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**JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT AND  
THE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019  
**TIME:** 9:00 am  
**PLACE:** OHA Board Room, Nā Lama Kukui  
560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200  
Honolulu, HI 96817

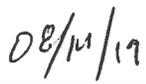
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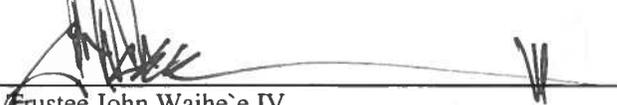
- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Testimony\*
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. May 29, 2019
- IV. New Business
  - A. Action Item: BAE/RM #19-07 FB 20-21 Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Recommendation.
- V. Announcements
- VI. Adjournment

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Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Chairperson, Committee on Resource Management

  
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Date

  
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Trustee John Waihe'e IV  
Chairperson, Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy  
and Empowerment

  
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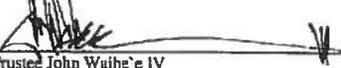
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**STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Joint Committees on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment  
and Resource Management  
August 21, 2019  
9:03 am**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Trustee Dan Ahuna, RM Chairperson  
Trustee Brendon Kaleiaina Lee  
Trustee Kalei Akaka, BAE Vice-Chair  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey

Trustee Colette Machado  
Trustee John Waihe'e, BAE Chairperson

**EXCUSED**

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa  
Trustee Robert Lindsey, RM Vice-Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Sylvia Hussey, Interim CEO  
Ron Porter  
Claudine Calpito  
Alyssa Kau  
Lehua Itokazu  
Carol Ho'omanawanui  
Lopaka Baptiste  
Dayna Pa  
Paul Harleman  
Maria Calderon  
Melissa Wennihan  
Crayn Akina  
Brandon Mitsuda  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua  
Zuri Aki  
Lei Ann Durant  
Priscilla Nakama  
Nathan Takeuchi  
Raina Gushiken  
Ray Matsuura  
Jason Paloma  
Maile Luuwai  
Daniel Santos III  
Farah Cabrera  
Gloria Li  
Jim Patterson

Keola Lindsey  
Lisa Victor  
Mehana Hind  
Merlyn Akuna  
Miki Lene  
Miles Nishijima  
Momilani Lazo  
Phyllis Ono-Evangelista  
Sterling Wong  
Tiger Li  
Arlene Aguinaldo

**Guest and Community:**

Robert G. Klein, Esq.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Ahuna** – Calls the Joint Committees on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and Resource Management to order at 9:03 am, noting for the record the following Trustees present:

		<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Comments</b>
TRUSTEE LEI	<b>AHU ISA</b>		<b>X</b>	
TRUSTEE KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		
TRUSTEE KELI 'I	<b>AKINA</b>	<b>X</b>		
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI 'AINA	<b>LEE</b>	<b>X</b>		
TRUSTEE HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	<b>X</b>		
TRUSTEE ROBERT	<b>LINDSEY</b>		<b>X</b>	
TRUSTEE COLETTE	<b>MACHADO</b>	<b>X</b>		
TRUSTEE JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	<b>X</b>		
CHAIRPERSON DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	<b>X</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	

At the Call to Order, there are seven (7) Trustees present, two (2) excused.

**Chair Ahuna** states he received excuse letters for Trustee Ahu Isa and Trustee Robert Lindsey Jr.

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. May 29, 2019**

**Chair Ahuna** asks for discussion on minutes of May 29, 2019. Hearing none calls for vote.

<b>Trustee AKAKA, MOVED, SECOND by Trustee Hulu Lindsey to approve minutes of May 29, 2019.</b>						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA						EXCUSED
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	1		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI 'AINA LEE			X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY		2	X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY						EXCUSED
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIRPERSON DAN AHUNA			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with seven (7) YES votes.</b>						

Chair Ahuna moves onto next item.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Action Item: BAE/RM #19-07 FB 20-21 Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Recommendation.**

Chair Ahuna calls Sylvia Hussey forward to discuss item IV. A.

