

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

ROLE AND DUTIES

The Department of Research and Development's mission is to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i County through economic development programs in agriculture, tourism, new industry, energy, film, and information resource- and capacity-building in a manner that is culturally and environmentally beneficial.

STAFF

Appointed Personnel:	2
Permanent Personnel:	6
State-funded Personnel:	2

BUDGET

Budget appropriation:	\$1,176,105
General Fund:	\$992,605
Other Revenue Sources:	\$183,500

HIGHLIGHTS/ACTIVITIES

Tourism

The Department of Research and Development acknowledges Hawai'i Island's infrastructure of visitor industry services, associations, and organizations that promote tourism and enhance the visitors' experience. The health and welfare of Hawai'i County's tourism program are contingent upon cooperative relationships and partnerships of these many supportive businesses, agencies, groups and associations which continuously pursue the development of tourism programs for the island. These organizations provide valuable resources and expertise to support the work of the department in addressing the needs of the visitor industry.

While the economic conditions of the U.S. and international markets directly affect the stability of Hawai'i's visitor industry, the awareness and appreciation of the cultures and traditions of Hawai'i continue to see growth. New niches gain

attention and added-value for our already rich presence within international markets.

The department's goal is to increase the number of visitors and/or their length of stay on the Island of Hawai'i as well as to enhance their experience while here. The total number of visitors fell 6.7 percent to 1,183,005 during 2001 largely due to the affects of September 11. However, foreign cruise ship arrivals increased by 30.4 percent during 2001 (despite September 11), from 54,774 during 2000 to 71,425 during 2001. The cruise ship industry is expected to continue its growth in the coming years.

Another goal is to improve the quality of the visitor experience through product development and visitor enhancement programs. The department executed 12 contracts totaling \$346,000 for activities such as visitor greetings, marketing, cooperative advertising, cultural festivals and special events.

Agriculture

The agriculture industry continues to play a significant role in the Big Island's economy. Although highly influenced by the forces of nature and the economic well-being of our major markets, the industry remains a vital source of revenue and employment on our island. Agriculture contributes over \$160 million per year to the island's economy and provides employment to almost 5,000 people. The increasing diversity of crops grown on the island contributes to the stability of the industry because production and economic disturbances experienced by any one crop is often compensated by the increase in production and economic value of the other crops.

Research and Development (R&D) understands the importance of diversification in the agriculture industry. It has been very supportive of programs that expose the farming community to new trends in farming technology as well as to new crops with high economic potential. R&D provides seed money to commodity groups to hold conferences where international scientists are invited to share their knowledge with our farmers. These conferences contributed to the increase in the number of varieties of tropical fruits and potted orchids grown on the Big Island. R&D provided seed money to five information and educational programs for fiscal year 2001-2002. R&D leverages \$22,995 of County funds for \$12,000 of State funds and \$20,500 of private funds to conduct such programs.

As the agriculture industry expands, so has its demand for government assistance. To maximize R&D's support to the industry, partnerships with the farming community and other government agencies have proven to be both effective and efficient. Such partnerships enable R&D to leverage its limited funds to keep the agriculture industry growing.

In fiscal year 2001-2002, R&D leveraged \$78,280 of County funds with \$57,000 of State funds and \$516,000 of private funds to carry out ten market development and promotion projects.

Farm fairs, in-store demonstrations and food shows have proven effective in creating awareness among local consumers about the variety of agricultural products grown on our island. R&D provided seed money to produce the initial "Paradise Chef Duel" which is a local version of the international cooking show, "Iron Chef." The first show was aired on August 17, 2002, on KGMB. The show highlighted Kamuela beef and the participation of Peter Merriman, a Big Island chef.

It also promoted other Big Island products, including flowers. The show created a lot of excitement from viewers. With this show, R&D leveraged its funds at a ratio of 1:16. The Mid-Pacific Horticultural Trade Show continues to bring in new buyers from the mainland and overseas to our island. This show contributed significantly to the continuous expansion of the ornamental foliage and flower industry, particularly in the Hamakua and Puna districts. As more of the products grown on the island are becoming export-ready, a cross-commodity trade show is being planned to expand upon the horticultural trade show model.

In the area of research, R&D leveraged \$31,500 of County's funds with \$91,000 of State funds and \$227,200 of private funds. Utilization of agricultural waste for use in other sectors of the industry has been encouraged, with R&D providing seed money to two projects that will investigate the use of green waste, including wood chips as anthurium growing media and the conversion of Hawai'i guinea grass into high energy feed product for cattle. The anthurium industry uses considerable quantities of imported potting media which constitutes a significant expense to the farmers. On the other hand, cattle have been finished on the mainland because of the prohibitive cost of the feed on the island. Positive results of these projects would enhance the competitiveness of the anthurium and cattle industries.

