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1. APPLICANT INFORMA	TION:	2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING	THIS APPLICATION:
Legal Name of Request Friends of the Palace	ting Organization or Individual: Theater	Name Morgen Bahurinsky	
Dba: Friends of the Pa	alace Theater	Title Executive Director	
Street Address: 38 Hail	i Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720	Phone # 808-934-7010	
Mailing Address: 38 Ha	ili Street, Hilo, Hawaii, 96720	Fax # <u>n/a</u>	
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JANUARY 18, 2016

Application for Grants

If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".

I. Background and Summary

This section shall clearly and concisely summarize and highlight the contents of the request in such a way as to provide the State Legislature with a broad understanding of the request. Please include the following:

1. A brief description of the applicant's background;

The Friends of the Palace Theater is a community-based non-profit organization established in 2002. Its mission is "to revitalize, restore, and sustain Hilo's historic theater as a venue that will educate, entertain, and inspire our diverse community." The Palace Theater is the largest downtown venue in Hilo. It has served many generations as a cultural gathering place, and as a popular fundraising space for other community non-profits. It is a showcase for Hawaii's performing artists, local and international filmmakers, and for community-based, multi-cultural events. In 1992, the building was placed on both the State and National Historic Registers.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The Palace Theater celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2015. As with all older buildings, it does not conform to the modern day definition of a comfortable and efficient venue.

The current Strategic Plan incorporates a number of prioritized goals and strategies to reduce energy expenditures and to improve ventilation. The first and highest priority has been given to the installation of photovoltaic (PV) panels. A public "Theater Comfort Campaign" has raised donations and pledges that will allow for a spring/summer, 2016 installation of these panels.

Installation of the photo-voltaic system will be the first step towards the goal of improving airflow, temperature and humidity in the theater while maximizing electricity production and significantly reducing energy expenditures. It will also allow the Palace Theater to accept the donation of a Carrier Air Conditioning unit that will help to alleviate the ventilation problems in the 90-year old building.

Air conditioning is the next step towards the goal of energy efficiency and improving airflow, temperature, and humidity in the theater, thereby maximizing audience and performer attendance.

The ability to pre-cool the theater, and maintain cooler temperatures during performances will make the Palace a more desirable venue for performers and audiences alike. It contributes to the Palace's marketability and desirability, and increased patronage strengthens the vibrancy of downtown Hilo. Long-term, it will help the Palace Theater to achieve sustainability. The photovoltaic system should lower electrical costs to nearly zero, and the cost of running the air conditioning should be minimal, thus making the whole system affordable.

This request is for a Grant - in - Aid in the amount of \$46,000 towards the installation of an air conditioning unit.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

Today, the public is looking for places to meet and gather that are as welcoming and comfortable as possible. A vital part of any theater production is the wellbeing of the people in the seats. The audience expects to watch a film, musical, or concert in optimal conditions, to fully enjoy the emotion of this collective ritual, and to want to relive it.

The quality of a show is determined to be the result of an integral well-being that comes from a comfortable setting where the right temperature, the correct degree of humidity, and calibrated filtering and recirculation of air make the spectator completely comfortable.

The Palace Theater was one of the first venues of its type to offer air conditioning. The original system stopped working many years ago, and is not repairable. The loss of air conditioning has wreaked havoc upon the humidity level, attributing to uncomfortable audiences, performer discomfort and diminished output.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

Palace Theater programs are developed to engage a diverse audience of 45,000 from local community members to visitors from other locales. With year -round programming, the theater is active nearly every night with people of all ages, cultures, and walks of life coming to offerings. Since many of the events at the Theater are presented in collaboration with other local groups, there is a high degree of community integration in each season's programs.

3. Describe the geographic coverage.

The Palace Theater is the largest venue of its type on the east side of Hawaii Island. However, due to its attention to the emerging needs of visitors to the island, its geographic service area now extends to the mainland, as well as parts of Asia and Europe, as visitors come to experience authentic Hawaiian offerings.

II. Service Summary and Outcomes

The Service Summary shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant's approach to the request. The applicant shall clearly and concisely specify the results, outcomes, and measures of effectiveness from this request. The applicant shall:

Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities;

Board members, two of whom are architects and one of whom is a contractor, have worked with local vendors to assess the energy needs of the theatre, as well as the requirements for improved cooling and ventilation. They then determined specific requirements and system options, and developed a funding plan.

