Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued an Emergency Supplementary Proclamation dated March 16, 2020 and another Emergency Sixth Supplementary Proclamation dated April 25, 2020 suspending Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records, to enable boards to conduct business without holding meetings open to the public while considering reasonable measures to allow for public participation consistent with social distancing practices.

The OHA Board of Trustees will be holding virtual meetings until further notice. The meetings will be livestreamed on OHA’s website at www.oha.org/livestream

Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees
Thursday, May 7, 2020
9:30 am

ATTENDANCE:
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEIʻĀINA LEE
TRUSTEE LEINA’ALA AHU ISA
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA
TRUSTEE W. KELIʻI AKINA
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY
TRUSTEE ROBERT K. LINDSEY
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHEʻE IV

BOT STAFF:
CAROL HŌʻOMANAʻAWANUI
DAYNA PA
LAURENE KALUAU-KEALOHA
LŌPAKA BAPTISTE

GUESTS:
JOHN MARCO
CRAIG CHAIKIN

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:
SYLVIA HUSSEY, CEO
RAINA GUSHIKEN, CC
GLORIA LI, CTRLR
EVERETT OHTA, CC
STERLING WONG, PRO
RAY MATSUURA, INVST
KEVIN CHAK, IT
MAILE LUUWAI, TAPS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Colette Machado Calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 9:54 am. She thanks the Trustees for their patience and their willingness to conduct business. She states that this is the first virtual meeting that is being conducted. Roll call is taken to identify the Trustee that are participating; Trustees Ahu Isa, Ahuna, Akaka, Akina, Lee, Robert Lindsey, Waiheʻe and Machado are present, constituting a quorum of eight Trustees. Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey is expected to join shortly.

For the record if you are going to leave the conversation, just alert us that you are leaving so that we can keep track of who is here.
As a reminder we ask that everyone please mute your mic until you need to speak to eliminate any background noise which can make it difficult to hear and affect the livestreaming of this meeting.

When you would like to speak, unmute your mic, address the Chair to be recognized. When the Chair recognizes you, proceed to speak. Mute your mic when you are done. In other words when you want to speak just say, Chair please recognize me. So we can keep it simple like that.

At the prompting of the Chair, the Board Secretary will do a roll call to determine quorum and when the Board votes on matters.

If you are disconnected, we will pause the meeting for one (1) minute and will wait for you to log back on.

If you need to leave the meeting please let the Chair know. So we can accommodate you and know who is on the meeting.

The 72 Hour rule, pursuant to OHA BOT Operations Manual, Section 49, shall be waived for the following items:

IV. New Business
   A. Request for approval to waive the following Standing Committee matters to be directly considered by the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws (approved March 5, 2020) Article VIII, Section L:
      1. Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF) Performance Review and Market Outlook with Segal Marco Consultants, John Marco and Craig Chaikin
   B. Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF) Performance Review and Market Outlook with Segal Marco Consultants, John Marco and Craig Chaikin
   C. Action Item BOT #20-03: Approval to Fund Responses to COVID-19

With that said we will move on to II. for the approval of the minutes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   A. March 5, 2020

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Lee.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee moves to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes of March 5, 2020.

Trustee Robert Linsdsey seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado – Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote please.
III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chair Colette Machado – We will now move on to III. identified as Public Testimony. All of you have received from the Board Secretary testimony from Mr. Kamealoha Smith representing the Hanalei River Heritage Foundation in support of Action Item BOT #20-03. Another public testimony was received from Mr. Michael Hodson, President Waimea Hawaiian Homestead Association providing comment. The third was from Mr. Kuhio Lewis, President and CEO of Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement providing comments regarding Action Item BOT #20-03. If any testimony is received late it will be distributed after the meeting.

We will now move on to new business IV. Item A. We are going to request for approval to waive the following standing committee matters to be directly considered by the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws (approved March 5, 2020) Article VIII, Section L.

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1. Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF) Performance Review and Market Outlook with Segal Marco Consultants, John Marco and Craig Chaikin


Chair Colette Machado – I would like to call on Trustee Dan Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to approve a waiver of the matters listed below from the RM Committee and Joint BAE/RM Committees directly to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the OHA BOT Bylaws (approved March 5, 2020) Article VIII, Section L:


Trustee John Waiheʻe IV seconds the motion.
Dayna Pa – Chair, Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey just joined our meeting.

10:03 am Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey joins meeting.

Chair Colette Machado – Hi Trustee.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Aloha.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey we are now on item IV. A. we just took a motion to approve the waiver to the BOT.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Okay.

Chair Colette Machado - With that said we will do a roll call vote, Secretary.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to approve a waiver of the matters listed below from the RM Committee and Joint BAE/RM Committees directly to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the OHA BOT Bylaws (approved March 5, 2020) Article VIII, Section L:


Trustee John Waiheʻe IV seconds the motion.

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Motion passes unanimously with nine (9) yes votes.

B. Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF) Performance Review and Market Outlook with Segal Marco Consultants, John Marco and Craig Chaikin

Chair Colette Machado – Members I will call on Sylvia right now. We are on IV. New Business B. for the performance review and Market outlook with Segal Marco consultants. Thank you Mr. Marco and Mr. Chaikin for being patient with us in getting this virtual meeting started.

Sylvia Hussey – Without further ado, John and Craig from Segal Marco will be able to provide the Board and update on 1st quarter and our investment manager Ray Matsuura is also on. So go ahead John and Craig.

Mr. John Marco – Aloha everyone. Good morning its great to see you all. It looks like everyone is safe and healthy at these very trying times. Appreciate the opportunity to update you all on the market environment and the performance of the native trust. I’ll be covering the market environment, kind of big picture about where we stand
today and how we got here. Then I am going to turn it over to Craig Chaikin my colleague to give the specific performance of the plan.

**Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee** – Sylvia mentioned that this was going to be first quarter update, we only received fourth quarter information. Are you updating us on the first quarter of 2020?

**Mr. Marco** – That is correct. We have numbers through March 31st and then Craig has done estimates for the month of April.

**Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee** – Okay thank you, because we haven’t received that.

**Mr. Marco** – That is correct, this is all estimate at this time. Unfortunately we didn’t get advance notice of this meeting and the production of those reports. We do have updated numbers for you and we will certainly distribute them as soon as they are ready.

Overall, obviously we have seen significant market decline. We have also seen a big market bounce back. Starting off the year, keep in mind we looked back at 2019 when the stock market was up 31% coming off of strong returns on cooperate profitability, big tax cuts and lower interest rates. Those help drive 2019. As we got into 2020 where the corona virus spread and as it got to the US the market decline seemed to parallel the extension of stay at home orders throughout the US. This is one of swiftest declines we’ve ever seen in the stock market. Historically its taken a few months to have a drawdown of the stock market of this magnitude about 31% was the bottom that we tested so far. The massive amounts of immediate layoffs and the spike in unemployment is really unprecedented.

The fact that we were humming along relatively well with issues in the economy but over all very strongly chugging along and here we are we see this challenge to the market and the market has really taken a beating. Through April where we sit with the stock market today, the S&P 500 is down about 9.3% so down 9.3 for the first four months of the year. It took a very strong April to get us there. As I mentioned the S&P bottomed out at about -31%. In the month of April alone the stock market represented by the S&P 500 was up 12.8%. Now these bounce backs are not due to corporate profitability or economic growth. We still expect to have challenging reporting and challenging times ahead. Just tomorrow we expect to get the unemployment numbers and they are going to be staggering. Latter on we are going to give numbers on GEP, they are going to show sharp negatives. We are certainly not out of the woods yet, but the market has responded very positively to a few different thing.

Number one is government stimulus. The government has taken swift and enormous action to try to buoy the economy through various different programs. There have been spaces along the way and they are currently meeting and discussing the next round on the stimulus. At the same time we have a dis-coordinated reopening going on in the US. Some States are significantly further ahead than others. Its really going to be kind of step by step as we move forward from here. The biggest problems the markets are seeing beyond the obvious is really just the uncertainty looking forward. Markets like to know, at least ok, we’ve seen the worst of it this is the direction looking forward. Where we stand today there is so much uncertainty that we see the market reacting to day to day news. Not seeing to much trending, we see a lot of bouncing back and forth. We have positive returns today but I wouldn’t be surprised if we saw sharp negatives tomorrow with the announcements of really big unemployment numbers.

So what has the Government done? They have done a few different things. Overtly the Government has gone out and done grants and loans to businesses as well as direct payments to individuals. There are other programs out there but those are kind of them main ones in terms of size and breadth and scale. On the other side what most of us don’t see is what’s been done to financial markets like the Fed and Treasury. The Fed has come out and buoyed the bond market. We all see the stock market day to day the headline risk, but keep in mind bonds trade as well and there were significant issues in the bond market. It bond market dies up for demand in liquidity, that means organizations and individuals won’t be able to borrow. One of the big programs that is being pushed out right now is the TALF program. These are loans that are given at very low interest rates to investors if they are willing to put down money along side those loans and purchase asset back securities. We are talking credit cards and car
loans. There are some parameters about the duration, three years or less, etc. for those loans. But these are meant to spur demand in the bond market to make sure it operates properly.

I’m glad to say that those have been working. They’ve had instant effect in the month of April once they were put into play. Over all the bond markets are up year to date. Generically year to date bonds are up about 5%, stock are off about 9.3% and I would expect volatility to continue going forward. We are certainly not out of the woods with this global pandemic and we continue to find out new things each day to figure out our path forward. Until that path become clear we should expect more volatility. I will pause there for any comments or questions before moving on to the specific performance of the fund.

Chair Colette Machado – Members any questions specifically to be addressed? Please acknowledge so that we can get you on the record. Hearing none we can go to our next speaker Mr. Chaikin.

Mr. Craig Chaikin – Chairwoman I apologize for he no video. My bandwidth here is not cooperating with me. As a quick reminder, when we had talked to you on April 1st at the last meeting we had some preliminary March year to date numbers. At that time we estimated that the portfolio was down about 12-14% and that asset value declined to somewhere the range of 340-345 million dollars. We are still waiting on private market investments to come in and final updates from some of the managers but we think those numbers are going to be pretty accurate at least through the end of March. As John was just commenting, April was a pretty market turn around for the markets and that was certainly reflected across your portfolio. An estimated return for the month of April was approximately 5% positive just for the month. As John mentioned year to date bonds are up about 5%, equities are down 9%, you returned about 5% for the month of March that brings your year to date return through the end of April to somewhere in the -7.5% to -9% range.

I will add that is excluding all of the private market investments. Those typically report in a quarter lag. So as I mentioned a second ago we are still waiting for final capital statements for 12/31 for all the private market managers. We don’t necessarily expect to see any negative impact from them until sometime latter. What does that mean in terms of your overall market value? It looks like the market value is somewhere in the range of about 365 million dollars. I am going to stop there, certainly happy to answer any questions about that update till the end of April.

Chair Colette Machado – Members any questions?

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Trustee Akina, yes Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Akina you are recognized.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Thank you very much. Craig there was a little bit of static at the opening of your comment so I didn’t hear the statement that you made regarding quarter one. You mentioned a 12%-15% loss of value.

Mr. Chaikin – We had estimated that based off the market performance, the information that we have gotten from your public markets investment managers, that the total portfolio was down about 12%-14%. I was saying at that time it is still and estimate because we are still working on finalizing some of those large end numbers, we think they are going to come in that range.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Thank you.