Information on the alkaloid content of transgenic papaya is the remaining piece of information needed by the Japan government in accepting transgenic papaya into Japan. R&D provided the funds to conduct this research. Acceptance of transgenic papaya in Japan will greatly help the industry which is currently facing marketing problems.

Additionally, the County-supported papaya quarantine demonstration project is the main supplier of the Kapoho solo papaya (non-transgenic) for the Japan market. It produces about 11 million pounds per year of Kapoho solo papaya with a farm gate value of \$3.5 million. The cost to the County for this project is about \$24,000, which represents the deferred tax revenue accruing to the County for the land which belongs to Bishop Estate and is leased to the County.

Phase I of the Ka'u Agricultural Water System in Pahala was completed. The system provides 2.6 million gallons of water per day to the farmers. Water is being provided to a total of 1,002 acres of land, which are used in the production of aloe vera, potatoes, tropical flowers, cattle and assorted vegetables.

A seed grant in the amount of \$20,000 allowed eight Big Island businesses to participate in the Natural Products Expo West 2002 at Anaheim, California. Orders for Big Island products placed at the Expo totaled about \$60,000 with potential orders of about \$5.4 million.

In addition to providing supplemental grants, in-kind support was extended to various agricultural events, and R&D continues to provide vital coordination and clearinghouse services for many agricultural commodities groups and farms on this island.

List of Funded Projects for Fiscal Year 2001-2002

Market Development and Promotion Grants

<u>Abbreviated Title</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Big Island Promo at State Farm Fair	Big Island Farm Bureau	3,000
Big Island Farm Fair	Big Island Farm Bureau	5,000
Kamuela Grown Produce Promo	Big Island Farm Bureau	5,000
Paradise Chef Duel	Big Island Farm Bureau	7,500
Big Island Woodworkers Promo	Hawai'i Forest Industry Association	5,280
51 st Annual Orchid Show	Hilo Orchid Society	2,500
Big Island Brunch & Marketplace	Kona Coffee Cultural Festival	5,000
Tropical Fruit Promotional Plan	Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers	10,000
Mid-Pacific Horticultural Trade Show	Hawai'i Export Nursery Assoc.	15,000
Cross Commodity Value Added Trade Show	JoAnn Johnston & Co.	20,000

Research Projects

<u>Abbreviated Title</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Evaluation of Alternative Media for Anthurium	University of Hawai'i	\$4,500
Kikuyugrass Pasture Renovation	University of Hawai'i	5,000
Comparison of Alkaloid Content in Transgenic and Non-Transgenic Papaya	Papaya Administrative Committee	5,000
Deep Ocean Water Economic Model for Development in Kailua-Kona	Common Heritage Corporation	7,000
Organoleptic Evaluation of Meat Products	University of Hawai'i	10,000

On-Going Research (Initially funded in previous years)

<u>Abbreviated Title</u>	<u>Target Completion Date</u>
Development of Solar Pasteurizer	12/31/02
Impacts of Forest Harvesting on Soil	06/30/03
Marketing Program for UHH-University Park	03/01/03
Clonal Propagation of Papayas	07/31/03
Controlled Environment Anthurium Production	06/30/03

Research Projects Completed

Abbreviated Title
Disease Control for Field Grown Ginger
Ruminant Livestock Production Improvement
Supplemental Irrigation of Dryland Taro
Nematode Disease Management for Awa
Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed Protection
Utilization of Coffee Processing Waste Water
Marketing Hawai'i Carbon Credits
Efficacy of Biochemicals for Control of
Green Scale in Kona Coffee

Information and Education Grants

<u>Abbreviated Title</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2002 HOGA Conference	Hawai'i Orchid Growers Assoc.	\$4,500
2002 Mealani Forage Field Day	University of Hawai'i	4,995
Organic Agriculture Informational Brochure	Hawai'i Organic Farmers Assoc.	3,500
Papaya Production in Hawai'i video	University of Hawai'i	5,000
42 nd Annual Macadamia Nut Conference	Hawai'i Macadamia Nut Assoc.	5,000

Business & Community Economic Development

R&D's economic development program directs its resources to attract businesses to the Big Island and encourages the improvement of existing businesses.

