

House District 4  
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THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE  
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS & SUBSIDIES  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Log No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Grant or Subsidy Request:

- GRANT REQUEST - OPERATING       GRANT REQUEST - CAPITAL       SUBSIDY REQUEST

"Grant" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specified recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities.

"Subsidy" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a recipient specified in the appropriation, to reduce the costs incurred by the organization or individual in providing a service available to some or all members of the public.

"Recipient" means any organization or person receiving a grant or subsidy.

STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY RELATED TO THIS REQUEST (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): \_\_\_\_\_

STATE PROGRAM I.D. NO. (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): \_\_\_\_\_

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: PUNA COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER  
Db: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: 15-2662 PAHOA VILLAGE RD, #303  
Mailing Address: 15-2662 PAHOA VILLAGE RD. STE. 306, PMB 8741 PAHOA, HI. 96778

2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION:

Name DANIEL DIDOMIZIO  
Title CLINICAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR  
Phone # 930-6001  
Fax # 930-6007  
e-mail dand@punahealth.org

3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:

- NON PROFIT CORPORATION  
 FOR PROFIT CORPORATION  
 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
 SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP/INDIVIDUAL

6. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EMERGENCY ROOM

4. FEDERAL TAX ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

5. STATE TAX ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

7. AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:

FY 2013-14 \$ 15,000.

8. STATUS OF SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS REQUEST:

- NEW SERVICE (PRESENTLY DOES NOT EXIST)  
 EXISTING SERVICE (PRESENTLY IN OPERATION)

SPECIFY THE AMOUNT BY SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS REQUEST:

STATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
FEDERAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIVATE/OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DANIEL DIDOMIZIO, CLINICAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR  
NAME & TITLE

1/25/13  
DATE SIGNED

## Application for Grants and Subsidies

### I. Background and Summary

1. A brief description of the applicant's background: Puna Community Medical Center (PCMC) was created in response to a goal and related objectives specified in the Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP); the plan calls for development of "a centrally-located, 24-hour, full-service medical facility, with trauma care, in Puna". PCMC received its IRS determination as a nonprofit on May 3, 2007 and opened the doors of its first phase, an Urgent/Acute Care clinic, in Pahoia on February 1, 2009. Since that time, the number of patients and patient visits has increased dramatically, and we have now treated more than 9,000 individuals in 20,125+ visits. We now treat more than 500 patients/month consistently, and average about 2 new patients each month. We are open 7 days/week including holidays on a walk-in basis - wait time almost never exceeds ½ hour. Thanks to County grant funding, we are able to see patients who are uninsured or underinsured and who do not have the wherewithal to even pay our sliding scale minimum of \$25. We have applied for a federal designation as a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and have addressed all the requirements - we are only awaiting the final DOH inspection. With that in hand, we will be able to increase our range of services, adding primary care and visiting nurses to the homebound, while increasing the rate of our Medicare and private insurance reimbursements, which will make our operation more fiscally robust.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request: Our ultimate goal is that stated in the PCDP - to build a **comprehensive medical center with trauma care in Puna**. Due to the stringent rules and requirements governing this type of construction, and the high cost of state-of-the-art medical equipment, as a grassroots nonprofit we can only afford to develop one element at a time. Our Urgent/Acute Care Clinic in Pahoia was Phase 1. We are now ready for Phase 2, which is a free-standing Emergency Room with associated clinical laboratory and x-ray capability. Other elements in our long range plan include a full service dental clinic, a birthing center, senior day care, pediatrics, and dialysis clinic. The State has granted us an "approval in concept" for a five-acre parcel of ag-zoned land in Pahoia, and HRS Chapter 343 mandates that we do an Environmental Assessment (EA) prior to receiving our lease. Therefore, the EA is the primary step we must complete in order to raise funds for construction, so that we have site control. We have been quoted the sum of \$30,000 to do an EA, but Malama O Puna (an environmental nonprofit with expertise on its board) has offered to do it for us at cost - estimated at no more than \$15,000. Therefore, that is the amount we are requesting.