Chair Colette Machado – Anyone else has a question and would like to be recognized? Any comments? I will turn this back to Sylvia.

Sylvia Hussey – That is the presentation and the follow up from them. If you have any questions go and route that through Ray and as soon as reports are available we will send that out to Trustees. We did distribute to the
Trustees the reports that the RM Committee Leadership has been having discussions with the various money managers and that email went out to the Trustees with all the different reports. If you need to resend it just let me know and we will go and do that. That is it Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – John and Craig we will release you and thank you for doing it under 30 minutes. Members we will now proceed to IV. New Business C.

10:17 am John Marco and Craig Chaikin leave the meeting.

Chair Colette Machado – Members we will now proceed to IV. New Business item C. Action Item BOT #20-03: Approval of Fund Responses to COVID-19. I will call on Sylvia.

C. Action Item BOT #20-03: Approval to Fund Responses to COVID-19

Sylvia Hussey – Thank you. Good morning Trustees. Large packet. What it reflects is the due diligence that administration wanted to take in analyzing all of the data, the impacts, we don’t need to go into the whole why but we do want to let you know that based on that we analyzed our own information brief of the impacts, needs and vulnerabilities of our people to this COVID virus. We also took a look at some economic data based on labor, primarily unemployment claims in the first quarter of 2020 and the prevalence of Native Hawaiian identified applicants in that pool.

We also took a look at what the Board authorized emergency financial assistance program has been doing. That program had experienced a record number of applications coming in from the middle of March all the way through today. Up to at least two weeks ago, 2,500 applications were in the system awaiting assessing and needs. We also made programmatic adjustments to ensure that income would not necessarily be gateway to the needs of beneficiaries and to allow program to provide responses primarily for rent, mortgage, utility bills. We took data from that as well. We also observed the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands program of deferring for lessees as well as the program for waitlisters, a $7 million program that for waitlisters that can provide rent relief for up to market rates, up to initially 3 months and then ultimately up to 6 months. So a substantial program that has been rolled out by the Department to address beneficiaries which is the same beneficiary class that we have as well.

We also analyzed all of the policy advocacy that was going on in terms of rent, eviction, prevention, data disaggregation, fiscal mapping. Try to find where all the money is going. The City and County of Honolulu receiving $387 million for corona virus relief. The State itself receiving $867 million in corona virus relief. So part all of the data was trying to trace where all the money coming, going and how do we get it to our communities as quickly as possible including our beneficiaries. Then last but not least is the observation that in addition to food, clothing and shelter there are other living needs, diapers, formula, depends, basic hygiene, PPE, etc. We also noted in the education space that with everyone at home, devices, hardware devices, software, internet access. Now everything is online, people couldn’t even apply for unemployment unless you had access. We also took in to account all of that. With all of that, what is before you are two actions, one is to increase the funding for the emergency financial assistance program which means that the current contract that was competitively award to the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement in the Kahiau Program of $1.66 million would be increased by $2.17 million and that is based on data that was in the system of applicants and about projecting the amount of need that was already there in the applications.

We also know that they have received more applications for that. The balance for a $3 million commitment is being recommended to go into a community impact grant solicitation so that we can have dollars and awards going to other providers that can fill in the gap that we have identified living, behavioral, mental health, and other services. So for those two motions, that is the reason for those two motions and that’s why those two motions are different because they are addressing different programs and intents. The third motion is the budgetary authority that the board needs to approve to be able to affect that. The action item did call out how administration found $3 million in the fiscal year 2020 and that primarily came from unspent, unencumbered, uncommitted dollars. In the
action item it identifies line items, how and why those resources were able to be reclassified and reallocated. So that’s the thrust of the action item and am ready for any questions or observations or comments.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey is recognized.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – I was extremely happy to hear that the Hawaiian Homes Commission on Monday approved the use of $7 million for all of our beneficiaries on Hawaiian Home Lands as well as on the waitlist. You know takes a lot of burden away from us on the grant and the deposits of our beneficiaries that are having a hard time. I can see a lot of need for the small things, baby formula, like our CEO was describing as for the second part of our approval this morning. I see a lot of need for that in the community and it could also go for food. I was wondering if we could maybe consider moving a million from the rent, mortgage, utilities over to the everyday needs of our people. In other words increasing the second request for approval. And lowering, as a result of the monies that is going to be available from Hawaiian Homes Commission using the NAHASDA Fund. I just wondered what my colleagues feel about increasing that side while the NAHASDA Fund takes bigger care of the rents and the deposits. Because really the amount of monies that’s proposed for the emergency fund is only good for mortgage, rent and utilities and nothing else. That is all those monies can be used for. So if Hawaiian Homes is going to take care of a bulk of it, maybe we can take care of the other needs of our community. I open this to the Board and welcome your comments, what do you think about it. I was just thinking that there is a greater need for the small stuff that they need in our community. The depends for the kupuna, the diapers for the babies, formula, even toothpaste and toilet paper. That kind of need is there. And basically they either need the items or they need money for it. I just put it on the table for your comments and consideration.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Madame Chair, this is Trustee Lee.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Lee is recognized.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Thank you Madame Chair. I want to let the rest of the Board know, I thought it would be in CNHA’s public testimony and it was not. All they provided was a snap shot of the thank yous they been getting. But CNHA has done other outreach and community partnerships in conjunction with our EFA Program. So when a beneficiary is awarded through our program through CNHA’s Kahiau Program, they are also awarded and provided gift cards to Longs or Foodland or Target or Walmart. So speaking to what Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey said CNHA is aware of the need of those small things. So when a beneficiary is awarded from our Grant money for rent, utilities, mortgage they are also at the same time provided gift cards from their other community partners to provide for food, incidental needs and those type of things.