During fiscal year 2001-2002, R&D provided a total of \$66,000 to eight organizations for economic development projects. The money was used to leverage a total of \$494,746 from other sources. The ratio of County funds to the leveraged funds is 1:7.5.

		County Funding	Other Funding
<u>List of Funded Projects for Fiscal Year 2001-2002</u>			
Kona Heritage Ranch	Kona Historical Society	\$ 3,000	\$33,600
Educational Seminar to Ensure Quality Production of Products	Kona Pacific Farmers Cooperative	5,000	5,590
Healing Island Initiative	Five Mtn. Med. Community, Inc.	10,000	164,000
O'okala Community Ctr & Plantation Marketplace	Hamakua Diversified Agricultural Association	3,000	3,000
<u>Initially Funded in Previous Year</u>			
Bridging the Economic Divide to Create Jobs and Expand Business Opportunities in the District of Ka'u	Office of Community Service	20,000	55,340
Just-In-Time Workforce Trng. and Technology Centers	University of Hawai'i at Hilo Rural Development Program	20,000	227,416
Holualoa Heritage Corridor Brochure	Pulama Ia Kona Heritage Preservation Council	5,000	5,800

Hawaiian Heritage Corridor

R&D continues to fund corridor projects as a result of the growing interest in cultural and historical Native Hawaiian aspects of the Big Island's history.

R&D provided funding for a Drive Guide brochure of a five-mile segment of Holualoa Highway and an irrigation system at the Kona Heritage Living Museum. This project will tell the story of everyday life of the ranching community.

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ)

The Hilo FTZ located at the old Hilo airport site continues operation under Foreign-Trade Zone 9 in coordination with R&D. As a result of advocacy efforts by the County, the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) established a quarter-time position locally for oversight and marketing of the Hilo FTZ.

The current tenant, Gemini Telescope, occupies the entire building and was given notice to vacate the building. A marketing plan to find a suitable tenant to replace Gemini is being developed along with other possible developments for the site. R&D assists in the coordination and operation of the Hilo FTZ, which is under the jurisdiction of Foreign-Trade Zone 9.

Enterprise Zone (EZ)

Governor Cayetano granted the County its requested amendment to increase the size of five of the six designated Enterprise Zones: Hilo-Puna, Hamakua, Kohala, Kona I and II, and Ka'u. The expansion added 164,000 acres to the 490,000 acres already designated enterprise zones for a total of 654,000 acres, which covers basically the eligible area around the perimeter of the island.

Enterprise Zones extend certain tax benefits to companies to encourage start-ups or expansion of existing businesses. This year 13 new businesses enrolled in the program for a total participation of 50 plus eight pending businesses.

R&D administers this program at the County level and coordinates with DBEDT at the State level.

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) provides a program of economic development for the County of Hawai'i and the EDA to pursue. Using CEDS as a planning vehicle for economic development, EDA funded the following County of Hawai'i projects:

	EDA Funding	Matching Funds
<u>On Going Projects</u>		
Volcano Art Center Phase I	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000

Pacific Aquaculture & Coastal Resource Center	1,990,000	1,049,000
Hazard Mitigation Plan	200,000	85,714
Macadamia Industry Marketing Project	100,000	42,860
Bank of Hawai`i Business Incubator Project	625,000	1,460,068
<u>Project Completed this Year</u>		
Ka'u Feasibility Study for Food Processing & Visitor Ctr	30,000	15,000
Total Funding	\$3,595,000	\$3,302,642

R&D is working with the University of Hawai`i at Hilo and Hawai`i Community College on the Bank of Hawai`i building which will be renovated into a Small Business Incubator. Earlier in the year, R&D participated in the three-day Design Charrette for planning and design of the building. The project was put out to bid, and a construction contract was awarded to GW Construction. Construction will begin in September 2002, and the project will be completed by October 2003.

Ka'u Economic Development

Because of a weak economy in the Ka'u District, R&D has worked with several nonprofit organizations in Ka'u to establish economic development at the grass-roots level. R&D has provided funding for community organizing and planning for an action plan for economic development to be developed by the community.

The feasibility study of a food processing facility and visitor center in Ka'u funded by EDA was completed. It was determined that a coffee processing and visitor center in the town of Pahala would provide a means to stimulate the growth of the coffee industry in Ka'u, maintain an agricultural lifestyle and increase tourism in the district.

Incubator Kitchens

R&D provided technical assistance and support to the incubator kitchens: Hilo, Hakalau, Honokaa and Paauilo. These incubator kitchens offer opportunities for residents to begin entrepreneurial ventures where unemployed and underemployed persons are able to receive training for employment.