Sylvia Hussey greets everyone and calls forward Maile Lu'uwai to review and discuss item IV. A.

Maile Lu'uwai greets everyone and gives background, discussion and process on Action item BAE/RM #19-07. A total of four (4) applications were received and were eligible for review, The applications were evaluated and scored by three (3) Grants Specialists from the Grants Program. Each reviewer individually scored applications in accordance with the evaluation categories in the Emergency financial Assistance Solicitation. The evaluation categories were: Background & Capacity, Experience, Project/Service Delivery. Evaluation and financial. Combined average scores for each applicant were added to a matrix. Reviewers met to review the matrix, discuss their

scores and to reach a consensus on a recommendation. ALU LIKE Inc. received the highest score and is recommended for funding. Maile expressed concerns of ALU LIKE and their current contract with beneficiary follow up. They have had numerous complaints on current contract and have done site visits to follow up. More concerns regarding office hours were discussed and monitoring.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** expressed her concerns that beneficiaries know that the funding they receive is from OHA. OHA is not getting proper acknowledgement. Also inquired if monies are being allocated for each island. Asked the total grant is 1.6mil for 2 years, which is \$830k, how are you allocating this money to the different islands? Will the monies be split up over a 4 quarter period?

**Maile Lu'uwai** will ensure the proper acknowledgement and stated allocation is per island but for personnel, to help service beneficiaries for each island.

**Trustee Akaka** asked if ALU LIKE would provide OHA a quarterly report of updates.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states yes, mandated by contract to provide quarterly reports. We look at the report regarding progress, scope of services, performance measurement table, if they are meeting their numbers and review of expenses.

**Trustee Machado** agreed with Trustee Hulu and that Molokai has limited staff for the Kupuna program, 2 FT and 2 PT staff. Is surprised ALU LIKE is making promises that they will fill these positions on Molokai. I am not sure what office hours on Maui is like, but the Molokai office is co-sharing with an architect firm in the area. We need to know they can function on each island. Questioned if ALU LIKE has the capacity statewide, whether they can hire in a timely manner. Asked *what have they been doing the past 10 years?* Not having a steady office on Maui will be problematic.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states they will not staff Molokai; they will staff the county of Maui. She will work with them to see how they will address Lanai and Molokai. They will assess them over the phone and work with staff if paperwork needs to be sent in.

**Trustee Machado** states it's not just paperwork, they need to come in and assess them. I am not sure how they will do it by phone, with only 1 person in Maui county.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states we can get commitments from ALU LIKE in the contract.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** wants to know how much money Maui is going to get. Shared her concerns on the program.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states they have committed to one full time employee per county. Apologized for not bringing their budget.

**Trustee Lee** states I don't think you are understanding Trustee Hulu Lindsey question. She is not asking for a number of how much is going to be budgeted for staff, she specifically asking problematic money, *is there going to be a budget per island of how much relief money per county?* Not about personnel.

**Sylvia Hussey** clarifies that the 38% of the 1.6mil, is going to overhead, so that leaves about 1mil or 62% and if that 1mil is being allocated by island communities. So half a million per year is divided by island communities.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states we don't have it broken down like that. One of my concerns is that if we allocate a specific amount, I don't think this last 2 year grant we haven't run out of money. We have not been in any position where we said we don't have any emergency money.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** states I have had experience in the past, where Maui has run out of money half of the year and it could've been held in Honolulu. *How do we know that?* It all depends on how they monitor and expend it.

**Maile Lu'uwai** asks should we do an allocation per county, which I am a little concerned about. I would rather have one big pot of money and that where the demand is coming in, rather than limiting pots per island, we will have those resources across the state and it will be unlimited until that pot is expended.