Chair Colette Machado – Other Trustees had other thoughts?

10:27 am Ray is dismissed from the meeting by staff.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Robert Lindsey.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – You know my concern here is, I want to hear from administration. Since supposedly the basis for the action items that are pending before us is driven by data, I’d like to hear from Sylvia what her manao is.

Chair Colette Machado – Sylvia can you respond to the Board.

Sylvia Hussey – So as it relates to the data, the increase in the 2.1 for the emergency financial is based on the data that was provided by CNHA by all the applications. We did a quick calculation of 2,500 applications at the time
we were reviewing the data. Even if 60% of those applications qualified times 1,500 it exceeded $2 million already. Just based on that data and what is there in the queue more dollars will be needed to fund completely all of the needs that are there. That’s the data that we utilized to make those estimates. The other data that we utilized is the additional needs that we observed that there weren’t programs necessarily, obviously CNHA is doing it but in other communities there is still a need for living supplies, personal hygiene supplies and so instead of putting everything to one program and one mechanism or bucket, administration felt that we should provide a competitive process so that other needs can be fulfilled.

**Trustee Robert Lindsey** – Its not clear to me Sylvia, if you could elaborate on what you mean by other needs.

**Sylvia Hussey** – So other needs such the living supplies. We’ve had reports from Papa Ola Lokahi and the Native Hawaiian Health Systems that as families are coming in for services, or as they are out in the community with other community partners, families are coming in and asking for help with diapers, and formula, shampoo so some of those living items. We also know that on the education front the devices in homes that are needed for education are very scarce. Families have to share or they don’t have access to those devices. And the entire access to wifi enable to do all of that. So we also had data from our education partners about that going on. And just generally support services, mental health because of the social distancing and everyone not being able to have contact it really constrained things like special education services, mental health, coaching any of the social services that were done in community based programming all had to be suspended and it is really putting a strain on providers being able to service families. So as we talk with people in the community who were servicing that they identified the needs of the communities and the constraints they were experiencing in trying to service the families in communities.

**Trustee Robert Lindsey** – Thank you.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – Madame Chair.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – Mahalo. I also wanted to say that the island of Maui has not gotten any Foodland cards from CNHA. So we haven’t had that opportunity to receive that kind of help on the island. What was very disappointing was that that monies that, lets say the City and County of Honolulu is getting from CARES the Federal Government to the tune of over, I think it was over $5 million. The neighbor island counties are not getting any money from the Federal Government because we don’t meet the requirement of the population. Only Honolulu does. So the second request for approval to help out the neighbor islands would really benefit our beneficiaries that are not getting what the Honolulu beneficiaries are getting.

**Trustee Robert Lindsey** – Chair Machado I have a question.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee Robert Lindsey.

**Trustee Robert Lindsey** – My question is for Sylvia. Honolulu because they meet the population requirement is getting a ton of Federal dollars. Now, how are we as OHA able to track if these funds are going to directly benefit our beneficiaries. I think for me what is disappointing was we have and allocation for all the neighbor island counties, but Oahu is not included. So that is why I am asking the question. How will we know that our beneficiaries are benefiting from all that Federal money?

**Sylvia Hussey** – So I hear two questions Trustee. But let me make sure I answer hopefully both of them. The first as to the City and County of Honolulu receiving the $387 million through the CARES Act is part of our advocacy of fiscal mapping. We are trying to find out, we’ve asked several folks about how that is going to be decided. In the total $1.8 billion that the State of Hawaii has received in the CARES Act, there is a number of questions about Governor, the Governor can decide where the money goes if its education, the Governor can decided. So the Governor can decide where the $867 million for corona virus goes. We’ve been trying to ask everywhere,
including the Governor’s office, Lt. Governor’s office, the Legislature, where those funds, whose deciding and how is it getting to our communities. Not only our beneficiaries, but in general fiscal mapping and accountability, where is the $1.5 going and how is it being allocated so that we can advocate for the needs of our communities.

The second question I think I hear, I believe you are referring to attachment E of the island strong funds. Where the island strong fund recommendations for Hawaii Island, Kauai and Maui County did not have an Oahu County recommendation. That was primarily from discussions with Hawaii Community Foundation and what they were seeing across the State, that neighbor island counties have needs that are sometimes overlooked when an Oahu centric or the concentration of funding or program occurs on Oahu. It wasn’t meant to slight Oahu, or not recognize Oahu constituents or beneficiaries have needs, it was just to supplement and fill gaps that neighbor island counties, especially as it related to food security and the ways that neighbor island communities address food security is very different than Oahu so we wanted to be able to extend that and extent OHA’s dollars to those communities to fill that in. To ensure that beneficiaries, farmers, ranchers, fishermen were able to provide food security in their communities. So it wasn’t an intention to ignore or slight Oahu it was an intention to fill in gaps of funding and purposeful awarding through Hawaii Community Foundation.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – I appreciate your comments on the first question. We know that Governor Ige has not been kind to Hawaiian issues which impact our people. So that is my concern. I am skeptical that we will get help because this Governor has been in office for 8 years and he has not been kind to us. On the second comment regarding neighbor island counties getting an appropriation from OHA, but Oahu because of the COVID funds that are available our beneficiaries on Oahu would not be getting a direct benefit from OHA in this allocation. I question is and it’s a hypothetical one and I apologize, but if we were to put the Federal dollars on the side and had to allocate OHA funds to support our beneficiaries on Oahu what would that amount be?