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Project: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EMERGENCY ROOM

3. The public purpose and need to be served: Puna District has a federal designation as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), a Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/MUP), and equivalent designations for Dental and Mental Health. Only 1 ambulance services the Pahoehoe area (i.e., 96778 zipcode) and when there are more than one call at a time the response time can lag to a critical level, as much as two hours from emergency call to arrival at Hilo Medical Center. This is because the Puna makai area is as large as O'ahu and many of the roads are unpaved, which increases response time. It is a no-brainer that an emergency room is needed closest to what is now the fastest growing population in the State (24% growth rate since the 2000 Census). That is why our project is supported by the CEO of Hilo Medical Center, Howard Ainsley, Mayor Billy Kenoi, State Senator Russell Ruderman and State Rep. Faye Hanohano (see attached support letters).

4. The target population to be served are all the residents of and visitors to the Puna District, who become ill or have accidents, need health exams for school or employment, need ongoing monitoring of their health conditions, etc. The population in Puna is racially diverse. The following demographic data is extracted from the State of Hawaii Primary Care Needs Assessment Data Book 2009:

- a. 2003-8 Adults Without Health Insurance: 15.9% (2,955 adults) - highest in the County and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the entire State;
- b. 2000 Percent of Population Below 100% of Federal Poverty Level: 23.7 - second highest in the State;
- c. 2000 Percent of Population Below 200% of Federal Poverty Level: 48.0 - highest in the State;
- d. 1998 Per Capita Income: \$10,965 - lowest in the State;
- e. 2008 Percent of Civilian Labor Force Unemployed: 8.3% - 4<sup>th</sup> highest in State;
- f. 2008 Percent of Households Receiving Financial Aid: 6.9% - second highest in the State;
- g. 2008 Percent of Households Receiving Food Stamps: 36.9% - second highest in State;
- h. 2003-8 Adults with Diabetes: 8.0% (1,477 adults);
- i. 2003,5,7 Adults with High Blood Pressure: 28.0% (5,154 adults);
- j. 2003-8 Stroke Mortality Rate: 101 stroke deaths/death rate 76.8 - second highest in State;
- k. 2003-8 Heart Disease Mortality Rate: 389 heart disease deaths/death rate 285.3 - second highest in State;
- l. 2003-8 Cancer Mortality Rate: 349 cancer deaths/cancer death rate 226.4 - fifth highest in State.

It should be noted that with a population growth of 24 percent reflected in the 2010 Census, which gave Puna an extra County Council District and Hawaii Island/County an additional State

Legislative District, the current numbers are, unfortunately, much higher than above. What it adds up to is that our target population is not only economically depressed, but also is at increased mortality risk. The death rates from Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Stroke, Heart Disease and Cancer could all be reduced dramatically if there were an Emergency Room closer so that mitigating treatment would be accessible more quickly. Our project will save lives.

5. Describe the geographic coverage: Puna makai, Council Districts 4 and 5, State Senate District 2, State House District 4, zipcodes 96778 and 96749, Census Tracts 210 and 211.

## **II. Service Summary and Outcomes**

1. Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities: The scope of work for the project for which we are requesting funds is the successful completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) so that we can meet the requirements of Ch. 343 and get a long-term low rent lease from DLNR for a 5-acre parcel of State-owned Ag-zoned land just outside of Pahoā. This includes doing both a draft and final EA and receiving a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to present to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). The EA will include a botanical survey, an archaeological survey, a cultural impact assessment, discussion of the project and any alternatives. Copies of both the Draft and Final EA will be sent to relevant governmental agencies and other interested parties in bound hard copies and/or CDs for their comments. Scoping meetings for Draft and Final EA will be conducted in the project area, as required. The botanical survey will be done by Palmer and Associates Consulting, which specializes in botanical surveys; Dr. Rex Palmer is well acquainted with the botany of the area. The archaeological survey will be done by Robert Rechtman of Rechtman Consulting LLC, which is based in Hilo. Cultural Impact Assessment notices have already been printed under Legal Notices in the Hawaii Tribune-Herald and ran for a full week. The same notice was also printed in the January, 2013 issue of Ka Wai Ola, the newsletter of OHA. The president of Malama O Puna is doing the actual writing of the draft and final EA.