To meet current and future energy needs, the selected photovoltaic system is 26.487 KW in size, and will produce approximately 95 kWh per day, or 34,800 kWh per year. In addition, a high-grade panel with a 25-year warranty was chosen, because it degrades substantially slower than any other brand investigated. Finally, the system chosen has street level inverters, which are preferred because the height and slope of the theater roof makes the roof-mounted inverters difficult to access and service.

The Board then approached several engineering firms to assess the requirements and costs of installing the air conditioning system once the photovoltaic panels were installed. Based on the options considered, it was determined that the building would need significant electrical and ductwork, and would require an engineering firm knowledgeable about this type of work in older buildings. The firm Engineering Partners – Progressive Solutions a firm well –known in the industry for the quality of their work, has been selected, and will begin once all the funding is in place.

The approach of consulting and engaging professional firms was employed to ensure quality and sustainability of the work.

2. Provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service;

The installation of the air conditioning unit will take place during the first two quarters of FY 2017. As there is considerable ductwork and electrical work, a three month time frame is anticipated. The anticipated results will be accomplished as soon as installation is complete.

3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results; and

In terms of energy efficiency and cost savings, the US Department of Energy's research shows that the economic benefits (using Life Cycle Costs) of air conditioning units to consumers are significant. Switching to high-efficiency air conditioners and taking other actions to keep a public venue cool could reduce energy use for air conditioning by 20% to 50%. The photovoltaic system should lower electrical costs to nearly zero, and the cost of running the air conditioning should be minimal, thus making the whole system affordable.

Increased comfort, especially because of the air conditioning, should bring a considerable boost in attendance. We are hopeful to see this year's total attendance approach 60,000 (a 30% increase). We also anticipate maintaining our current pool of performers and increasing that number by 10% due to reduced heat and humidity during performances. The high heat level is the subject of nearly every performance as artists try to cope with excessive amounts of sweat and discomfort while on stage.

More subtle measurements, in addition to cost savings, include customer satisfaction and return visits. The Board of Directors has an ongoing practice of engaging patrons in discussion. Data is collected at each performance to determine how patrons respond to the changes in the theater, and is reviewed monthly at Board meetings.

Facebook and Twitter accounts and webmail are monitored noting both the comments and the increases in followers.

We also specifically measure the increases in attendance, volunteers and donors, as an indication that theater comfort and programming is on track with consumer tastes, and that we are attracting new patrons.

4. List the measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency). The measure(s) 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.

The measures of effectiveness that will be reported specifically include:

- The amount of reduction in energy costs due to the PV system;
- The increase in audience attendance due to increased theater comfort
- The increase in the number of performers who chose and return to perform at the theater due to increased theater comfort
- The increase in the number of other organizations choosing to rent the theater for their activities
- The increases in Facebook and Twitter followers
- The increase in donors and volunteers who support the theater as an indication that theater comfort is on track, and that new patrons are being attracted

III. Financial

Budget

The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.
 See attached budget - page 5.

Detailed Budget Breakdown: Capital Request

Air Conditioning Installation (\$172,000)

Costs:		
40 ton Carrier AC unit		\$ 50,000
Engineering fee		\$ 12,000
Ductwork		\$ 35,000
Controls		\$ 5,000
Placing/Connecting Unit		\$ 10,000
Concrete Pad		\$ 5,000
Electrical Work		\$ 40,000
Miscellaneous Architectural patching		\$ 15,000
Total		\$172,000
Revenue: (Confirmed and *Anticipated)		Φ1/2 ₉ 000
Donated 40 ton Carrier AC Unit	\$ 50,000	
Pledged from major donor	\$ 10,000	
Palace Theater operating reserves	\$ 15,000	
In-kind Engineering fee	\$ 6,000	
*State Grant in Aid	\$ 46.000	
*Grant solicitation (County, foundations)	\$ 45,000	
Total	\$172,000	
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2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2017.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Ouarter 4	Total Grant
\$40,000	\$6,000			\$46,000
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3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2017.

The Friends of the Palace Theater seeks to improve its outreach and capacity through fundraising efforts on a continual basis. As the highest priority in the Strategic plan, the public "Theater Comfort Campaign" will be ongoing until sufficient funds are

raised to install the air conditioning unit. In FY 2017, grant requests will be made to the County as well as to several foundations, including Atherton Family Foundation, Cooke Foundation, and GN Wilcox Foundation. New individual major donors are also solicited and cultivated by Board members on an ongoing basis.