Sylvia Hussey – So when we approached Hawaii Community Foundation about supporting community based food security farming. They suggested if it weren’t Oahu, we gave them a number, $250,000-$275,000, a range, how can get those dollars to farmers, ranchers, etc. They came back with that. We would just need to go back and say what is it that we would want to do and now we want to include Oahu. So its really up to us because we are donor directed to be able to say how much of the total allocation or appropriation that we want to make and then add Oahu in. So it could be any number that we want to. We could add another $100,000 we could add another $75,000. It would really be up to us and then they would come back with donor directed and aligned grantees for us to consider.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Robert Lindsey you have any follow up questions?

Trustee Robert Lindsey – If I could just make a comment back to Sylvia.

Chair Colette Machado – Continue Trustee Robert Lindsey, after I will recognize Trustee Keliʻi Akina.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – For me I would feel more comfortable if we had an allocation for the island of Oahu because then we would know that our beneficiaries on Oahu would also be treated as fairly as the neighbor islands are. So if the number is $250,000 I would not have a problem allocating that amount to Oahu City and County as well.

Sylvia Hussey – Just for clarification Trustee, an additional $250,000 for City and County of Honolulu.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – That is correct.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Keliʻi Akina.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Thank you Madame Chair. I do have a question for Ka Pouhana and before that let me register my feedback to my colleagues’ comments made earlier. I agree with Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey that we should increase the overall allocation from OHA to beneficiaries. Secondly I agree with Trustee Robert
Lindsey that we should consider ways of giving direct awards to Oahu residents. But let me move on to a question that I have for you Sylvia. Sylvia, I noticed in the updated plan that we are reducing the amount available to individuals from $2,000 to $1,500. I am wondering what thinking went in to that and whether we might reconsider that especially if you consider an overall allocation that is larger.

**Sylvia Hussey** – The primary reason for the that was the program ran for a few weeks with the $2,000 but with the COVID and the increase of application and the demand, reducing the amount so that we could serve more people was the thought there. So mathematically we can serve more. But the demand that is in the system already is going to exceed what we have if our assumptions on awarding pans out.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee Keliʻi Akina would you like to continue?

**Trustee Keliʻi Akina** – Just to follow up on that. If we do move forward and we do increase the overall allocation would you be open to increasing the cap per individual?

**Sylvia Hussey** – Yes, that is a programming decision that as OHA as the program, grantor if our proposal is to increase the amount back to the $2,000 that is a programmatic change, you can do that.

**Trustee Keliʻi Akina** – Mahalo.

**Trustee Leinaala Ahu Isa** – Can I say something Chair?

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee Leinaala Ahu Isa is recognized, please proceed.

**Trustee Leinaala Ahu Isa** – I have a question from a beneficiary. Can you please ask are certain the funds from the CARES Act aren’t going to organizations before they go to benefit people, direct benefit people? Sylvia do you know?

**Sylvia Hussey** – So based on the Governor’s website there is an office for Federal award management and based on the analysis of the spreadsheets that we’ve taken a look at and base on fiscal sleuthing we’ve been trying to do there are line items in the $1.8 billion that is coming into the State that goes directly Health centers, Department of Transportation and Airports. The numbers of $867 million for the State in the Corona virus and $387 million that the City and County received for Corona Virus those are big pots of money that are subject to the Governor’s allocation. For example there is about $10 million in education funding and programming that is up to the Governor to decide where that $10 million goes. So it’s a hybrid of Departments and I believe we sent that spreadsheet to the Trustees, Sunday or Monday. That tells you who is getting what, what health care centers, what Department, like the Department of Health or the Department of Agriculture if its food and feeding services. So that tells us what Department is getting the money. But what we don’t know is how that Department if going to turn that around to the communities to service beneficiaries.

So some of it if its very specific like unemployment or the SNAP program, those we know will go directly to those programs and then come out through the Department of Human Services. The big question marks is the education line item and then these big $867 million and $383 million. I will say that the City and County of Honolulu has put out a number of RFPs in response to COVID for feeding and other programming. It does seem to be some evidence that the City and County is pushing out the money through various community based programming. We also note in other Federal legislation where there are Tribal set asides for dollars that, that has come through and have been awarded to organizations like Alu Like for Native Hawaiian programming. We’ve done as much as we can in terms of fiscal mapping where they do because that is exactly our concern, where is the money, how is it getting distributed so we can advocate to ensure our communities and particularly our beneficiaries are getting the services are needed. That includes testing dollars that was part of the COVID three and half bill that they just came out with. Based on information from Keone they are working on COVID four the next bill and we are advocating for Native Hawaiian programming and dollars to specifically go in to COVID four.
Trustee Leinaala Ahu Isa – Mahalo.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Identify yourself please.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Trustee Keliʻi Akina.

Chair Colette Machado – Chair recognizes Trustee Keliʻi Akina.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – I’d like to address this to Pouhana again. Sylvia I appreciate the need to expedite the grant process to get the EFA to the people. But what I notices is the EFA grants solicitation would go out on May the 7th I believe and the response are due on May the 15th. I am just a little concern about that whether that very narrow window will be sufficient. In particular there may be some organizations that are not very large, with large staff, especially those servicing our neighbor islands and just wanted to hear your thoughts, I am sure you thought it through as Administration as we how well we can advertise the EFA grant and include the appropriate responders.