**Trustee Lee** asks *are you aware of grants staffs concerns about ALU LIKE's last execution of this contract?*

**Trustee Lee** states my understanding is that OHA took the contract away from them the last time they had this contract from us.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states I had heard about it, so I looked through older grant files and they did not document the taking away of this contract from Alu Like. It looked like they were closed out on the contracts. The last time they had this contract it was, it ended in 2012. I only could find one evaluation of the Alu Like program, by Jim Patterson, and I spoke with him too. I could not find anything that states contract was taken away.

**Trustee Lee** states it was.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states they came in competitively as an applicant. Addressed more concerns regarding Alu Like as an applicant.

**Trustee Lee** asked if 2 weeks was enough time to vet the largest grant that we give out?

**Maile Lu'uwai** yes with 4 applications it was, if there were 25-30, then no. Explained the 105 point scoring system and score percentage.

**Trustee Lee** stated the head of grant department stated no less than 4 times, concerns that you have, that you want to bring up in the contracting process. I am not comfortable voting yes, when there are so many concerns and were not answered in their proposal, why are we giving them the grant?

**Maile Lu'uwai** explains how they went through each applicant and hammered out the details and addressed some of the issues seen, states this is nothing new for her, this is going on right now with each one of larger higher risk community grants contracts. I hear you, we need to make sure each one of these items are going to be addressed in the contract negotiation phase.

**Trustee Lee** states some of these concerns are not new, wants these issues to be answered before the contract is awarded phase.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states she did not know about the offices, there are things I am not aware of regarding Alu Like. Each applicant could have its own set of issues. We can build the concerns into future solicitations, but certain issues may only apply to one applicant. We are constantly trying to refine and build a better program.

**Trustee Lee** asked were the contingency plans addressed with Alu Like. Stated if this was shared earlier this may have answered Trustee Hulu's concern about office hours.

**Maile Lu'uwai** stated it did not specifically address office hours, but a contingency plan for staffing, to ensure ongoing staff was available.

**Sylvia Hussey** asks for Jim Patterson to come forward and clarify his 2010 evaluation report on Alu Like.

**Jim Patterson** clarifies the evaluation and gave brief summary, states grant was not taken away from Alu Like, the grant ended and we did another RFP and another vendor was selected.

**Trustee Machado** asks are we aware of the programs that are currently functioning under Alu Like is federally funded through the Kupuna program and the employment training.

**Jim Patterson** states he would have to defer to Maile to answer.

**Chair Ahuna** states there are a lot of concerns and we will now go into recess so we can know how to proceed. I was hoping for a workshop where all the concerns can be addressed, this is the largest grant.

**Meeting in recess at 9:59 am**

**Meeting reconvenes at 10:07 am.**

**Chair Ahuna** states we are back from recess and asks for questions.

**Trustee Lee** asks why we went in house for the largest grant we give out and instead used a third party for the smallest grants that we give out.

**Maile Lu'uwai** states remember I talked to you about the grants program is evolving; we did that for Kulia and community grants. There are some things I feel needed a higher level of expertise, I came in last year and I was new, I did not have that kind of confidence in my staff at that time too. We have evolved since then and felt that the grants staff had enough experience to review this contract.

**Trustee Lee** stated my concern is that we will get asked from legislators why the single largest grant gets reviewed in house and not by a third party.

**Maile Lu'uwai** stated like I said I have confidence in our staff.

**Chair Ahuna** asks for motion.

**Trustee Waihee** moved.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** seconded.

<b>Trustee WAIHE'E, MOVED, SECOND by Trustee Hulu Lindsey To approve and authorize the disbursement of \$830,000 from the fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and \$830,000 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund the Emergency Financial Assistance grant to ALU LIKE Inc.</b>							
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TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
TRUSTEE KALEI	AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I	AKINA				X		
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI 'AINA	LEE				X		
TRUSTEE HULU	LINDSEY		2			ABSTAINED	
TRUSTEE ROBERT	LINDSEY						EXCUSED
TRUSTEE COLETTE	MACHADO					ABSTAINED	
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
CHAIRPERSON DAN	AHUNA			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ X ] FAILED</b>							
<b>Motion failed with (3) YES votes, (2) NO votes, (2) ABSTENTIONS.</b>							

**Sylvia Hussey** states I recommend that we send out for re-solicitation, addressing all the concerns, include internal and external reviewers as next steps.