2. The applicant shall provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service: BLNR gave PCMC two years to complete the EA, starting in April 2012. PCMC is anxious to get their FONSI well in advance, to move the project forward as quickly as possible. It is expected that the Draft EA can be completed by April 2013 and we have a goal to finish the EA project by December 31, 2013. At that point applicant will petition the BLNR for the lease agreement, which is expected to be for a 65 year renewable term. Hopefully that will be granted by March 2014. The applicant, ever optimistic, has signed a contract with Freeman-White, an architectural firm specializing in medical facilities (including Waianae Comprehensive's own emergency room) and will be seeking funding for same as soon

as site control is granted. We have no control over how long that study will take, and will have to await its completion in order to put out an RFP for construction.

3. The applicant shall describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results: Since this request is for funds to complete the Environmental Assessment, once the Draft is published in the Environmental Notice of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), we will be receiving comments from the various relevant governmental agencies and from interested members of the public. These comments will be added to the Final EA in an Appendix. Any deemed valid or appropriate will be incorporated into the Final EA, as will comments received during the scoping. The ultimate evaluation, however, will by law be done by the OEQC, which is the entity charged with issuing (or denying) a FONSI.

4. The applicant shall list the measures of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency). The measures will provide a standard and objective way for the State to assess the program's achievement or accomplishment. Please note that if the level of appropriation differs from the amount included in this application that the measure(s) of effectiveness will need to be updated and transmitted to the expending agency:

- a. completion of botanical survey;
- b. completion of archaeological survey;
- c. processing of comments on the cultural impact assessment notice and one-on-one interviews with responders;
- d. writing/compiling the Draft EA and submitting same to the OEQC;
- e. sending bound hard copies and/or CDs of the Draft EA to relevant governmental agencies and interested members of the public;
- f. holding a scoping meeting in the project area and soliciting public comments;
- g. reviewing all comments received and including them in an Appendix of the Final EA.
- h. writing/compiling the Final EA, incorporating comments and suggestions as deemed valid and appropriate and addressing all comments received;
- i. submitting Final EA to the OEQC;
- j. sending bound hard copies and/or CDs of the Final EA to relevant governmental agencies and interested members of the public;
- k. holding a scoping meeting in the project area and soliciting public comments;
- l. reviewing and responding to all comments received and making any last minute changes as needed;
- m. submitting a request to the OEQC that they declare a FONSI;
- n. submitting the FONSI to the BLNR and requesting finalization of the lease agreement.

The last two items on the list are the bottom-line measures of effectiveness.

### III. Financial

#### Budget

1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request: see attached forms.

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2013-14.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$ 10,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 15,000

Please note that Malama O Puna has already begun work on the EA and will have to pay the consultants, copy and bind the Draft EA and burn CDs per the timeline stated above; for this reason we are requesting the largest payment be made for the first quarter. The second quarter will also have to pay for the costs of the Final EA. If all goes according to plan, the entire project will be completed before the third quarter, so quarters 3 and 4 would basically be reimbursements of expenses already paid or payable and owing.

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are trying to obtain for the fiscal year 2013-14:

- a. donations from community members;
- b. fundraising events;
- c. part of Sen. Ruderman's CIP request for the Emergency Room

4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits that have been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable: not applicable.

## **IV. Experience and Capability**

### **A. Necessary Skills and Experience**

The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the request. State your experience and appropriateness for providing the service proposed in this application. The applicant shall also provide a listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request: Since the request is for funding for an Environmental Assessment, and it is Malama O Puna that is writing the EA, we will answer this question accordingly. Malama O Puna is a nonprofit that has been reviewing and commenting on EAs and EISs since 1990. Most of this has been done by its president, René Siracusa, BA, MA, ABD; her specialization is linguistic and cultural anthropology of the Pacific area, and her training renders her especially competent in reference to cultural impacts. She also reviewed such studies when she served on the Hawaii County Planning Commission for 4 years. She knows a well-done study when she sees it, and has often commented when studies were flawed. She has an entire shelf of EAs and EISs in her office to use as templates.

The botanical study for the EA is being done by Palmer and Associates Consulting, which specializes in botanical studies for EAs and EISs. Rex Palmer, Ph.D. is a botanist living in Puna and is well acquainted with the project area. He did the botanical study for the Saddle Road project, among many others.

