natural gas from Alaska to Hawaii for the purpose of generating low-cost and clean electricity.
- Hawaii Procurement Technical Assistance Center (HI-PTAC): a \$300,000 grant award to OHA by the Defense Logistics Agency to establish and manage Hawaii's first center offering procurement technical assistance to small businesses in order to market and sell their goods and services to federal, state and county government.
- Pacific Network TV: facilitation of development of Hawaiian Internet-based TV station [www.pacificnetwork.tv](http://www.pacificnetwork.tv) focusing on Hawaiian issues and concerns.
- Makaweli Poi: facilitation of Makaweli Poi Mill asset purchase and asset transfer to Hii'ipoi LLC.
- Training and Technical Assistance program: technical assistance to Native Hawaiian business owners in all aspects of their businesses.

### NATIVE HAWAIIAN REVOLVING LOAN FUND

### MISSION

To increase the number and wealth of sustainable Native Hawaiian-owned businesses by fostering economic independence, commitment and fiscal responsibility through entrepreneurial development.

### FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS

- Successful launching of the new OHA Maalama Loan program in partnership with First Hawaiian Bank, with oversight from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA).
- Approval of more than 450 loans for a total loan value in excess of \$10 million.

### CONSUMER MICRO LOAN PROGRAM

### MISSION

The mission of the CMLP is to finance temporary cash flow difficulties and career enhancement opportunities for Native Hawaiians.

### FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS

38 loans were approved for a total of \$196,690. The fund has disbursed 156 loans for \$866,186.00 statewide, since the inception of the program. The CMLP was initially establishing with funding of \$500,000, to which an additional \$300,000 was infused to allow for continuation of the program.

### COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

### MISSION

To assist community-based economic development organizations in planning, developing and implementing sustainable economic activities to serve Native Hawaiians.

### FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS

Nonprofit organizations that received a total of \$350,000 in funding during 2008 fiscal year include: Agriculture Leadership Foundation of Hawaii; The Arc of Hilo, The Bay Clinic, Inc., Empower Oahu, Hawaii's Construction Career Days, Ilii O Kupaa, Keiki O Ka'Anna Family Learning Centers, The Kobala Center, Ma Kai Hana Kai, Inc., Mutual Assistance Associations Center, Niihau Cultural Heritage Foundation, PAA Foundation, and Waianae Coast Coalition.

## EDUCATION

Grant # OHA-08-019510

### MISSION

The mission of the Education program is to facilitate culturally solid educational opportunities for Native Hawaiians to promote academic success and life-long learning.

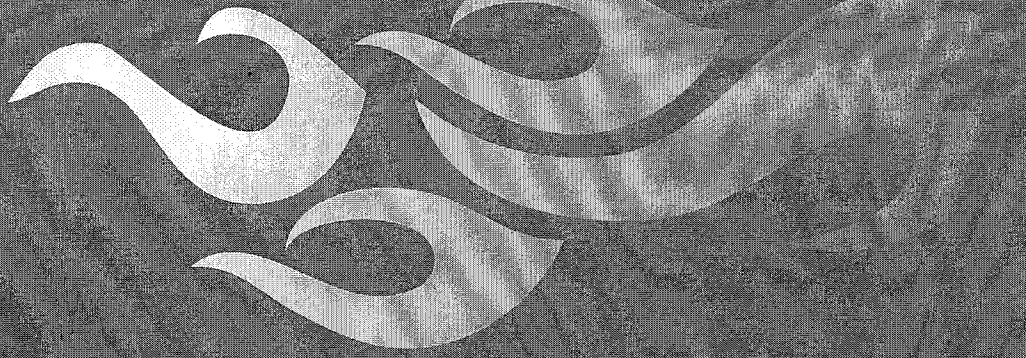
### FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS

- Facilitated early childhood education tuition assistance awards for 96 families in communities on Molekahi, Maui, Hawaii, Kauai and Oahu.
- Supported 15 public start-up and conversion charter schools that implement Hawaiian aspects of education.
- Contributed to OHA's Higher Education Scholarship Program administered by the Hawaii Community Foundation and provided scholarships for 279 Native Hawaiian students.

In addition, OHA's Education program provided grants, funding or support to:

- 3 programs in early childhood education supporting scholarships for preschoolers, the publication of standards and guidelines for early childhood education providers, and delivery of literacy services for home-less kaka.
- 17 programs and initiatives in K-12 education including a leadership training initiative program for gifted and talented Native Hawaiian kaka services for kaka with special needs and learning disabilities, college prep and financial workshops, career planning, mentoring for at-risk kaka, and support programs in DOE schools.
- 18 initiatives and programs in higher education and adult education. These programs include indigenous research, education, and curriculum development, support for Masters degree candidates working in Native Hawaiian-serving agencies, GED preparation and support for at-risk youth and adults, support for eldora and former Native Hawaiian law students, support for increased access for Native Hawaiians in Hawaii's community colleges, and programs for incarcerated Native Hawaiians.

Details on grants and the programs funded in FY 08 can be found in OHA's 2008 Grants Report.





# Ho'olohe

Nina ka maka, Ho'alohe ka peepa, no ka wai, He He.  
With tradition of learning, emphasizes careful observation,  
and *intent listening* to learn the subtleties of the subject at  
hand. To be a strong, effective learner, one must listen to his or  
her people and act accordingly to protect their interests.