**Trustee Lee** asked administration to keep in mind to not necessarily send out for re-solicitation but maybe re-evaluation, and I understand the difference, grants of this size cost a lot of money to write and that's my concern, that applicants will not reapply. A whole new grant will have to be written. Also suggests maybe a workshop be done to address questions and concerns.

**Sylvia Hussey** states administration will bring back a proposal for next *inaudible*.

**Chair Ahuna** thanks Sylvia and Maile.

**Chair Ahuna** asks for any announcements.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Ahuna** asks for motion to adjourn.

**Trustee Lee** moved to adjourn.

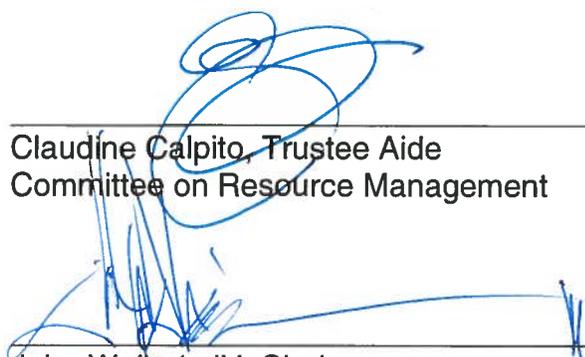
**Trustee Waihe'e** seconded.

<b>Trustee LEE, MOVED, SECOND by Trustee WAIHE'E, motion to adjourn.</b>						
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TRUSTEE KALEI <b>AKAKA</b>			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I <b>AKINA</b>			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI 'AINA <b>LEE</b>	1		X			
TRUSTEE HULU <b>LINDSEY</b>			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT <b>LINDSEY</b>						<b>EXCUSED</b>
TRUSTEE COLETTE <b>MACHADO</b>			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN <b>WAIHE'E</b>		2	X			
CHAIRPERSON DAN <b>AHUNA</b>			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b> <b>Motion passed with seven (7) YES votes.</b>						

**Chair Ahuna** hearing no objections, adjourned meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Claudine Calpito, Trustee Aide  
Committee on Resource Management

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John Waihe'e IV, Chairperson  
Committee on Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment



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Dan Ahuna, Chairperson  
Committee on Resource Management

Approved: BAE-RM Committee meeting

11/6/19

**ATTACHMENT:**

- 1) Excuse letter – Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa
- 2) Excuse letter – Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.
- 3) Action Item BAE-RM#19-07 FB 20-21 Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Recommendation





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**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM**

*Mea ho'omana'o a ke Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i*

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To: Trustee John D. Waihe'e IV, Chair  
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment  
Trustee Dan Ahuna, Chair  
Committee on Resource Management

From: Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Ph.D.

Date: August 19, 2019

Re: Excused Absence

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Please be advised that I am unable to attend the joint BAE/RM Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. due to my doctor's recommendation that I refrain from all activities because of a medical condition.

If you have any questions, please contact my staff.

Mahalo!





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August 20, 2019

TO: Dan Ahuna  
Chair, Resource Management Committee

John Waihe'e, IV  
Chair, Beneficiary Advocacy & Empowerment Committee

FROM: Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
Trustee, Hawai'i Island

SUBJECT: Excused Absence from Joint BAE/RM meeting on August 21, 2019

Aloha e Chair Ahuna:

I am unable to attend the Joint BAE/RM meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2109 at 9:00 am.

Please extend my excused absence and sincere apologies to the board members.