4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has 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

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts and grants it has been and will be receiving for program funding.

An application has been submitted to the County Non-Profit Grants Program-Request = \$40,000

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2015.

See attached Balance Sheet and P & L. The fiscal year for the Friend of the Palace Theater runs from January 1 to December 31; therefore a Balance Sheet and P & L for the final month of December has not been produced. November 2015 Financials are included, as is the most recent audited financial statements.

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.

The Friends of the Palace Theater Board of Directors has demonstrated a decade of stewardship of the 90 year old building, raising and investing over \$800,000 on various physical upgrades to meet ADA requirements, retrofit the building to withstand seismic threats, add a new metal roof, rebuild the performance stage and convert stage lighting to LED for energy conservation. The theater projection system is also fully digital to meet the latest requirements in movie screening. This has improved the theater both internally and externally, while at the same time creating employment within the community and enhancing audience safety and enjoyment.

There are two architects and two construction experts on the Board of Directors, and they will work closely with the engineering firm chosen (Engineering Partners –

Progressive Solutions) for the installation to ensure a high quality of work and ongoing sustainability.

B. Facilities

The applicant shall provide a description of its facilities and demonstrate its adequacy in relation to the request. If facilities are not presently available, describe plans to secure facilities.

The Palace Theater is a 90-year old building in downtown Hilo. Although it was left empty for many years, the stewardship of the Friends of the Palace Theater Board of Directors over the last 10 years has ensured its structural soundness, and the restoration projects described above have renewed its vibrancy as a viable and sustainable venue for performing arts.

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.

This project will be overseen by the Board of Directors, and executed by Engineering Partners – Progressive Solutions.

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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 organization chart that illustrates the placement of this request.

Not applicable. The project will be overseen by the Board of Directors in conjunction with Engineering Partners – Progressive Solutions.

Currently, staff consists of one full-time Executive Director, one part-time office manager, and one part-time administrative assistant. Support for the technical functions of running the theater comes from part-time, on – call specialists, such as projectionists and lighting experts.

C. Compensation

The applicant shall provide the annual salaries paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position..

There is only one full time position – Executive Director, - who earns \$33,000 per annum.

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.

The Friend of the Palace Theater is not party to any litigation.

B. Licensure or Accreditation

The applicant shall specify any special qualifications, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation that the applicant possesses relevant to this request.

Non- applicable

C. Private Educational Institutions

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution. Please see Article X, Section 1, of the State Constitution for the relevance of this question.

Not applicable

D. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2016-17 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (1) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2016-17, but
- (2) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

The installation of an air conditioning system is a one-time only project. Once the system is installed, it will be maintained as part of the contract awarded to the engineering firm chosen to install it. The cost savings in terms of lowered energy costs, plus the increase in box office proceeds due to an expanded audience will make the system self sustaining. No further funding is required.

E. Certificate of Good Standing (If the Applicant is an Organization)

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a certificate of good standing from the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2015.

See attached certificate of Good Standing from DCCA.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

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Friends of the Palace Theater

	UDGET	Total State	Total Federal	Total County	Total Private/Other		
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В.	OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES						
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	2. Insurance						
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	5. Staff Training	-					
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	MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES						
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-	(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Places time or pri		308-938-1328 Phone		
-	(c) Total County Funds Requested	40,000					
	(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	40,000 86,000			January 18, 2016 Date		
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BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Friends of the Palace Theater

Not applicable

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BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Friends of the Palace Theater

Not applicable

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BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Friends of the Palace Theater

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GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND / OR GRANTS

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DECLARATION STATEMENT OF APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:
 - a) 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 is awarded;
 - b) Complies 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;
 - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
 - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant 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.
- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
 - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided.
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
 - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant 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 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.

FRIENDS OF THE PALACE THEATER (yped Name of Individual or Organization)	R
	Jan 18/2016
	(Date)
WENDY PESKIN	BOARD PRESIDENT
(Typed Name)	(Title)



Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, the undersigned Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that

THE FRIENDS OF THE PALACE THEATER

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 08/29/2000; that it is an existing nonprofit corporation; and that, as far as the records of this Department reveal, has complied with all of the provisions of the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, regulating domestic nonprofit corporations.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dated: January 19, 2016



Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

PLEASE SEE NOTATION IN NARRATIVE SECTION.