Rural Development Project

R&D has established a collaborative partnership with Hawai`i Community College's Rural Development Project to identify and support ways to diversify the

island's economy by creating job opportunities and assisting with preparing the workforce for anticipated jobs.

Project Storm

R&D provided technical assistance to Project Storm in the Puna District. As a result of a strategic planning process, the group has focused on improving transportation services in the district. Hele-On plans two additional routes into Puna and to provide transportation from Pahoia to the subdivisions between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. for students and workers.

Five Mountains Medical Community

R&D provided funding to develop Hawai'i as a "Healing Island" through support of promotional activities that establishes the island as an international health and healing destination.

Energy

Phase 2 of the ongoing program of energy retrofits to County facilities consisted of upgrades of the lighting and air conditioning systems at the two main police facilities on the Big Island—the Hilo Public Safety Building and the Kona Police Station. Honeywell, Inc. completed installation of the retrofit measures in October 2001. Capital cost for this project was \$1,338,547 of which \$942,800 was provided by a tax-exempt municipal lease at an interest rate of 5.72 percent. The remaining \$395,747 was provided by Hawai'i County CIP funds. Honeywell has guaranteed annual energy cost savings of \$139,269 for this project. The first two quarterly Cost Avoidance reports submitted by Honeywell showed savings of \$70,442 slightly above the guarantee for the first six months of post-retrofit operation.

In September 2001, the Hawai'i Electric Light Company (HELCO) awarded Hawai'i County the Big Island's "Project of the Year" at the Pacific Coast Electrical Association Conference for the retrofits to the Hawai'i County Building and 27 fire and police stations. The County Traffic Division received HELCO's institutional award for retrofitting traffic lights with LED lamps.

In October 2001, consultant Steve Bolles submitted an Energy Program Report for Districts II and III pump systems of the Hawai'i County Department of Water Supply (DWS). (Districts 1 and IV were reported on last year.) Potential annual energy cost savings totaling \$1.6 million were identified requiring an estimated \$7.6 million to implement. It was not found feasible to carry out retrofits to DWS facilities by means of a performance contract because of the water rate structure that requires any savings realized to be returned to the customer base. As a result, DWS management has instituted an in-house program that is now in progress. In collaboration with the Energy Coordinator, DWS also submitted a

successful application for a \$42,810 grant to the U.S. Department of Energy's Rebuild America program for energy efficiency measures at DWS pumping facilities.

The County was awarded a grant of \$17,150 by the U.S. DoE's Rebuild America program to implement an Energy Smart Schools program at a selected school on the Big Island.

During the year, the County received a total of \$30,500 in HELCO DSM rebates for energy efficiency measures installed at various facilities.

Film

The Department of Research and Development Big Island Film Office provided liaison services between government agencies, the community and the film industry for over 128 productions from ten countries. This resulted in over \$6 million in production expenditures brought into the Big Island economy. While the results of September 11, 2001 cut production from Japan in half, mainland productions were up resulting in higher revenues than last year. Features, television commercials and television shows, including episodics and sports brought in the highest revenues, while documentaries brought in the highest number of productions.

The office responded to over 245 inquiries, providing information, support materials, and Big Island stock photographs from the Film Office photo library. Meetings and scouting of Big Island locations took place on a regular basis with potential productions, i.e., Revolution Studios, Norris Brothers Entertainment, and Filmwerks Hawai'i.

The Film Office web site is linked to numerous industry web sites and averaged 26,000 hits a month from over 25 countries. E-mail continued to be a daily occurrence in communicating with foreign and mainland-based production companies.

The Film Office represented the County on two State film industry boards designed to help grow the film industry—the Hawai'i Television and Film Development Board and the Hawai'i Film and Entertainment Board. In addition, the Film Office participated as a board member with Na Leo 'O Hawai'i and attended meetings of the Film and Video Association of Hawai'i. The Film Office also was involved in community outreach by speaking to community groups and participating in press and radio interviews.

The Film Office participated in trade shows, festivals and conferences, including Locations 2002 International Trade Show; The Association of Film Commissioners International (AFCI) Cineposium; Sundance Film Festival;

Hawai'i International Film Festival; and the Hawai'i State Legislature Film Industry Day.

The Big Island Film Office in conjunction with the Neighbor Island Film Offices and the State Film Office continued in their cooperative marketing efforts as the Film Offices of the Hawaiian Islands. A marketing presentation was made to Hollywood Studio Executives on Hawai'i Tax Incentives. A new advertising campaign of mahalo ads to major productions that filmed in Hawai'i was put into effect in the Hollywood Reporter. The poster sized insert ad campaign was continued with placements in American Cinematographer, Hollywood Reporter and Creativity magazines.