With sincere aloha,

  
Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
Hawaii Island, Board of Trustees



**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Action Item**

**Joint Committee on Resource Management  
and Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment  
August 21, 2019**

**BAE/RM #19-07**

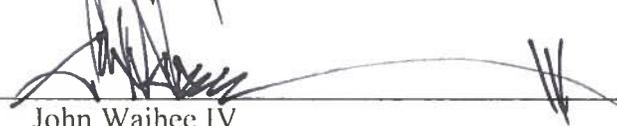
**Action Item Issue: FB 20-21 Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Recommendation**

**Prepared by:**  8/14/19  
Maile Lu'uwai Date  
Grants Manager, Ka Pou Kāko'o Kaiāulu

**Reviewed by:**  8/14/19  
Gloria Li Date  
Ka Pou Kihi Kanaloa Wai Kūikawā, Interim Chief Financial Officer

**Reviewed by:**  8/14/19  
Lisa Watkins-Victorino Date  
Ka Pou Nui Kūikawā, Interim Chief Operating Officer

**Reviewed by:**  8/14/19  
Sylvia Hussey, Ed.D. Date  
Ka Pouhana Kūikawā, Interim Chief Executive Officer

**Reviewed by:**  8/14/2019  
John Waihee IV Date  
Luna Ho'omalua Kōmike BAE, BAE Chairperson

**Reviewed by:**  08/14/19  
Dan Ahuna Date  
Luna Ho'omalua Kōmike RM, RM Chairperson

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Action Item BAE/RM #19-07: FB 20-21 Emergency Financial Assistance Grant  
Recommendation

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**I. Action Item:**

To approve and authorize the disbursement of \$830,000 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and \$830,000 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund the Emergency Financial Assistance grant to ALU LIKE Inc.

**II. Issue:**

Whether the Joint Committee on Resource Management and Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (Joint Committee) should approve and authorize the disbursement of \$830,000 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and \$830,000 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund the Emergency Financial Assistance grant to ALU LIKE Inc.

**III. Discussion:**

On June 12, 2019, the State Legislature passed HB 172 to provide OHA with General Funds Appropriations of \$415,000 per fiscal year to be expended for social services. HB 172 specified that “of the funds appropriated for beneficiary advocacy (OHA 175), the sum of \$415,000 in general funds and \$415,000 in trust funds for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sums for fiscal year 2020-2021 shall be expended to provide for social services, including referral services and case management, to at-risk Office of Hawaiian Affairs beneficiaries to immediately address unexpected crises; provided further that program activities shall be designed with an overall objective to provide financial assistance to improve stability during emergency situations”. H.B. 172 H.D. 1 S.D. 2 C.D. 1 HB 172, Part III Program Provisions, Section 5.

On June 18, 2019, the Resources Management Committee recommended and on June 20, 2019, the Board of Trustees approved RM #19-09 - OHA’s Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Periods 2019-2020 (FY20) and 2020-2021 (FY21), which authorized funding of \$830,000 for FY 2020 and \$830,000 for FY 2021 for OHA’s social services program.

Based on Action Item RM #19-09, OHA’s Biennium Budget, the Grants Program issued the 20-08-FB 2020-2021 Emergency Financial Assistance Solicitation on June 28, 2019. The solicitation was issued to select a qualified non-profit organization to administer a statewide program for Native Hawaiian individuals and families for emergency financial assistance following an emergent crisis, financial literacy education, and multiservice referrals for employment, education, healthcare, housing and social services.



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The Emergency Financial Assistance grant timeline is provided below:

FB 20-21 Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Timeline

Activity	Timeline
Public notice of availability of solicitation	June 28, 2019
Availability of online application	June 28, 2019
Solicitation orientations	July 2, 9 and 10, 2019
Online application submittal deadline	July 26, 2019
Application eligibility, evaluation, selection and recommendation	July-August 2019
Approval by the BOT and notice of award	August 22, 2019
Grant contract & procurement process	August-September 2019
Contract effective date	October 1, 2019

A total of four (4) applications were received and were eligible for review. The applications were evaluated and scored by three (3) Grants Specialists from the Grants Program. Each reviewer individually scored applications in accordance with the evaluation categories in the Emergency Financial Assistance Solicitation. The evaluation categories were: Background & Capacity, Experience, Project/Service Delivery, Evaluation and Financial. Combined average scores for each applicant were added to a matrix. Reviewers met to review the matrix, discuss their scores and to reach a consensus on a recommendation.