FRIENDS OF THE PALACE THEATER FY END IS DECEMBER 31.

BALANCE SHEET AND P & L TO NOVEMBER 30, 2016 ARE INCLUDED; AS IS MOST RECENT AUDIT.

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Friends of the Palace Theater Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2015 Nov 30, 15

ASSETS

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Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash on Hand	
Box Office Cash Drawer	400.00
Cafe Cash Drawers	600.00
Cafe Petty Cash	210.00
Change for Cash Box	200.00
Total Cash on Hand	1,410.00
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Checking Account	
Restricted Funds	30,160.14
Unrestricted Funds	7,445.42
Total Checking Account	37,605.56
Total Gridding Account	37,003.30
Saving Account	
Restricted Funds	35,966.47
Total Saving Account	35,966.47
Total Checking/Savings	74,982.03
Total Current Assets	74,982.03
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Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	
Accum Deprec- Fixt	-10,478.20
Accum Deprec-Renovations	-67,570.90
Accum Deprec-Software	-2,679.21
Accum Deprec - Equipment	-146,644.68
Total Accumulated Depreciation	-227,372.99
ADA Upgrade.	55,533.89
Bathroom, 2nd Floor	1,677.71
Cafe Renovation	67,709.53
Coemar ISpot 150 Moving Lights	1,800.00
Computer Replacements of 2012	12,174.07
Crown Roof Project	127,003.85
Curtain	18,109.87
Curtain-Guillitoine	9,292.93
Equipment	
Body Mics	6,382.10
Donated Equipment	36,336.72
Film Rewind Table	2,154.12
Kiosk Appliances	4,068.77
Lights	3,672.00
Popcorn Machine, Gold Medal	1,150.00

Friends of the Palace Theater Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2015

	Nov 30, 15
Projector, Christie CP2210	53,581.90
Sound Heads	7,500.00
Technical Equipment	32,195.57
Xenon Consoles	14,381.78
Zoom Lens	3,137.00
Total Equipment	164,559.96
Fire Sprinkler System	3,179.00
Foot Lights	17,075.49
Frest Air Duct	6,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,454.66
General Renovation	3,903.46
LED Stage Lights & Console	16,022.85
Office Renovation	28,054.77
Photovoltaic System	1,500.00
Software	11,926.70
Spot Light Lycian	800.00
Stage Construction	20,245.73
Theater Seating	1,354.17
Total Fixed Assets	347,005.65
TOTAL ASSETS	421,987.68
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Due to Venders	7,824.57
Total Accounts Payable	7,824.57
Credit Cards	
Bank Card 8713	1,099.95
Total Credit Cards	1,099.95
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	
Auditorium Rental	1,100.00
Total Deferred Revenue	1,100.00
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Withholding	573.00
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Garnishment	1,566.30
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State Withholding	
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Friends of the Palace Theater Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2015

Prepaid Gift Cards	2,935.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,188.18
Total Current Liabilities	16,112.70
Total Liabilities	16,112.70
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,497.70
Retained Earnings	364,316.36
Temp Restricted Net Asset	26,400.65
Net Income	13,660.27
Total Equity	405,874.98
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	421,987.68

Friends of the Palace Theater Profit & Loss

January through November 2015 Jan - Nov 15

	Jan - Nov 15
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Box Office Admissions	
CoProduction & Rental Admission	62,807.53
Palace Presentation Admissions	187,329.00
Total Box Office Admissions	250,136.53
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Donations	
Donations-Restricted	41,445.00
Donations-Unrestricted	14,537.30
Donations in Kind	15,534.64
Donor Advised	10,00 1.01
Peskin Fund -Sustainable Energy	10,000.00
Peskin Fund, Unrestricted	1,000.00
Donor Advised - Other	300.00
Total Donor Advised	11,300.00
Total Dollol Advised	11,000.00
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Total Donations	82,816.94
Grant Income	4 500 00
Co. of Hawaii, Hawaiian Music	1,500.00
Co. of Hawaii, HIFF	4,900.00
Co. of Hawaii, Marketing	750.00
HCF, Flex-Operations & Program	15,000.00
HCF, Na Hulu Kupuna Concert	12,200.00
Hi Hotel Industry, Charity Walk	1,140.00
Ironman Corporate	1,500.00
Total Grant Income	36,990.00
Income from Rentals	7 500 00
Auditorium Rental	7,500.00
Total Income from Rentals	7,500.00
Lobby Sales	
Cafe Sales	35,148.50
Food Vendor	223.00
Gift Shop Sales	142.00
Total Lobby Sales	35,513.50
Total Louby Gales	00,010.00
Other Income	
Advertising Income	2,400.00
Interest Income	14.18
Total Other Income	2,414.18
Total Income	415,371.15