Sylvia Hussey – Exactly, you know Maile our grants manager is on the line as well she is stifling a silent scream when I ran the timeline by her. Its going to require an all hands on deck, we won’t be using external reviewers, it will be all internal reviewers, we would construct it very tightly, consistently as well. But in the observation that Maile and the grants team, because remember they have been working with existing grantees on COVID 19 adjustments and the existing grantees have been struggling with trying to get either their programs shut down, pivoting, repurposing some of the dollars to COVID, so this is just my estimation, those who would be responsive to what we are looking at, we are looking at something that can be distributed and addressed within 90-120 days to get these supplies and issued. This is not intended to be a medium term strategy. Its intended to be a quickly as possible and some will argue its not fast enough. But given our construct and our rules its as fast as we can get it out so it can be in the communities when it needs to be. Then in the next round that we are coming up in Budget realignment for Fiscal year 2021. Then we think about additional programming and directing for grants to bring that back to Trustees. Yes, it is fast, yes we are going to need all hands on deck to make it be really tight but it was one of the ways to get a decision back to the Trustees and then get the dollars out to the communities as quickly as possible.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Just very briefly you mentioned some of the means by when you are advertising the grant availability to organizations.

Sylvia Hussey – In any grant solicitation public posting, a number of beneficiaries and organizations are aware because of the public posting so they are aware of the competition. They are aware of the tight timeline so our usual, posting we would blast it out to all of our existing grantees will also know as well. Very broad swath we get the same kind of notification.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Thank you Sylvia.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Chair, Trustee Lee.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Lee please proceed.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Trustee Lee - Sylvia I am confused. Trustee Keliʻi Akina’s question was specific to EFA granting. So are we now changing and are now going to send the EFA granting out for re-solicitation?

Sylvia Hussey – No I understood his question to be about the Community impact granting.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – He specifically said the EFA granting.
Sylvia Hussey – I am sorry Trustee Keliʻi Akina I misunderstood. No, it would go through the current process.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Ok thank you.

Sylvia Hussey – I apologize.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey is recognized.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Didn’t the Trustees get a letter from CNHA canceling the contract?

Sylvia Hussey – We did not get a letter canceling. There was an email by the CEO withdrawing but they didn’t actually withdraw.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey - Chair what was that about then? Because all the Trustees were on the same email from Joe Lewis.

Chair Colette Machado – I believe in that email he was going to have the Board determine, he could not make that decision because of that certain obligations that he had to OHA through the contract. Their board had to render some outcome. That is what I understand from reading that email. This issue was going to be brought to his board for consideration.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – My question then to Sylvia is are we going to have representation from CNHA on the different islands like they promised originally but it never happened on Maui. There was never an agency taking applications in Maui.

Sylvia Hussey – So the grants program meets with the CNHA team every Wednesday to ensure that any kinds of issues are worked out and discussed and their subcontractors. They do have subcontractors that are servicing the different islands even though there is not a physical office present and because of the social distancing and the stay at home orders those offices are not operating. They do have subcontractors lined up for the islands. Now they did have issues with subcontractors earlier and had to replace out subcontractors but my understanding is that they are back on track with their subcontractors and the obligations that are there.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – So do you know who will be operating on Maui?

Sylvia Hussey – I do not know, Chair is it alright if I ask Maile to respond to that.

Chair Colette Machado – Do we have that information currently?

Sylvia Hussey – I believe we do and I believe that Maile knows.

Chair Colette Machado – Yes, please have Maile communicate that as part of the record.

Maile Luuwai – Aloha, this is Maile Luuwai the grants manager. To your question Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, we have been notified that all physical offices were closed across the State due to COVID-19. So now for the CNHA grant there is actually no physical offices open so grantees are going to be contacted, they are using three grant partners right now, no one specifically on the neighbor islands but CNHA subcontractors are being assigned applications and they will be contacting applicants directly. Right now because of COVID-19 at this time there is no physical presence on the neighbor islands. That is what we have been told by CNHA.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – It is obvious that offices will be starting to open so when it does open as we were promised on the original approval of CNHA they were going to have an office here that our people could walk in,
not everyone is educated enough to use the computer, especially the kupuna. And they look forward to be able to walk into an office and getting help. My question is the original approval which was that they would have an office here is that going to come in to play when this pandemic lifts.

Maile Luuwai – Yes, that is a contracted requirement so once COVID lifts they are required to reinstitute those physical offices that they had committed to us in the contract.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – My follow up question is that did we adjust any of the requirements of giving out these emergency funds, like going to a class kind thing?

Maile Luuwai – Yes we did, for COVID-19 we removed the financial literacy requirements, and part of that was the self sufficiency requirements so we removed the budget assessment worksheet and some other items associated with self sufficiency requirements and we also per the directive of current leadership a couple of weeks ago. We also removed the income eligibility requirements per the directive of RM leadership.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – I can understand eliminating the eligibility because even people with good jobs don’t have money today and they should be considered. My question is eliminating the budget assessment isn’t that going to be one of the determining sheets for approval.

Maile Luuwai – No that sheet was primarily to help beneficiary with self sufficiency so that budget assessment was incorporated in their financial literacy components because the primary emphasis of emergency financial assistance prior to COVID was for self sufficiency so that budget assessment was actually a budget assessment helping for self sufficiency for our beneficiary and if that is incorporated in their financial literacy classes.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – What are the parameters for the approval of these monies?

Maile Luuwai – Of course you need to be native Hawaiian, over the age of 18, you have to have shown you had income you lost your income and you are experiencing hardship. You either have to have an upcoming or a delinquent mortgage, rent or utility bill. That is primarily it. The documentation is primarily paystubs to show income. If they don’t have pay stubs we are having CNHA look at other things like their checking account you can see if they had direct deposits made by their employers. If they are self employed there are other documents they can provide to show they were self employed and their income has been reduced. Experiencing hardship of course, for most of them there are primary industries that are no longer open. So those are the primary document requirements that are being asked. And of course birth certificate for Hooulu registration to show they are native Hawaiian.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Just to clarify all of the checks will be made out to the mortgage or the renters owners or the utility company right?

Maile Luuwai – Yes, the vendors are directly paid.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey - Thank you so much and thank you guys for your hard work.

