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PROJECTS RECOMMENDED TO BENEFIT KEKAHA

Lihu`e, Kaua`i, HI – 4/11/2012. The Kekaha Host Community Benefits (KHCB) Fund Citizens Advisory Committee announces its recommendation to award \$885,000 in grant funding to five organizations whose project proposals will benefit Kekaha residents.

The County of Kaua`i established the KHCB Fund in 2008 to compensate the Kekaha community for “hosting” Kaua`i’s landfill in their area. A Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was convened in 2009 and tasked with developing a process to utilize those funds solely to benefit their community.

In March 2012, the CAC received a total of five grant applications requesting amounts over \$5,000. Project proposals covered one or more of the following areas: Community Improvements; Economic Revitalization; Environment/Sustainability; Education/ Culture/Arts; Human Services; and Health/Wellness.

At their April 4th meeting, the CAC approved funding recommendations to the following organizations for projects as noted: Storybook Theatre-The Rainbow Road Crew (\$15,000); Boys & Girls Club-Kekaha’s Keiki: Learning about Waste Diversion

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through Trashology 101 (\$10,000); E Ola Mau-Kekaha Photovoltaic Project (\$780,000); Episcopal Church on West Kauai-Kekaha Community Garden-Communal Gardening, Resource and Training Center (\$25,000); and St. Theresa School-Renewable Energy Project (\$55,000). These recommendations have been forwarded to the Mayor.

“We thank the CAC for the challenging task they completed. We are currently reviewing the recommendations and look forward to working closely with the grant awardees to issue the final approval and put these funds to work as quickly as possible for the benefit of the people of Kekaha.” said Mayor Carvalho.

One of the recommended grants, the E Ola Mau-Kekaha Photovoltaic Project, will be the subject of a CAC workshop on Monday, April 16, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Kekaha Neighborhood Center, to discuss ideas with the applicant on how the project should be implemented if approved by the Mayor. Members of the Kekaha community are encouraged to attend.

KHCB CAC members include Jose Bulatao, Jr., Myra Elliott, Robert Jackson, A. “Big Boy” Kupo, Jr., Glenn Molander, Thomas Nizo, Bruce Pleas, Chair, and Evelyn Olores.

The work of the CAC has been facilitated by Kauai Planning & Action Alliance since August 2011.

The CAC invites community groups and non-profit organizations to watch for a future round of solicitations to apply for HCB funding. They also encourage Kekaha residents to volunteer to serve on the CAC.

To learn more about the grant proposals submitted and the KHCB Fund, visit the Kekaha Host Community Benefits website at: www.KekahaHCB.net.

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