ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Hawaii is our future.

MISSION
To create, retain and/or expand wealth for Native Hawaiians by improving economic self-sufficiency and business sustainability.

FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS
The Economic Development Unit 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, clean electricity.
- Hawaii Procurement Technical Assistance Center (Hi-PATC): a $300,000 grant issued to GHA by the Defense Logistics Agency to conduct and manage Hawaii's first ever offering of procurement technical assistance to small businesses in order to familiarize them with market and federal and state government programs.
- Pacific Network TV, facilitation of development of Hawaiian Internet-based TV station www.irtualhawaii.com, focusing on Hawaiian issues and concerns.
- Makahai Foundation: facility of Makahai Public Library asset management and asset transfer to HiPET LLC.
- Training and Technical Assistance Program: technical assistance to Native Hawaiian businesses 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 self-sufficiency through entrepreneurial development.

FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS
- Successful solicitation of the new GHA Minority 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 Microloan Program is to finance temporary cash flow difficulties and career enhancement opportunities for Native Hawaiians.

FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS
36 loans were approved for a total of $186,191. The fund has distributed $26,000 for $300,000, 80% of which to the inception of the program. To CMPP was modified with funding of $500,000, to which an additional $200,000 was added 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 $1.5 million as of February 2009, received assistance in planning, developing and implementing new economic activities for Native Hawaiians.

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