In addition, the Big Island Film Office placed advertisements in the Hawai'i Production Index as well as listings in the following industry publications: The Hollywood Reporter Blue-Book Film, TV & Commercial Production Directory, Pacific Coast Studio Directory, The International Location Service Guide, Motion Picture TV and Theatre Directory and the Creative Industry Handbook.

OVERVIEW OF BIG ISLAND FILM INDUSTRY PRODUCTIONS FY 2001-2002

FEATURES

Filmwerks (USA) – “Aloha My Love”

Filmwerks (USA) – “Kapu”

TV EPISODES/SPECIALS

Fisher Entertainment (USA) – “The Last Resort”

BBC (England) – “Top Ten Destinations As Seen From Space”

And Syndicated Productions (USA) – “The Bachelor”

C.G. International (Japan) – “TV Asahi Nagano Special”

LMNO (USA) – “Behind Closed Doors With Joan Lunden”

DOCUMENTARIES

Pioneer Productions (England) – “The Day The Earth Was Born”

Thomas Lucas (USA) – “The Unfolding Universe”

IDTV (Netherlands) – “Kamphues Maakt Vrienden”

Triage Entertainment(USA) – “History of Hawai'i”

TV COMMERCIALS

Tuesday Films (USA) – “Honda”

House of Usher (USA) – “Microsoft”

Production Partners (Japan) – “Kansai Paint”

Ehman Productions (Canada) – “Biotech Research Institute”

TRAVEL SHOWS

HTV (Wales) – “Pacio”

ZDF (Germany) – “Myth of Hawai'i/Magic of the Wave”

Bear Creek Productions (USA) – “Hawai`i’s Cookin’ ”

PRINT/CALENDARS/CATALOGS/MAGAZINES

ADPRO International (USA) – “Jeep”

Atlas Productions (USA) – “Nautica”

Screen Gems (USA) – “Liz Claiborne”

Accy Coordination Service (Japan) – “VIVI”

MUSIC VIDEOS

Konikson Enterprises (Japan) – “Chujitsudo”

Hawaiian Island Production (USA) – “Akaka Falls”

SPORTS

The Golf Channel/TV Tokyo (USA & Japan) – “LPGA Takefuji Classic”

NBC/World Triathlon Corp. (USA) – “Ironman Triathlon”

CNBC (USA) – “Senior PGA Mastercard Championship”

Information Resource Center

The Information Resource Center (IRC) collects, maintains and disseminates statistical, reference and program information to County and State agencies, and the general public. The IRC is a service agency of the County of Hawai`i currently charged with a two-fold responsibility. As the Library, its original and continuing function is to support the information and research needs of the Department of Research and Development. The Library provides a full range of information services in support of the promotion and economic development of Hawai`i’s Big Island. As the IRC, it centralizes the holdings of 13 County departmental collections, currently with 9,225 titles on file.

The IRC is responsible for classifying and cataloging resource materials and for adding and deleting entries in the Library Information System (LIS) database. The LIS is an online library catalog that centralizes the holdings of 13 County departmental collections. Access to the LIS database is available to all County personnel via the County’s WANG VS 100 system.

Each department is responsible for sending new acquisitions to the IRC to be cataloged, processed and entered into the LIS database. Once entered into the LIS database, printed resource materials and publications housed by the County become accessible to all County departments and personnel. Besides centralizing access and allowing for the sharing of resources, this system may effectively prevent funds from being used to purchase multiple copies of resource materials.

The IRC is a depository for some U.S. Census Bureau publications and State as well as County statistical resources. The IRC promotes economic development through continuous data collection and documentation for public use as well as

the publication of the *County of Hawai'i Data Book*. The data book covers a wide range of subject areas and serves as a valuable reference and analytical tool for individuals or organizations in search of data, seeking sources that provide data to the public, locating the Internet sites of selected agencies, tracking trends, and conducting comparative analyses.

Tracking of building permits, tourism counts, labor force, gasoline consumption and tax collections are updated (and distributed upon request) on a monthly basis as the *County of Hawai'i Statistics*. A newspaper clipping file and index of articles of interest to, and in support of, departmental activities and of the County in general is also maintained and updated on a daily basis.

The IRC provides reference service to County departments, other governmental agencies, businesses and the general public. During the 2001-2002 fiscal year, information requests averaged over 50 per week.

