



Submitted to the Joint House Finance and Senate Ways and Means hearing on Grant in Aid requests Saturday March 8, 2008.

Committee members,

Thank you all for taking the time this Saturday to hear the request of these many deserving organizations. My Name is Matt Claybaugh, and I am the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Marimed Foundation. Marimed is a Hawai'i-based 501(c)(3) non profit organization operating since 1984. We are headquartered on the windward side of O`ahu and provide educational and therapeutic service to children, youth, and families from throughout the state.

We are requesting \$600,000 for a Capital Improvement Project to build a multipurpose building in Kahalu`u. The building will provide administrative offices and a group home for program youth. The total cost is estimated at 1.2 million, Marimed has already secured the \$600,000 match.

Marimed serves more than 100 youth annually and their families. Youth referred to our residential programs are typically dual diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse issues. Most are disruptive and failing in school and have been in trouble with the law. These youth have been identified as needing community-based residential treatment. Over the past two years the availability of community-based residential spaces has declined statewide.

The multipurpose building will be located on our 4 and a quarter acre working farm where our youth participate in agricultural and culinary vocations as an integral part of their therapy and education. Marimed already owns the adjoining nearly two acre property, where our original group home has been in operation since 1999.

The purpose of the project is to consolidate, or, bring our resources both human and physical together. The house is designed to meet the particular needs of our youth population, rather than refitting an existing residential home. The benefits include having our clinical and educational staff, therapists, counselors and teachers together, working as an integrated team with our youth. Consolidating our dislocated facilities will allow us to operate more efficiently and effectively.

Finally, our families, who arrive from throughout the state, will attend therapy sessions and visit their children in an environment that supports healthy interaction and healing.

Mahalo for your time, and the support you provide the youth Marimed serves.

Matthew A. Claybaugh, PhD

To: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Date: Saturday, March 8, 2008; 9:00 AM
State Capitol Auditorium

Subject: GRANTS-IN-AID INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

Submitted by: Alex Alika Jamile, President, Moanalua Gardens Foundation

Aloha Chairs Baker and Oshiro, Vice Chairs Tsutsui and Lee, and committee members. Moanalua Gardens Foundation (MGF) requests your approval of a Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$300,000.00 to fund *Partners in Education*, an award-winning environmental education program, for the following reasons:

1. No other organization provides the range of services that MGF provides. We teach over 4,000 keiki annually in grades 3 through 6, in 41 elementary schools on O'ahu and Moloka'i and another 10,000 via *Exploring the Islands*, a distance learning program broadcast to public schools on the neighbor islands.
2. Since its inception 20 years ago, MGF has subsidized *Partners in Education* utilizing an estimated \$4,850,000.00 of its own funding to support the program. MGF has received only one grant of \$300,000.00 to fund this much needed program.
3. If funding is not approved, MGF will be forced to:
 - Reduce the program in public schools creating a void in environmental education curricula for students
 - Reduce our services to teachers, such as classroom presentations, field experiences, curriculum materials, etc.
 - Further reduce our Education Staff which is already short 1 ½ positions

Mahalo a nui loa for your support,

Alex Alika Jamile
President, Moanalua Gardens Foundation

**Moanalua Gardens Foundation (MGF)
Grant-In-Aid Information for
The Department of Budget and Finance**

Description and purpose of grant

The purpose of the grant-in-aid is to support Moanalua Gardens Foundation's (MGF's) award-winning *Partners in Education Program (PEP)* which teaches environmental stewardship to over 4,000 keiki annually in grades 3 through 6 in public schools on O'ahu and Moloka'i. In addition, the grant will cover the cost of MGF's distance learning program, **Exploring the Islands**, which is broadcast to public schools on the neighbor islands reaching another 10,000 students each year.

How many fiscal years has the organization received grants

MGF has received one grant of \$300,000 in FY 2006-2007 to support its *Partners in Education Program*. Over the last 20 years, MGF has self-funded this public school program utilizing an estimated \$4,850,000.00 of its own funding to support the program. Last year was the first year that general fund monies were provided to continue the program which is highly rated by teachers and endorsed by the Department of Education.

What percentage of the organization's annual budget is from the grant

Approximately 50% of MGF's annual budget is supported by the grant. The funds cover MGF's teachers' salaries, benefits, curriculum materials, supplies and other costs related to the administration of our *Partners in Education Program*.

What are the other sources of funds

Other sources of funds for MGF's *Partners in Education Program* include grants from private foundations and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) as well as donations from individuals.

Are the other sources sustainable

Yes.