Friends of the Palace Theater Profit & Loss

January through November 2015 Jan - Nov 15

Expense	
Cost of Programs	
Advertising of Films/Event	24,282.52
Artists Expenses	3,113.49
Cafe Items	15,571.09
Contract Fees	
Artists Fees	26,625.00
Band Member Fees	8,740.00
CoProduction & Rental Expense	27,838.75
Production Fees, other	300.00
Projection Fees	3,044.00
Royalty & Copyright Fees	7,460.00
Security	950.00
Sound System/Technician	13,136.68
Stipends	3,495.00
Technical	3,682.50
Total Contract Fees	95,271.93
Costumes/Props/Set	2,022.23
Equipment Rentals & Supplies	465.59
Film Rental Fees	25,024.72
Gift Shop COGS	247.01
Other Program Cost	1,140.46
Promotional Materials	120.63
Shipping of Films/posters	1,519.97
Total Cost of Programs	168,779.64
In Kind Expense	
In Kind Expense Advertising	8,305.07
Cost of Programs	4,325.00
Fundraising Expenses	62.50
Misc Expenses	142.07
Website Maintenance	900.00
Total In Kind Expense	13,734.64
Operating Coets	
Operating Costs	
Bank Charges Merchant Fees	8,439.58
Service Charge	73.00
Total Bank Charges	8,512.58
Computer Maintanana	4 505 40
Computer Maintenance	1,525.40
Internet & Telephone	3,611.16
Software	1,035.43

Friends of the Palace Theater Profit & Loss

January through November 2015

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Software Support	412.20
Website Hosting	318.77
Total Computer Technology Expense	6,902.96
Dues, Fees, Subscriptions	403.00
Equipment	
Kiosk Equipment Expense	260.96
Office Equipt. Rental	4,295.06
Theater Equipment	1,122.93
Total Equipment	5,678.95
Fundraising Expenses	380.84
General Excise Taxes	1,717.44
Insurance	.,.
Directors Liability	1,242.00
General Liability	2,264.41
Total Insurance	3,506.41
Janitorial Supplies	1,615.59
License and Fees	1,190.50
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Office Supplies	10,138.86
Postage	1,301.55
Repairs/Maintenance	
Building Repairs	1,514.99
Equipment Repairs	2,178.20
Maintenance Supplies	1,881.68
Total Repairs/Maintenance	5,574.87
Security Systems	446.27
Travel Expense	148.07
Utilities	7,0.07
Electricity	14,236.88
Sewage	228.99
Water	1,016.11
Total Utilities	15,481.98
Total Operating Costs	62,999.87
Payroll	
Employee Salaries	
Administrative Salaries	18,483.36
Fundraising Allocation	25,411.27
Program Allocation	14,520.29
Program Salaries	39,777.02
Total Employee Salaries	98,191.94

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Friends of the Palace Theater Profit & Loss

January through November 2015

Payroll Expenses	
Medical	2,249.33
TDI	581.43
Workermens's Comp Insuranc	2,528.00
Total Payroll Expenses	5,358.76
Payroli Taxes	
Medicare	1,454.34
Social Security	6,218.49
SUTA	1,414.21
Total Payroll Taxes	9,087.04
Total Payroll	112,637.74
Professional Fees	
Accounting	6,979.12
Bookkeeping	10,358.08
Grant Writing	13,200.00
Marketing	11,000.00
Web/Internet	1,721.79
Total Professional Fees	43,258.99
Property Taxes	300.00
Total Expense	401,710.88
Net Ordinary Income	13,660.27
Net Income	13,660.27

(A Hawai'i Nonprofit Corporation)

