

RECOMMENDATION

That the commission: 1) Approve the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan for the period from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014; 2) Amend the department's Operating Budget for the period from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012, noted Planner Kaleo Manuel.

MOTION

Moved by Commissioner I. Aiu, seconded by Commissioner L. DaMate.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner I. Aiu said the Comments on Training and Technical Assistance seemed to be the most desired and positively commented on by beneficiaries. He would recommend redirecting more funds to this piece because of its value to the beneficiary. The original request came in at \$300,000, and there is matching funds still being sought. Any negotiations would need to be handled with the federal government, added Planning Administrator Darrell Yagodich. The \$1.3 million budget is a realistic budget that fits into the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan.

According to Deputy M. Ka`uhane, the department will 1) need to run a balanced budget. 2) need to make known how critical the funding is. The amount projected based on the action taken on the 15% is reflected in there. There is approximately \$3.8 million reserved in NHRF funds and \$250,000 is being generated from the 30% monies and \$100,000 on interest on a formula. So, there's approximately \$450,000 coming in annually, claimed D. Yagodich.

Chief of Staff W. Sarsona stated she has no problem adjusting the budget for more technical assistance if the commission feels there is a need. Several contractors are available to the homesteaders. They can apply to the department for the contract to obtain this service. There were several outstanding contracts to deliver these services. It was costly. With this motion, if you receive a grant, you deliver, added Chair Nahale-a. There are some providers where this is their only contract. There needs to be better leveraging and this model doesn't appear to be the right fit.

Planner Kaleo Manuel explained the purpose of the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund (NHRF) is to provide rehabilitation that address education, economic and political opportunities. Chair added that there needs to be more streamline approach to funding and the administration is attempting to address this.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.