What is the organization doing to become self sufficient

MGF is already pursuing ways to become self-sufficient, including raising an endowment, generating private sector monies through sponsorships and program underwriting, negotiating contracts with private entities and increasing individual donations.

on 'Ōhi'a Project activities. Evaluations from teachers, kūpuna and community educators rated the workshops very highly.

- Curriculum Development. MGF Education Staff revised and updated numerous materials, including:
 1. Seven 'Ōhi'a Project geology activities and support documentation to meet State content and performance standards
 2. Three additional Wetlands & Water Birds Teacher Resource Kits were assembled and a unit on wetland plants was developed to enhance the current kits
 3. Development of a Humans & the Environment Family Fun module and a Humans & the Environment Teacher Resource Kit
- Stewardship Projects. MGF's Education Staff also coordinates stewardship projects in our communities such as the Hawai'i Needs Care Contest to promote student involvement in action projects that contribute to healthy, sustainable island communities. Contest fliers and posters were distributed to 180 Hawai'i teachers as well as posted on MGF's website. School projects were evaluated and winners selected.

If continuing grant, what were the measurable results from past expenditures

The measurable results from the FY 2006-2007 are described above in the Measurable Results section.

MGF's *Partners in Education Program* continues to be the centerpiece of our School Program. By teaching our keiki to care for Hawai'i's environment and native culture, we are raising a new generation of environmental stewards who will make responsible, informed decisions for Hawai'i.

Update on the status of activities that were grant-funded

The purpose of the grant was to continue MGF's *Partners in Education Program (PEP)* in our public elementary schools. The monies received in FY 2006-2007 were dedicated to the administration and operation of *PEP*. The activities supported by the grant funding are detailed above in Measurable Results section of this report.

Impact of the late release of funds

The late release of funds is already having an impact on MGF's *Partners in Education Program* and MGF's ability to raise funds. Several potential grantors require evidence of matching funds before they approve grants for MGF's projects. They are withholding awards until we can confirm grant monies have been approved, jeopardizing our ability to

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Submitted by: Milton Hutchison, Executive Director, Mutual Assistance Associations Center

Aloha Chairs Baker and Oshiro, Vice Chairs Tsutsui and Lee, and committee members. Mutual Assistance Associations Center (MAAC) requests your approval of a Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$288,468.00 to become a fully functional Community Technology Center (CTC).

A non-profit organization, MAAC has been serving, for over 20 years, the needs of Native Hawaiian and immigrant children and adults who reside in the public housing projects of Pālolo Homes and Pālolo Housing.

MAAC's mission and goal is to help marginalized children succeed in life by helping them to prepare for higher education and employment through community-based technology and life skills programs.

MAAC's CTC serves not only as an educational facility but also as a safe haven for 300 youth residing in low income projects in Pālolo Valley. Almost all of the youngsters attend Pālolo Elementary and Jarrett Middle Schools which have been identified as deficient in reading and math under the No Child Left Behind Law.

The Center provides these underserved youth with an opportunity to develop their technology skills, to socialize and to learn acceptable group behavior. The grant will enable MAAC to realize its full potential of becoming a community-based technology center. We humbly ask for your favorable consideration of our request.

Mahalo a nui loa for your support,

Milton Hutchison

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The House Committee on Finance

To: The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
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The Senate Committee on Ways & Means

To: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
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From: Michael Robinson
March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter
Chair, Public Affairs Committee

RE: Testimony in Support of March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter Grant-in-Aid Request
Relating to NICU Family Support® Program

On behalf of the March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter, I respectfully request your approval for a Grant-in-Aid application submitted by the Chapter for \$42,989 to partially support its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Family Support® program operating out of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children's (KMCWC) Newborn Special Care Unit.

This year, I am fortunate to be the Chair of the 38th annual Maui Walk for Babies fundraiser to be held on April 5, 2008 at Keopulani Park. Not only am I humbled to be asked to join the March of Dimes for this worth cause. 15 years ago, I was benefited from the hearts and souls of the services from a support program like the March of Dimes for our son Michael. Michael was born 4 lbs 5 ozs and for 10 days we prayed and hoped that he would make it home. By our side was the support staff and programs which took an anxious, scared, hopeful mom to a reassured mom during these trying times.

Today Michael a bustling teenager, high ranked martial arts student, a honors scholar whose focus is science research and for the last two summers studied at the University of Hawaii. Who knows what he will become or do, had it not been for services like the March of Dimes, our outcome may be so very different today.

Please support the March of Dimes for their Grant-In-Aid application for \$42,989 to partially support its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Family Support® program operating out of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children's (KMCWC) Newborn Special Care Unit.

Respectfully submitted,

Yuki Lei Sugimura, Kula Maui

