

RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FY 2001 GRANTS

PROJECT SUMMARY

HAWAII

The Na'alehu Theatre in Na'alehu, Hawaii will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$89,780. This capacity building grant will be used for basic infrastructure development in conjunction with the creation and administration of a youth apprenticeship program. The main focus of this program is to develop a self-sustaining community-based water board. Na'alehu, which operates a business incubator and Ka'u Gallery, will serve as the initial Fiscal Agent to developing this initiative. Program activities include contract management training, development support, fundraising and R & D services to get the community water organization and the initial water projects started and funded. The expected outcome of the program is to provide the community with the means to obtain the water resources necessary for low income housing and entrepreneurial agriculture activities. Two jobs will be retained and 100 people trained. Five summer apprenticeships will be created. The youth will receive training in museum care taking, food service, marketing and children's theatre production. Local and private resources have been leveraged in the amount of \$90,310. Partners for this Project include: Tommy Ishimaru, Outpost.com, Hawaii Video Communications and the State of Hawaii.

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