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

THE FRIENDS OF THE PALACE THEATER, INC. ${\sf TABLE~OF~CONTENTS}$

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S AUDIT REPORT

To Management and the Board of Directors The Friends of the Palace Theater, Inc. 38 Haili Street Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Friends of the Palace Theater, Inc. (a Hawai'i non-profit corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of activities and change in net assets, and cash flows, for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Friends of the Palace Theater, Inc. as of December 31, 2014, and the change in its net assets and its cash flow for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Prior Period Financial Statements

The December 31, 2013 financial statements were reviewed by us, and our report thereon, dated March 1, 2014, stated we were not aware of any material modifications that should be made to those financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. However, a review is substantially less in scope than an audit and does not provide a basis for the expression of an opinion on the financial statements.



Hilo, Hawai'i April 30, 2015

Statements of Financial Position As of December 31, 2014 and 2013

		<u>2014</u>		2013	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 2) Accounts Receivable Prepaid Expenses	\$	63,490 1,657 3,830	\$	105,684 2,000 5,705	
Total Current Assets		68,977		113,389	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 2)					
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment Renovations Accumulated Depreciation Net Property and Equipment	Anyah myalamak	281,519 282,206 (227,373) 336,352		243,182 282,206 (182,956) 342,432	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	405,329	\$	455,821	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable Accrued Payroll	\$	5,711 3,755	\$	7,053 7,923	
Total Current Liabilities		9,466		14,976	
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES Accrued Vacation Deferred Revenue		2,087 1,485		1,530 29,695	
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	**********	3,572		31,225	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	************	13,038		46,201	
NET ASSETS (Note 6) Unrestricted Net Assets Temporarily Restricted Total Net Assets		365,891 26,400 392,291	Williams	385,762 23,858 409,620	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	405,329	\$	455,821	

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Uı	nrestricted	Temporarily Restricted		Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE				*********	
Box Office Admissions	\$	221,136	\$ -	\$	221,136
Donations		88,567	-		88,567
Grants		38,150	26,400		64,550
Café Sales		31,523	***		31,523
In-kind Revenue (Note 4)		20,376	-		20,376
Auditorium Rental		7,419	-		7,419
Other Income		1,175	-		1,175
Interest		13	-		13
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		23,858	(23,858)		
Total Public Support and Revenue		432,217	2,542		434,759
EXPENSES					
Salaries and Payroll Taxes		129,597	-		129,597
Contract Services		92,111	-		92,111
Cost of Programs		71,933			71,933
Depreciation		44,417	-		44,417
Professional Fees		36,577	-		36,577
In-kind Expenses (Note 4)		20,376	-		20,376
Utilities		18,270	-		18,270
Supplies		12,898	-		12,898
Bank Charges		7,684	-		7,684
Telephone		4,042			4,042
Insurance		3,757	-		3,757
Repair and Maintenance		3,728	-		3,728
Miscellaneous Expense		2,997	-		2,997
Janitorial and Cleaning		1,760	-		1,760
General Excise Tax		1,641	-		1,641
Property Taxes		300	**		300
Total Expenses	marker francisco	452,088		08937THUNNOJSCH	452,088
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(19,871)	2,542		(17,329)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	***	385,762	23,858		409,620
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	365,891	\$ 26,400	\$	392,291

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

			Te	mporarily		
	Unrestricted Restricted T		Total			
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	***********					
Box Office Admissions	\$	225,192	\$		\$	225,192
Grants	_	74,341		22,459	•	96,800
Donations		66,574		1,400		67,974
Café Sales		35,590		-,		35,590
In-kind Revenue (Note 4)		17,045		_		17,045
Auditorium Rental		9,443		_		9,443
Other Income		3,825		-		3,825
Interest		20		_		20
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		89,354	······································	(89,354)		-
Total Public Support and Revenue		521,384		(65,495)		455,889
EXPENSES						
Salaries and Payroll Taxes		140,237		-		140,237
Contract Services		82,391		-		82,391
Cost of Programs		73,995		-		73,995
Depreciation		38,465		-		38,465
Professional Fees		21,306		~		21,306
Utilities		19,792		-		19,792
In-kind Expenses (Note 4)		17,045		-		17,045
Supplies		11,068		-		11,068
Bank Charges		7,559		-		7,559
Miscellaneous Expense		4,062		-		4,062
Telephone		3,493		-		3,493
Insurance		3,482		-		3,482
Repair and Maintenance		3,283		_		3,283
General Excise Tax		2,055		-		2,055
Janitorial and Cleaning		1,850		-		1,850
Property Taxes	-	300		_		300
Total Expenses	-	430,383		-	*******	430,383
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		91,001		(65,495)		25,506
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		294,761	**********	89,353		384,114
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	385,762	\$	23,858	\$	409,620