Robert B. Rechtman, Ph.D. is the owner and lead archaeologist for Rechtman Consulting LLC, and he and his staff will conduct the archaeological survey and report. His office is based in Hilo, and he has done similar surveys for parcels in the immediate area. In July 2010 he drafted the "Archaeological Monitoring Plan for the Proposed Eradication of Mangroves at 'Alula Bay, Kealakehe Ahupua'a, North Kona District". He supervised the archaeological fieldwork that was done for the EA for the Pohoiki Bypass, Puna, Hawaii in 2005. In 2008 he prepared the archaeological study for the Pahoia Solid Waste Transfer Station for the County. He also did the study for the Pahoia Police Station and the Pahoia Fire Station as well as the "Cultural Impact Assessment Associated with the Proposed Construction of a Single-Family Dwelling in the Wa'awa'wa Subdivision" in 2010.

Insofar as the expertise of PCMC to build and operate an emergency room: PCMC received its nonprofit status on May 3, 2007 and opened its doors on February 1, 2009.

It has been operating its clinic 7 days a week including holidays ever since. Its Director of Clinical Operations has MPH and PA advanced degrees, and he has worked in the health care delivery field for more than 30 years. The staff and board of PCMC are all Puna residents with many years of clinical and administrative experiences. PCMC is contracting with Freeman-White for planning and design of the emergency room in 2 phases. Phase 1 will include the initial costing and site estimation footprint, develop a report that summarizes all findings for phase 1 including data results, conceptual designs, site plan, quantified land requirements and estimate of construction costs. During Phase 2 the consultant will start with the Phase 1 documents and work with the board and clinical staff to provide further detail to the design, operations and demand model for the facility - including the determination of future operational parameters and space needs and long term growth opportunities. The final physical plan will include the recommended size, building configuration, site circulation, parking needs, patient access and potential future facility expansion. Freeman-White is a mainland architectural consulting firm that specializes in medical facilities, and has worked on more than 40 major projects all over the US. Freeman-White is familiar with Hawaii codes and regulations, as they are the firm that did the design for the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Medical Center Emergency Room on O'ahu.

## **Facilities**

The applicant shall provide a description of its facilities and demonstrate its adequacy in relation to this request. If the facilities are not presently available, describe the plans to secure facilities. Also describe how the facilities meet ADA requirements, as applicable:

The facility currently occupied by PCMC is only 800 square feet and is used as an Acute/Urgent Care Clinic. It is neither suitable nor adequate for the comprehensive medical center with trauma care that is the goal of the Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP). Consequently PCMC asked DLNR Land Division if there was a parcel of State land that would be appropriate for such a use, and TMK (3) 1-5-08:05 was suggested. We submitted a lease application to the BLNR which was heard on April 27, 2012 in Honolulu. On May 1, 2012 the BLNR "approved in concept, the Puna Community Medical Center's request for a direct lease ... subject to ... satisfactory compliance with Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, and obtain a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) within twenty-four (24) months of the Land Board's approval". We are therefore in the process of doing the EA required by Chapter 343. We have already informed the State Highways Division, which is planning to widen Highway 130 fronting the parcel, of our plans so that they can take them into consideration in their planning and design. We have enlisted Palmer Associates, Rechtman Consulting LLC and Freeman-White, as previously mentioned. We also received a cash donation of \$1,000 from Russell Ruderman, before his election to the State Senate, to kickstart our Building Fund, and held a fundraiser for the fund. We also accepted the gracious offer of Malama O Puna to do the



EA for us at cost. This, including the entire EA process, constitutes our plans to secure the land on which to build the emergency room and other elements in the future. Once we have the lease we will have the site control required by private foundations and other funders so that we can do fundraising for the actual construction, equipment/furnishings/supplies, and hiring of staff. The EA is therefore the first step and hurdle and funding for it is critical to the entire ultimate vision.

## **V. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing**

### **A. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training**

The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern and proposed service capacity appropriate for the viability of the request. The applicant shall provide the qualifications and experience of personnel for the request and shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction relative to the request.

Since there are no paid personnel for this phase of the project for which funding is requested, this is not applicable.

### **B. Organization Chart**

The applicant shall illustrate the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision. If the request is part of a large, multi-purpose organization, include an organizational chart that illustrates the placement of this request.

The organizational chart of PCMC and its relation to Malama O Puna is attached. Malama O Puna is the contractor that has been directed by the board to do the EA, and it has subcontracted the botanical, archaeological and cultural studies to the entities referred to previously.