Maile Luuwai – Mahalo.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – I have a question.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Kalei Akaka is recognized.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – This question is for Maile and CEO. To be sure that we have a smooth process and get the updates that we need, it is so that we have weekly updates from the different groups we are working with that’s correct right?
Sylvia Hussey – Are you talking specifically about the emergency financial assistance or just in general granting?

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Well in general and all of the emergency financial.

Sylvia Hussey – So in general non COVID times the reporting in on a quarterly basis and they already set that up. They will do all the reconciliation of expenditures. In the case of EFA and CNHA, while the same quarterly parameters operate the practicality is that the reporting will need to be more frequent so that in the event as the dollars are being awarded we are going to need to transfer funds for the awards faster and sooner. So in the weekly meetings, one of the reasons that grants has weekly meeting with them is to ensure that we can support any speed bumps or process or elevation of processing so that we can be responsive to what they are processing themselves or through their contractors. So that weekly meeting is really critical in being able to monitor and support the program.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Thank you for sharing that I think that gives everyone more peace of mind of what the process is.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Dan Ahuna would you like to be recognized.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Yes, I would. I just wanted say first of all I’d like to say thank you to all the Trustees those comments are those that come up in our RM Leadership meetings. We have been working diligently because of the letter that CNHA CEO Kuhio Lewis wrote. He didn’t talk about that they were pulling out what his concerns were was that he had a high demand of people needing this funding. But the biggest constraint was they have income bracket they had to abide by and it was really sad to see some of our beneficiaries getting turned away because they didn’t meet the income requirement. This income requirement was really hindering our people. It was very important that we take this off. For a simple reason, if someone loses his job during these times they have no income coming in. If they make more than enough money when they were working it doesn’t give them a good reason why they should give them the money. That was a big need. With that need we found out there was a large, State wide need that we needed to look at. We didn’t know to look at how much money to give or what was enough. Trustee Robert Lindsey was certainly fighting for a larger amount.

Again we had to come up with something that had to align with what we are doing especially our mission so the number they came up with today and what you see in the action item is very important to what we ween for our beneficiaries right now, to help out organizations like CNHA. I heard some comments about how do e help others like kupuna who can’t really help themselves. I don’t know if you heard in recent news but what’s happening is that OHA has done a great job in getting Native Hawaiian organizations to help these type of people, for example on Kauai we have people helping a native Hawaiian lady who just lost her husband suddenly and she is going through radiation treatment right now. So getting her to the hospital and back is very important. These types of things are very important to our collective. For us we are about the collective where we have to help all of our beneficiaries. We felt this way it was important that we make sure we have this funding now to help all these people in need. I just want to than Trustee Robert Lindsey and his staff, they worked really, really hard. I’d like to thank Ka Pouhana and her staff, Maile for working with CNHA and of course Chair, your staff for putting this together. We felt this should go through a committee and then both of them for a vote then to the Board of Trustees for another vote, we should just take it straight to the Board of Trustees. So all of these things were looked at and were factored. I just believe today we should look at the action items that we have before us today and I think we should get this out right now because of the need. I believe and I am hoping that CNHA can decrease that gap and make sure that we serve those types of beneficiaries across the State especially on Maui and other islands. I want to thank all of you and what we have is a great need for our beneficiaries now. This is what they are looking for and this is what our whole State is looking for is how we are going to impact our beneficiaries. Thank you so much everyone. Mahalo.

Chair Colette Machado – Any further discussion before I ask Trustee Dan Ahuna to make the motion.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Chair.
Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – I will acknowledge Trustee Lee followed by Trustee Akina.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Thank you Chair. I am not sure why this was not shared by the Grant department. But to answer your question Hulu the contractor on Maui for the EFA grant is Maui Economic Opportunity and they have two offices on Maui, one in Wailuku and one in Hana.

Sylvia Hussey – Can I respond to the information from Trustee Lee.

Chair Colette Machado – CEO Hussey if you have information that is pertinent to the issue now please comment.

Sylvia Hussey – The contractor that Trustee Lee mentioned which was also in the contract with CNHA were those contractors that pulled out. So Maui Economic is not servicing Maui and that was part of the challenge they experienced with their subcontractors early on in the process.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – That’s correct.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Thank you Sylvia for clarifying that. I just received an email two minutes ago from Kuhio Lewis that, that was their contractor on Maui.

Sylvia Hussey – It is possible that they reinstated that which is good. But at the time at the launch about maybe four weeks into it those offices were not servicing and Solutions Pacific their other contractor was not servicing Maui. If it is reestablished that is good.

Chair Colette Machado – The Chair would like to recognize Trustee Akina.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Thank you very much Chair. This is Trustee Akina and this is for Sylvia. It was very helpful to hear from Maile on how the process of being able to apply for EFA grant as a beneficiary is something that can be adjusted by OHA without coming back to the Board necessarily. There had been some discussion that some of these requirements were very burdensome. I just wanted to confirm with you that the Administration has the capacity to make adjustments on the fly without coming back to the Board.

Sylvia Hussey – We do, also in discussion with the RM Leadership also discussed that in COVID the intents of the program are what they are and adjustments are made accordingly. Post COVID when there is different situations that it could be adjusted to other requirements but that programmatically we would adjust to address the needs coming in. Because what was also occurring as some of you observed is middle income, people who were making good dollars also didn’t have. These adjustment that you see on the screen are adjusted to meet the COVID needs. Programmatically yes we can, what we are very careful about is documenting the authorization for that programmatic change and then the implication going forward so that when we monitor the grant that we are monitoring the grant under the current programmatic guidelines that are there to be sure that its being implemented in accordance with those guidelines. Definitely we can and we have and now we can adjust accordingly.

Trustee Keliʻi Akina – Thank you Sylvia for the good work.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – Chair Machado.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Kalei Akaka, please.

