

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 16-17, 2020

To: Chairman and Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission

From: Tyler Iokepa Gomes, Deputy to the Chairman

Subject: C-5 Approval of Budget Amendment to Cover Implementation of Memorandum of Agreement with Amerind Critical Infrastructure Related to Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program and 2.5 GHz Licenses

Recommended Action

That the Hawaiian Homes Commission approve the Budget Amendment to Cover Implementation of Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with Amerind Critical Infrastructure (“ACI”) Related to Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program and 2.5 GHz.

Discussion

The Memorandum of Agreement and the expected outcomes and deliverables from this collaboration are discussed in greater detail in Item C-4 on this agenda. This submittal focuses on approval of the funding to pay for services rendered as a part of the MOA.

Total estimated project cost is \$805,000 for a five-year term of agreement. See below for the cost breakdown:

Year 1 -	\$357,500.00
Year 2 -	\$357,500.00
Year 3 -	\$ 10,000.00
Year 4 -	\$ 5,000.00
Year 5 -	\$ 5,000.00
Travel (not to exceed)	\$ 70,000.00
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$805,000.00</b>

Staff recommendation is to fund this cost through a reallocation of already budgeted funds. No additional funds are required. Progress on the Department’s activities expected for FY 2020-21 and funded with the FY 2020-21 DHHL budget has been hampered as a result of the pandemic and its resulting shutdowns, restrictions, and hiring freezes. Therefore, spending has not occurred as rapidly as anticipated leaving resources available to allocate to this project.

The shift in funding that is recommended is outlined below in Table 1.

Table 1

Existing Funds Available for MOA (Source: Operating Fund Account – Trust Funds)			
Cost Center	Object Code	Amount	Notes:
Chairman’s Office (OCH)	7110-Fee for Service	\$125,000	For Other Professional Services

Shift From: (Source: Operating Fund Account - Trust Funds):			
Cost Center	Object Code	Amount	Notes:
Planning	7110-Fee for Service	\$400,000	Not enough time remains in current fiscal year to procure services for Water Systems Rate Study and Ag Water Systems/Studies. Include in next year’s budget.
LMD	7110-Fee for Services	\$225,000	Remaining \$1.7 million in LMD’s budget for Fee for Service object code is enough to fund activities planned for remainder of fiscal year.
Chairman’s Office (OCH)	7700 Motor Vehicles & Machinery	\$100,000	Purchases can be delayed until FY 2021-22
TOTAL		\$725,000	

Shift To: (Source: Operating Fund Account - Trust Funds):			
Cost Center	Object Code	Amount	Notes:
Chairman’s Office (OCH)	7110-Fee for Service	\$725,000	

New Total Available for MOA (Source: Operating Fund Account – Trust Funds)			
Cost Center	Object Code	Amount	Notes:
Chairman’s Office (OCH)	7110-Fee for Service	<b>\$850,000</b>	For Other Professional Services

Staff will explore whether any expenditures made under this MOA are eligible for reimbursement with federal resources provided to DHHL to improve access to broadband for our beneficiaries.

After strategic planning and design completion, should there be remaining federal funds or the availability of additional federal funds, DHHL and ACI will have prepared a list of infrastructural and construction costs to utilize any remaining funds or submit request for additional funds.

Therefore, to proceed in meeting our federal requirements as a result of both the pending \$30 million in federal grants and the licensing of 2.5 GHz wireless broadband spectrum on our lands with respect to both expediency and minimum operating standards, staff respectfully requests approval of the recommended motion as stated above.