## **VI. Other**

### **A. Litigation**

The applicant shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgement. If applicable, please explain:

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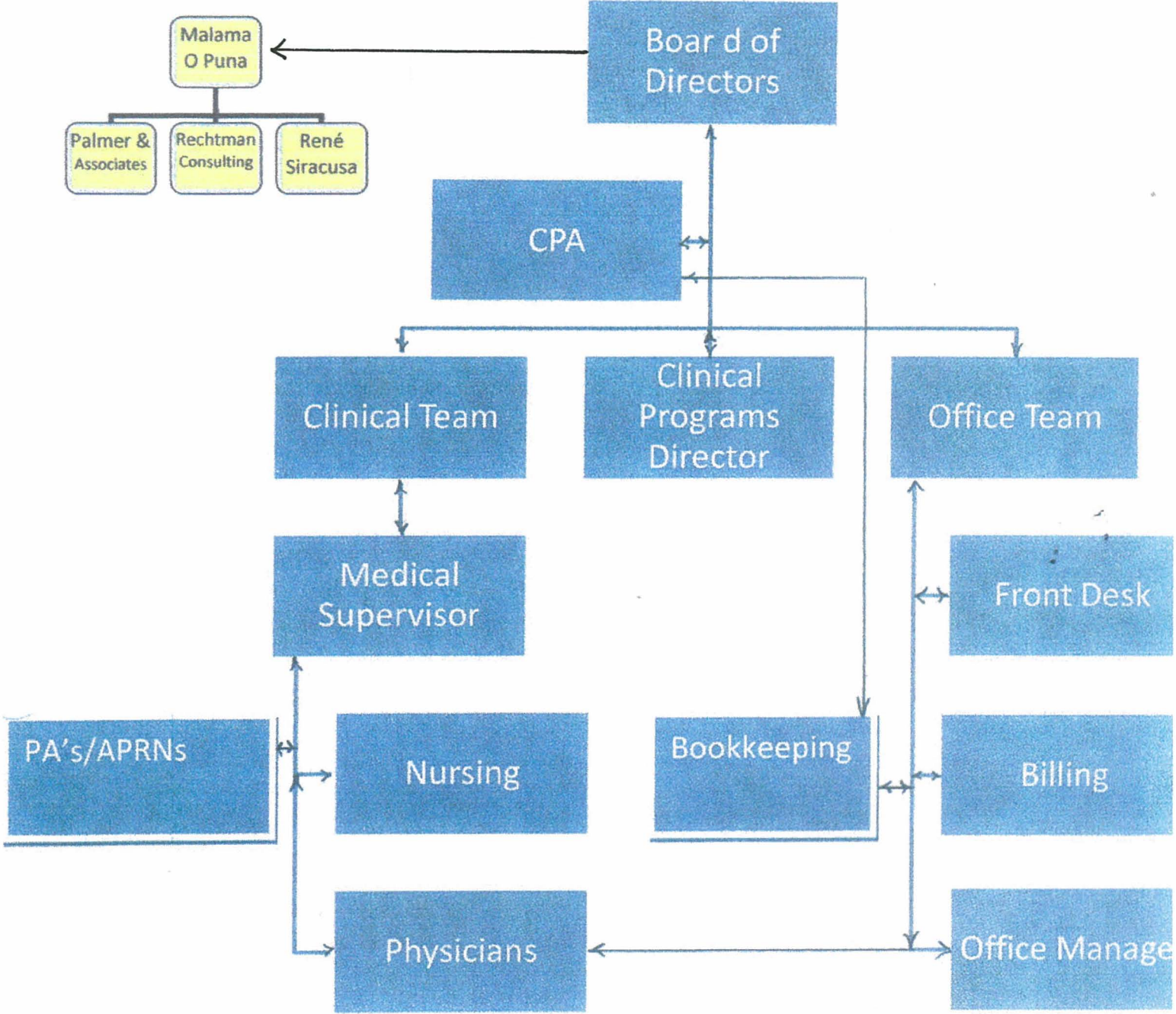
Neither Puna Community Medical Center nor Malama O Puna are parties to any pending litigation nor subject to any outstanding judgement.

**B. Licensure or Accreditation**

Specify any special qualifications, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation that applicant possesses relevant to this request.

Not applicable, as applicant is not the contractor doing the EA.

