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Grantee: Kapiolani Community College
Requested Grant Amount: $800,000
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Project Title/Description: Kapahulu Learning and Outreach Center

ABSTRACT

Description of the Proposed Project: Located in the State of Hawaii, on the island of Oahu, and in the county of Honolulu, Kapiolani Community College (KCC), in partnership with its community partner, the Kapahulu Center is requesting $800,000 to renovate and connect culinary and continuing education classrooms to create the Kapahulu Learning and Outreach Center (LOC). The LOC (2,562 square feet) will be energy efficient, environmentally friendly, healthy, and include elements of visibility and universal design. The renovation and construction will enable KCC faculty and service-learning students and Kapahulu Center staff to deliver comprehensive programs and services to increase and improve:

1) economic security and self-sufficiency through job training, culinary and nutrition education, food production, consumption, and sale;
2) housing stability by offering services and classes in buying, reverse mortgaging, and renting homes, and energy auditing and savings strategies.
3) financial literacy, financial planning, and entrepreneurship;
4) public safety by providing a safe place for social and civic engagement activities and implementing disaster preparedness and response programs;
5) computer and internet literacy and expertise through courses and ongoing tutoring;
6) reading, math, and science proficiency outcomes for diverse youth from Title 1 schools;
7) health and fitness indicators through exercise physiology education;
8) Associate degree study and program completion in Science Technology and Engineering and Math (STEM) and other Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, and provide job placement services.
9) integration of the programs developed from grants obtained from the U.S. Department of Education’s Title III program, U.S. Department of Labor, Corporation for National and Community Service, and National Science Foundation with Kapahulu community development;
10) the capacity of the College for research, assessment, evaluation, and planning for sustainability and improvement.
**Target Population:** The target population that would be served at the Kapahulu Center would be elderly and low-income residents in the Kapahulu-McCully community of east Honolulu. Approximately 22,000 individuals reside in this community. Of the population over the age of 59 in this community, nearly six in 10 (58%) have incomes below 80% of median income. Nearly 20 percent of Kapahulu-McCully residents are of Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Filipino ethnicity and these ethnic groups are simultaneously at higher risk for homelessness, incarceration, and substance abuse, and under-represented in higher education in Hawaii.

Through an ongoing, long-term, mutually beneficial partnership between KCC and the Kapahulu Center, the proposed HUD ANNHIAC project will renovate connected culinary and continuing education classrooms to create the Kapahulu Learning and Outreach Center (LOC). The LOC (2,562 square feet) will be energy efficient, environmentally friendly, health-focused, and include elements of visibility and universal design. At the end of year one, after the renovation and construction is complete, the project teams from KCC and Kapiolani Center will integrate comprehensive program and service delivery by KCC faculty and students and Kapiolani Center staff.

More than 1,100 Kapahulu residents will benefit from these programs and services during the grant period.