Statements of Cash Flows

For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Box Office Admissions	\$	221,136	\$	225,192
Cash Received from Contributors and Grantors		36,340		97,669
Donations		88,567		96,800
Other Cash Receipts		40,117		48,858
Interest Received		13		20
Cash Paid to Employees and Vendors		(390,030)		(370,995)
Net Cash (Used) Provided by Operating Activities (Note 8)		(3,857)		97,544
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Cash Used to Purchase Fixed Assets		(38,337)		(115,487)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	************	na a compression materials and a compression of the		
Net Decrease in Cash for the Year		(42,194)		(17,943)
CASH BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		105,684	•	123,627
CASH BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	63,490		105,684

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2014 and 2013

Note 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Friends of the Palace Theater, Inc. (the Organization) is a Hawai'i not-for-profit Organization incorporated on August 25, 2000. The Friends of The Palace Theater, Inc. primarily operates in Hilo, Hawai'i, as a community resource. The Organization's mission is to restore, revitalize, and sustain the historic Palace Theater as a venue that will educate, entertain, and inspire its culturally diverse community. In fulfilling its mission, the Organization shows films, stage productions, and other revenue generating activities in the Theater.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. Under this method of accounting, revenue is recognized when earned rather than when received, and expenses are recognized when incurred rather than when paid. For contributions and donations, revenue is recognized when the gift is received. For grants and contracts, revenue is recognized as the applicable requirements are fulfilled. Deferred revenue represents funds received from grantors and not yet expended for the grant's purposes. Accounts Receivable represents revenue earned but not yet received.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: The Organization considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Property and Equipment: Property and equipment are recorded at cost or fair market value at the date of donation. The Organization capitalized property and equipment greater than \$1,000 and having a useful life greater than one year. Depreciation is recorded under the straight-line method over the asset's useful life.

Income Taxes: The Friends of the Palace Theater, Inc. is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and therefore has made no provision for Federal income taxes in the accompanying financial statements.

The accounting standard for uncertainty in income taxes addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under that guidance, the Organization may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. Examples of tax positions include the tax-exempt status of the Organization and various positions related to the potential sources of unrelated business taxable income (UBIT). The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

There were no unrecognized tax benefits identified or recorded as liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2014, and 2013. The Organization files its *Form 990* in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction and is generally no longer subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for years before 2011.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2014 and 2013

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3. OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES

The Palace Theater, built in 1925, is located at 38 Haili Street in Hilo, Hawai'i. It is noted for its Neo-Classic features, large open lobby, 600 square foot stage area, and seating capacity for 500 people. It is a focal point for culture and the performance arts in East Hawai'i. The four lots, which include the building, total an area of over 16,000 square feet.

In 2004, for the sum of \$10, the Hilo Downtown Improvement Association transferred the title to the building, and land occupied by the Palace Theater, to The Friends of the Palace Theater, Inc., subject to certain rights and restrictions retained by the County of Hawaii. Due to the deed restrictions related to the County of Hawaii, no objective basis for determining fair market value is determinable. Accordingly, the land and building were not capitalized. However, management estimated in 2000 that the land area, together with the Palace Theater itself, was valued at \$1.5 million.

Note 4. DONATED SERVICES

Under FASB ASC 958-605, contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received. These services include volunteers donating their time and donated advertising costs. The value of these services at December 31, 2014, and 2013, are \$20,376, and 17,045, respectively.

Note 5. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the Organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 30, 2015, the date the financial statements were available for use.

Note 6. NET ASSETS

The Friends of the Palace Theater, Inc. has conformed to FASB ASC 958-210-45-9, "Not-for-Profit Entities, Classifications of Net Assets," and the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards formerly (SFAS) No 117, "Financial Statement of Not-for-Profit Organization." Accordingly, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities, according to the following three classes: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2014 and 2013

NOTE 6. NET ASSETS (Continued)

Unrestricted net assets represent those assets whose usage is neither temporarily nor permanently restricted by donors. These revenues are used for the general operating expenditures of the Organization or for such purposes as determined by the Board of Directors. Temporarily restricted net assets that were received and spent during the year were recorded as unrestricted net assets.