Puna Community Medical Center



## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

(Period: July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014)

Applicant: PUNA COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
<b>A. PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>				
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>				
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>E. CAPITAL : EA</b>	\$15,000			
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	\$15,000			
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	\$15,000	[Redacted Signature and Date]		
(b)				
(c)				
(d)				
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$15,000	DANIEL DIDOMIZIO, CPD Name and Title (Please type or print)		



## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

PUNA COMMUNITY

Applicant: MEDICAL CENTER

Period: July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
NONE	Ø		\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	Ø			
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
NONE	Ø		\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	Ø			
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION  
CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS**

PUNA COMMUNITY

Applicant: MEDICAL CENTER

Period: July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2010-2011	FY: 2011-2012	FY: 2013-14	FY: 20	FY: 2013-2014	FY: 2014-2015
<del>PLANS</del> ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	-	-	15,000			-
LAND ACQUISITION	-	-	-			-
DESIGN - FREEMAN - WHITE	-	-	-			78,000
CONSTRUCTION	-	-	-			UNKNOWN
EQUIPMENT	-	-	-			" "
TOTAL:	-	-	15,000			78,000
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: FREEMAN - WHITE WILL DESIGN & COST OUT THE PROJECT, SO UNTIL THEN WE CAN ONLY ESTIMATE: \$3-5 MILLION IS A GUESS.						

**DECLARATION STATEMENT  
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant acknowledges that said applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants and subsidies pursuant to section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

- (1) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded;
- (2) Comply with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
- (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
- (4) Allow the state agency to which funds for the grant or subsidy were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant or subsidy.

In addition, a grant or subsidy may be made to an organization only if the organization:

- (1) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
- (2) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded shall be conducted or provided.

Further, a grant or subsidy may be awarded to a non-profit organization only if the organization:

- (1) Has been determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
- (2) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

For a grant or subsidy used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant or subsidy was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant or subsidy used for the acquisition of the land.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

PUNA COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER  
(Organization)

DANIEL DIDOMIZIO  
(Typed Name)

1/29/03  
(Date)  
CLINICAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR  
(Title)



February 15, 2012

Mr. Dan Damizio  
Clinic Director  
Puna Community Medical Center  
15-2662 Pahoa Village Road #303  
Pahoa, HI 96778

Dear Mr. Damizio:

**Subject: Statement of Support  
Puna Community Medical Center Emergency Room**

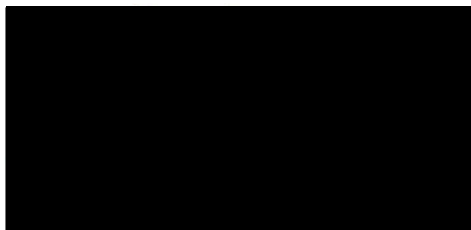
Hilo Medical Center (HMC) operates the State's second busiest emergency room, treating more than 40,000 patients annually. Puna, which is a portion of HMC's service area, is the fastest growing area of the State. Clearly, these two factors combined illustrate the need for an additional emergency room in the District of South Hilo. On behalf of the East Hawaii Region of the Hawaii Health System, I wish to express support of Puna Community Medical Center's (PCMC) development of a free-standing Emergency Facility in Pahoa.

HMC's emergency room is 35 miles from Puna, and many residents do not have transportation for the trip to Hilo. Ambulance response times, coupled with the drive to HMC on a two lane road, equate to an hour's journey, even when the traffic is light. Improved access to emergency services are needed for the residents of Puna.

PCMC is a valued partner in the provision of health services to our East Hawaii communities. We endorse the Center's strategic plans to develop a number of health programs to serve this fast growing area of the State. In addition to the emergency facility, PCMC's planned adult day care center would be an asset as would a birthing center.

Hilo Medical Center endorses PCMC's plan to ensure high quality care is available in Puna. We also applaud the Center's vision for air evacuation [helicopter landing], so that this valuable service is available to patients that require immediate access to more intense levels of care at HMC's Level III Trauma Center.

HMC stands ready to participate in the planning of this facility within the guidelines established by the Puna Community Development Plan.



