

KAUA'I PLANNING & ACTION ALLIANCE

"Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua'i"

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KAUA'I PLANNING & ACTION ALLIANCE RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

(Lihue, Hawaii, August 11, 2004) – Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. has been awarded a grant of \$5,000 from Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) to support strategic planning for the Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance.

The non-profit Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. currently serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA). Created in 2003, KPAA brings together diverse organizations for collaborative planning and action to achieve targeted community goals. "This strategic planning grant comes at an important time in our development. It will help us plan our transition from Garden Island RC&D to become an independent nonprofit organization," said Diane Zachary, President & CEO of KPAA.

KPAA provides a forum for nonprofit and community-based organizations to network and find long-term solutions to issues confronting Kaua'i. Action teams work within a planning, communication, and action framework facilitated by KPAA. The recently completed *Kaua'i Community Response Drug Plan* came from the work of KPAA and the Drug Action Team. Another Action Team is working on County and State park improvements. "We are excited to have HCF's support for these important efforts as our community works together to find community-based solutions," says Zachary.

Established in 1916, Hawai'i Community Foundation is a statewide, charitable services and grantmaking institution endowed with contributions from many donors. HCF also serves as a resource on philanthropy, and community issues and trends.

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