Publications: *County of Hawai'i Data Book* (the most comprehensive source of demographic and economic information about Hawai'i's Big Island) accessible via County's website: <http://www.co.hawaii.hi.us>

County of Hawai'i Monthly Statistics (monthly tracking of economic indicators)

NewsFile (in-house annual newspaper selective article index)

Hawai'i County Resource Center

The mission of the Hawai'i County Resource Center (HCRC) is to offer training and assistance with grants to promote healthy development on Hawai'i Island. Through various partnerships, it promotes collaboration and cooperation between communities and governments.

During this start-up year, the following objectives were foremost in development:

Objective 1: Conduct a community-based strategic planning process for the HCRC that involves Hawai'i communities and strategic partners.

Deliverable: A strategic plan for the HCRC and quarterly progress reports.

Objective 2: Assess the economic feasibility of developing, implementing, and operating a HCRC.

Deliverable: A business plan for the HCRC and quarterly progress reports.

Objective 3: Conducting training seminars, workshops, and other activities to implement the center concept.

Deliverables: A minimum of three training seminars and/or workshops for key center partners and participants to increase the business and

organizational capacity of strategic partners to attract and secure increased funding and financing for community development initiatives and to implement and operate a viable and sustainable Resource Center for Hawai`i County.

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Planning Meetings

Planning meetings concerning the development of HCRC and future partnership with HCRC were held with 65 organizations and 13 County department heads.

Training

Training seminars were held. The first one was for Lehua Jaycees in Hilo.

The second and third were five-day intensive Grantsmanship Training Seminars hosted by the HCRC at the University of the Nations in Kona.

A total of 50 participants attended: 35 Hawai`i Island participants, 12 other Hawai`i participants and three out-of-state participants turned in their evaluations; 32 Hawai`i Island organizations including one County of Hawai`i department were thoroughly trained in proposal writing; and 37 out of 38 evaluations returned ranked the seminar between eight and ten with ten being the highest mark.

Hawai`i Island Nonprofit Survey

Fifty-eight surveys have been compiled with more arriving weekly.

A wide cross-section of Hawai`i Island's nonprofit community responded.

Survey results make it clear that assistance is needed and wanted in the areas of locating funding possibilities; linking community projects with County projects; training in grantsmanship; clearinghouse function; organizational and leadership development; board training; grant management; facilitation of strategic planning; regular e-mail newsletter; regular training announcements; and creation of a Hawai`i Island Directory of Nonprofit organizations.

Initial Set Up of Hawai`i County Resource Center Library and Physical Site

Acquisition of resource catalogues of all U.S. foundations, all Hawai`i foundations and the catalogues of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Temporary physical set up of Resource Center within the County Building in Hilo.

Volunteer Corps

Two volunteers have been recruited and trained, an additional volunteer is pending. Three people have expressed their interest in volunteering for HCRC.

Community Involvement Islandwide

Full participation in Waimea's "Power of Choice." HCRC helped in securing resources for this successful community event.

Strategic planning facilitation for He Kula Na Mea Hawai'i in Ka'u.

Initial strategic planning consultation for Kona Pacific Institute.

Networking between Aloha Isle Clothing and Designer Allen James resulting in a revenue increase for the Hamakua company of \$100,000 per year revenue, which would have been lost to Honolulu otherwise.

Initial assistance with business plan write-up for small business start-up in Kohala.

Facilitated two Learning Circles comprised of leaders from 14 Hawai'i Island nonprofit organizations.

Participation In:

Community Connections sponsored by the Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development.

The Grantsmanship Training Seminar taught by the Grantsmanship Center.

Grantwriting seminar using Census 2000 data.

Strategic Planning and Organizational Assessment sponsored by the Volunteer Legal Services of Hawai'i.

Learning to Lead Collaboratively and Strategic Planning taught by Donna Ching.

Technology Transfer Conference sponsored by the Department of Defense.

Grantsmanship Training Seminar sponsored by the Hawai'i Community College.

Fundraising Seminar sponsored by the Hawai'i Community Foundation, taught by fundraising expert Kim Klein.

On-going Work

On-going work on HCRC feasibility analysis.

On-going work on HCRC strategic plan.

On-going development of training curriculum.

Daily e-mail correspondence (log shows over 2,000 e-mails sent since January 2002).

Daily review of approximately 70 e-mail grant announcements, review of printed grant announcements and web site grant announcements.

Weekly forwarding of grant announcements to Hawai`i Island organizations and County departments.