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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
711 KAPI'OLANI BOULEVARD, SUITE 500  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

23 Malaki 2012

Mr. Dan Domizio  
Clinical Director  
Puna Community Medical Center  
15-2662 Pahoia Village Road #303  
Pahoia, HI 96778

Aloha Mr. Domizio:

I want to applaud the community based effort and strategy the Puna Community Medical Center (PCMC) is employing in developing and establishing a free standing Emergency Facility for Puna in Pahoia; an effort I wholeheartedly support and endorse.

Puna is the fastest growing region in the State of Hawai'i; the nearest Trauma Center is at the Hilo Medical Center (HMC); a half hour drive north on a two lane highway. A major accident on Highway 130 equates to gridlock; a problem if there is a need to move a patient by ambulance from Puna to Hilo within the 'golden hour.' My understanding is since Puna Community Medical Center opened its doors in 2009 it has provided medical services to 15,000 clients; cared for over 7,500 individuals; reduced the number of local ambulance runs and lessened referrals to HMC's emergency room.

Once Puna has its own Emergency Facility the citizens and residents of the largest district on Hawai'i Island will have the access to emergency services they truly deserve and sorely need; quickly, efficiently and close to home. I wish you well in this worthy endeavor and noble cause.

With kind regards,

Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
Trustee – Hawai'i Island  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

William P. Kenoi  
Mayor



William T. Takaba  
Managing Director

Walter K.M. Lau  
Deputy Managing Director

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Mark Forman  
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June 19, 2009

Dear Mr. Forman:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Puna Community Medical Center.

The challenge of providing medical care in our many rural communities is ongoing and difficult. Puna, the fastest growing district in the state, is one of those communities with low socio-economic indicators among its population and many critical service needs, including urgent and primary health care.

Mr. Dan Domizio and other dedicated community volunteers recognized the need and worked tirelessly to establish PCMC, much-needed urgent care facility in their community, in January 2005 with little or no assistance from government.

My administration recognized this remarkable accomplishment by finding \$35,000 in a tight County budget to provide PCMC's first month of operating expenses, allowing the urgent care center to open its doors.

Graphs charting PCMC's progress over the first four months of operations indicate that income and service are increasing steadily and I am very excited about the future for this low-cost primary health care center for all residents of the Puna community.

The County of Hawai'i is committed to the long-term success of the Pāhoā Community Medical Center and I will do everything in my power to maintain the vision that inspired these dedicated community volunteers who continue to raise critically needed funds for the PCMC through numerous community fundraisers.

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The PCMC board contemplates that growth of the facility eventually will require moving from its present rental location to a permanent facility that would raise its level of service to comprehensive care, including dialysis treatment, which is still unavailable to residents of Puna.

I strongly urge you to consider PCMC for HMSA Foundation grants to help support critical health care services in a community with tremendous medical care needs.

If I can provide any further information or be of further assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Aloha,

Billy Kenoi  
Mayor, County of Hawai'i

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July 12, 2011

RE: SUPPORT LETTER

To Whom It May Concern:

The Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP), which was passed by ordinance by the Hawaii County Council in August, 2008, included the formation of an Action Committee to oversee the implementation of the plan. This letter has been approved by said committee.

The PCDP, with input from over 1,300 residents, recognized the need for access to medical care in this rural, underserved area, and the first Action listed in the Managing Growth – Social Services and Housing section, is “Develop a centrally-located, 24-hour, full-service medical facility, with trauma care, in Puna.” Even prior to the passage of the plan, a group of residents involved in the creation of the PCDP had already begun the process to implement this, by forming the non-profit Puna Community Medical Center (PCMC).

PCMC is developing in phases, with the first phase being an acute care clinic at the Pahoa Marketplace. It opened its doors in February, 2009 and to date has provided health care services, 7 days a week, no appointment needed, to more than 5,700 individuals and over 10,000 patient visits. They care for almost 500 patients a month, about 18% of whom have no medical coverage or ability to pay. They are now ready to expand their services to meet the need of a rapidly growing population.

The PCDP Action Committee is in full support of the PCMC and its vision, and hereby informs potential future funders, as well as planners and permitting agencies, that the incremental expansion of PCMC is in conformance with the PCDP. We believe that a medical facility will be an appropriate addition to the Pahoa Village Center area.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]  
Dan Taylor, Chair  
Puna Community Development Plan Action Committee

cc: Bobby Jean Leithead Todd, Planning Director  
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