

**Department of Hawaiian Home Lands NAHASDA block grant
\$17,000,000**

Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funding would allow the Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to improve lands to provide beneficiaries opportunities for homeownership and passes on the funds to community organizations, non-profit, and for-profit organizations through the NAHASDA Community Grant Program for housing related activities. DHHL uses these resources to increase the supply of affordable housing units or to rehabilitate or expand existing units to relieve some of the overcrowding pressures experienced in Native Hawaiian households. In addition, DHHL works to support healthy and safe communities, empower resident organizations, and promote self-sufficiency for Native Hawaiians.

**Honolulu High Capacity Corridor Transit Project
\$55,000,000**

New Starts, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation

The Honolulu Rail Transit Project focuses on the highly congested 30 mile east-west corridor between Oahu's "second city" (Kapolei) and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The project is proposed as a grade-separated, mostly elevated closed loop fixed guideway system. An initial 20 mile MOS has been selected from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center. The project is in the final stages of completing the final EIS. A record of decision on the project should be issued by the fall. In October 2009 the project entered preliminary engineering. The U.S. Department of Transportation indicated as a part of the President's FY2011 budget that the Department will enter into a full funding grant agreement in FY2011.

**Laiopua 2020 Community Center
\$950,000**

Economic Development Initiative, Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Homelands has identified this community center project as a priority. The master planned community will eventually include 4,082 single family homes, multi-family residences, community service facilities, recreational opportunities, commercial enterprises, and educational facilities. A Kamehameha Schools preschool will also be part of the development. Day care facilities and State judiciary services will also be available. This will be a large project and an initial investment of resources is important. The State Legislature approved \$125,000 in 2007, but the Governor has not yet released the money. This project is an example of a comprehensive community planning effort intended to meet the needs of residents, and it has widespread support. Laiopua 2020 received \$475,000 last year in an EDI grant.

**Molokai Habitat for Humanity Self Help Housing Project
\$400,000**

Economic Development Initiative, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funding would allow Molokai Habitat for Humanity to provide no interest loans for the rehabilitation of ten existing homes to partner families who earn 25-60 percent less than the gross median income; are able to repay a no interest 20 year loan; and are willing to provide sweat equity during the construction process. Priority would go to households who have an elderly member or solely elderly households. Priority would also go to houses that are blighted and dilapidated to the point where continued use is dangerous to the occupants and might be in

violation of building codes. Most of these homes are occupied and owned by elders who either do not have the funds or the physical capacity to do even the simplest repairs themselves.

Nawiliwili to Anahola Bike-Pedestrian Path; Kauai, HI

\$2,400,000

Transportation, Community, and System Preservation, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation

Funding would allow the County to make significant progress on a vitally important component of the \$30 million, 16-mile Nawiliwili to Anahola coastal bike and pedestrian trail, which is part of a statewide transportation master plan adopted in 1994 by the Hawaii Department of Transportation. Specifically, funds would be used to design and construct a portion of the Ahukini to Lydgate Park segment of the Nawiliwili to Anahola Bike/Pedestrian Path. The requested funds would support the design and construction of one trailhead, two comfort stations, and 1.3 miles of bicycle/pedestrian path (from Ahukini Point (State Park with historic pier) to Hanamā'ulu Beach Park) as well as the restoration of the historic Hanamaulu Bridge. The project would also protect coastal access for the public in perpetuity by creating multi-use paths and amenities for communities around Kauai, providing transportation and recreational alternatives, and aiding the health and reflecting the heritage of the community. The Nawiliwili to Anahola Bike/Pedestrian Path will provide coastal access, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and offer scenic views, picnic pavilions, and restroom facilities all along the way. It will be a treasure that Kauai residents and visitors will be able to enjoy for many years to come. In sum, the Nawiliwili to Anahola bike/pedestrian path will protect shoreline access for residents and visitors, including those with mobility impairments; promote health and fitness; enhance access to culturally significant areas; preserve historic railroad corridors; and provide alternative transportation routes.

Rural Bus Program for Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai Counties, Hawaii

\$6,000,000

Bus and Bus Facilities, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation

Funding for this project would be used to acquire transit buses, ADA accessible buses, and to construct bus facilities in order to expand and enhance public transportation services in rural areas of Hawaii, where many residents that have no other means of transportation. This program would make FTA Bus and Bus Facility capital funding available to the counties of Maui, Kauai and Hawaii in the State of Hawaii. Each of these counties has rural, but fast growing public transportation systems. In fact, the Maui County bus ridership is one of the fastest growing in the country. Hawaii County's bus ridership in 2009 increased by nearly 20% over 2008 levels with the Kauai bus having a similar growth pattern. Funds will allow the counties to purchase buses, install bus stops and make other public transit investments related to the public transit services these counties provide. This project's goals are to increase ridership to alleviate traffic congestion, and create a more efficient and dependable transportation service.