Temporarily restricted net assets represent restricted grants and funds received from foundations and donors for which the restrictions had not yet been fulfilled as of year end. Temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2014, and 2013, are \$26,400, and \$23,858, respectively, as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Renovation/Repair		
Solar Project	\$ 26,000	\$ 11,000
Carrus	_	7,164
Roof	-	-
Program		
Flex Grant, Black-Yokoyama		4,000
Hawaiiana Live	-	994
Organ Concerts	-	400
Film Festival	400	300
	\$ 26,400	\$ 23,858

There were no permanently restricted funds as of December 31, 2014, and 2013.

Note 7. FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized in total in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs, supporting services, and fundraising services benefited.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Program	\$ 352,629	\$ 335,698
Management and General	90,418	86,077
Fundraising	9,041	8,608
Total	\$ 452,088	\$ 430,383

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2014 and 2013

NOTE 8. RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITH NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The following is the indirect method of determining the net cash provided by Operating Activities:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ (17,329)	\$ 25,506
Adjustments to Reconcile:		
Add in Depreciation	44,417	38,465
Change in Accounts Receivable	343	,
Change in Prepaid Expenses	1,875	(2,223)
Change in Accounts Payable	(1,342)	3,436
Change in Payroll Payable	(4,168)	1,135
Change in Accrued Vacation	557	1,530
Change in Deferred Revenue	(28,210)	29,695
Net Cash (Used) Provided by Operating Activities	\$ (3,857)	\$ 97,544



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

September 25, 2015

Aloha,

The Palace Theater is a mainstay of downtown Hilo and I want to see this majestic, historic theater remain the center of our cultural functions. The acoustics alone make this venue outstanding and its placement in downtown Hilo adds stability and vitality to the city's economy.

If the Palace Theater is to continue to be a viable concert and arts venue, it must offer its patrons and performers the comfort of modern air conditioning. Theater comfort is required to attract adequate audiences to sustain the theater.

In addition to supporting the theater with my attendance at events, I donate regularly. I urge you to partner with me in support of their Theater Comfort Campaign.

Sincerely,

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September 29, 2015

Aloha,

Hilo's historic Palace Theatre has been an iconic gathering place for our community since it opened in 1925. The Palace's many films, concerts, live performances, and more keep our Downtown Hilo active and vibrant. Memories made at the theatre live on with many people in our community – for me, it's seeing Superman with my mom when I was 8 years old.

The Friends of the Palace Theatre have been great stewards of this community treasure, and their drive to improve it for generations to come is admirable. They cannot afford to make major improvements for the benefit of their patrons and performers without the generosity of community donations and the receipt of significant grant funding.

The Palace Theater is a beacon of culture in Downtown Hilo and East Hawai'i. I extend my full support for the Palace Theater and the efforts of the committee to find the necessary resources to strengthen and support this valuable community resource.

Mahalo Billy Kenoi MAYOR



November 24, 1015

To whom it may concern:

My name is Chris Leonard and I am the President and General Manager of New West Broadcasting Corp. which owns and operates 5 radio stations on Hawaii Island. We also produce and promote numerous live music events on the Island. We have used the Palace Theater as a venue for our KWXX Ho'olaulea for the past three years in addition to numerous other shows over the years.

We greatly value the theater and the value this theater adds to our town. The theater would have even greater value to our organization and the community if it were air conditioned. The heat in the building makes it difficult for us to produce events in the venue for much of the year. It is disappointing that one the first Hilo buildings in Hilo to be air conditioned is unable to provide that service to its' performers and patrons today.

The theater is important to our Hawaii Island community and can continue to be the hub of culture in entertainment in Hilo, however it is also important that it be comfortable environment for performers and patrons

My hope is for the Palace Theater to find adequate funding to air condition the theater and to install the photovoltaic system to defer this additional electrical cost. With these two systems in place the theater can continue to offer great live music concerts, movies and other cultural events year round with the comfort of modern day living. It will be much more attractive to event promoters and to patrons.

Please support this important project for both the Palace Theater and downtown Hilo.

Sincerely.

Chris Leonard

President / General Manager