The applicants and overall average scores are:

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Overall Score %</u>
ALU LIKE, Inc.	91%
Catholic Charities Hawai'i	86%
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement	86%
Hawaiian Community Assets	73%

ALU LIKE Inc. received the highest score and is recommended for funding. A recommendation summary for ALU LIKE, Inc., including a list of the board members and executive employees, is provided on **Attachment A –Recommendation Summary**.

This action seeks Joint Committee consideration and approval to award the Emergency Financial Assistance grant to ALU LIKE Inc.



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**IV. Funding Source**

Funding for this recommendation was authorized on June 20, 2019, via BOT approval of RM #19-09 - OHA's Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Periods 2019-2020 (FY20) and 2020-2021 (FY21), which authorized funding of \$830,000 for FY 2020 and \$830,000 for FY 2021 for OHA's social services program

**V. Recommended Action:**

To approve and authorize the disbursement \$830,000 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and \$830,000V. from the Fiscal Year 2021 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund the Emergency Financial Assistance grant to ALU LIKE Inc.

**VI. Alternatives to Recommended Action**

- A. Approve and authorize all funding.
- B. Approve and authorize partial funding.
- C. Do not approve funding.

**VII. Timeframe**

Immediate action is recommended to effect notification of awards and commencement of grantee contracting.

**VIII. Attachments**

- A. Recommendation Summary
- B. FB 20-21 Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Process



**ATTACHMENT A. RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

**ALU LIKE Inc.**

<p><b><u>BENEFIT TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS</u></b></p> <p>3,000+ Native Hawaiians will complete screening, intake and assessment for emergency financial assistance services, referral services and financial literacy education.</p>	<p><b><u>BOARD MEMBERS &amp; EXECUTIVE TEAM</u></b></p> <p><b>Board of Directors:</b> Kekamaikaikamaikalani Helm, Board Chair, Moloka'i; Walter Kamika Smith, Secretary/ Treasurer, Kaua'i. <b>Directors:</b> Robert Hill Director-Maui; Christian Kimo Alameda-Hawai'i Island; Paige Kapiolani Barber-O'ahu. <b>Executive Team:</b> Mervina Cash-Kaeo, President/CEO; Rosalynn Perez, Personnel Officer; Nani Chang, Controller</p>
<p><b><u>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALU LIKE's mission is to Kōkua Native Hawaiians who are committed to achieving their potential for themselves, their families, and communities.</li> <li>• ALU LIKE serves as the "go to" place for Native Hawaiians seeking assistance. For more than 44 years, ALU LIKE has provided education, guidance, and financial assistance to Native Hawaiians to support them on a path towards self-sufficiency.</li> <li>• ALU LIKE served 5,526 Native Hawaiians in fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Native Hawaiians comprise of 90 percent of all program participants served.</li> <li>• ALU LIKE was the grantee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Information, Referral, and Emergency Assistance grant from 1995 through 2013.</li> <li>• ALU LIKE currently has an emergency financial assistance program based in its Honolulu office. For this grant, ALU LIKE will expand the program to its Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i county offices.</li> <li>• Native Hawaiian beneficiaries will be able to seek program assistance via walk-ins, telephone, email and on the ALU LIKE website. Intake, assessment and referral will be completed within 48 hours of beneficiary contact for services requested in-person, via telephone and video teleconferencing.</li> <li>• ALU LIKE will provide one full time statewide Native Hawaiian MSW Manager responsible for program development, staff supervision, MSW intern supervision, program performance and reporting. The O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i Island offices will have one full time Program Specialist for each office. ALU LIKE will partner with the UH School of Social Work to provide four interns who are Master of Social Work candidates to assist in providing intake, referral and case management services to statewide beneficiaries.</li> </ul>	



**ATTACHMENT B. FB 20-21 EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROCESS**