Trustee Kalei Akaka - Sylvia do we if there are beneficiaries outside of the State who have expressed their concerns and desires to be kokua, asking why its limited to the beneficiaries that are residents of the State of Hawaii.
Sylvia Hussey – I haven’t any direct inquiries regarding continent or outside of Hawaii Hawaiians impacting. But others may have. I don’t know if Maile or others may have received that I haven’t been aware of that.

Chair Colette Machado – Any further discussion? I wanted to call on Carol. Carol you put on the screen the eligibility for the Kahiau program is that correct.

Carol Hoomanawanui – Thank you Madame Chair, this is Carol Hoomanawanui. Yes, I did put on the screen the eligibility what is on the Kahiau website because Trustees were asking questions. It is just a matter of reference.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – Chair if I could just make a comment please.

Chair Colette Machado – Yes, I was going to look for you to see if you had additional comments because Dayna accidently put you on mute. Trustee Robert Lindsey.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – Thank you Madame Chair. I just wanted to share with the rest of the Board, when it comes to the Kahiau granting process, what we determined, what we observed in our RM Leadership discussion was CNHA who was awarded the grant. They were having a problem with our eligibility requirements which were in my mind very, very oppressive. So we encouraged administration and thankfully we got the response that we wanted to relax the rules because we had 2,475 applications in the pipeline and the pipeline was clogged because of our eligibility requirements. What we called administration is we are in a COVID pandemic situation. We are in an emergency situation, we are in a crisis. Our people need help and they need the help now, not next week, not next month, not at the beginning or ending of summer. They need help now so relax those requirements so that we can get the pipeline unclogged, the applications processed and the needs of our people are met quickly. I want to thank Sylvia and Maile and your gang for the help you gave us. I am very, very grateful that we were able to unclog the pipeline and CNHA was able to get the applications that were sitting on their table processed. I think they have most of them taken cared of at the moment. I don’t know. But Maile if you could follow up and give us that information so we know what the status is of the Kahiau Grant to CNHA.

Maile Luuwai – You want the current status?

Trustee Robert Lindsey – Yes.

Chair Colette Machado – We can do two things Maile, you can give us a verbal or Sylvia can distribute a memo addressed to the Trustees.

Maile Luuwai – I will do a memo.

Sylvia Hussey – Can do.

Chair Colette Machado – That would kind of be more detailed. I know how you write so I know it will be detailed. Any further discussion, anyone else. I will call Trustee Ahuna for the motion. Carol you have any other comments you’d like to make or add on. Sylvia you have anything else to add.

Sylvia Hussey – I don’t.

Carol Hoomanawanui – No I don’t have any other comments. I am not sure if all Trustees have had a chance to share their manao.

Chair Colette Machado – The only one that hasn’t their manao is Trustee Waihee. Trustee Waihee do you have any manao that you would like to put on the record.

Trustee John Waiheʻe IV – No.
Chair Colette Machado – With that said I’ll call on Trustee Ahuna.

Trustee Leinaala Ahu Isa – Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Leinaala Ahu Isa.

Trustee Leinaala Ahu Isa – I got another question from a beneficiary saying what about CNHA not being compliant to the contract. Does OHA take that into consideration?

Chair Colette Machado – I’ll ask Sylvia to respond.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – Are we allowed to have beneficiaries email us and give comments that way? I will change my settings.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – That is a CNHA.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – I am ok with that but I am going to change my settings so that I can start getting comments and text messages and messages from beneficiaries.

Trustee Leinaala Ahu Isa – I realize that, for me this is kind of new, this virtual thing. So when they email I just relaying the message. Mahalo Chair.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – I’d like to make a motion.

Chair Colette Machado – Go ahead Trustee Dan Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to approve and authorize the disbursement of $2,170,000 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Grants Category) to fund the Emergency Financial Assistance Program grant.

Trustee Robert Linsdsey seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado – Members the motion has been moved and seconded. Any further discussions? Hearing none are we ready for the roll call vote. Roll call vote.
Chair Colette Machado – Congratulations Sylvia. Members we will move now, in the impact grant it is listed as Action 2. I will call Sylvia to give us a briefing on this item.

Sylvia Hussey – This motion is for the balance of the $3 million to go out to a solicitation process, very accelerated to meet some of the other needs other than rent, mortgage, etc. that is covered by the emergency financial assistance and the accelerated commitment if approved today will be posted tonight, vetted a deadline next week, vetted by the 22nd with the intent to come back to the Trustees before the end of the month for recommendations and approval. That’s it Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Ahuna would you like to make the motion.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to authorize $830,000 for an accelerated COVID-19 community impact grants solicitation process with recommendations presented to the Board of Trustees for action no later than May 31, 2020.

Trustee Robert Linsdsey seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado – It has been moved and seconded. Sylvia can you clarify the Hawaii Community Foundation in this.

Sylvia Hussey – So the Hawaii Community Foundation.

Chair Colette Machado – Its attachment E members.

Sylvia Hussey – The Hawaii Community Foundation recommendations came as a result of Administration reaching out to put into funding for the Island Strong Funds. This is to look at the funds for the neighbor islands. This is where Trustee Lindsey’s recommendation is to add $250,000 to that for Oahu essentially. Not just the neighbor island funds but the Oahu Strong Fund as well. But these are grantees, businesses, we asked them to give us recommendations on community based food sovereignty, food security that is going on. These are farmers, ranchers, fishermen, hunters, gatherers, people who are participating in practices and then helping. The attachment that you will see has a number of recommendations that they have and their administrative fee for administrating the 24 grants if you will is 15%. If the Trustee approve the 24 grants to the various funds the total amount would
be $260,000 of direct benefit and $39,000 for administrative feed. Making it a total of $299,000. If the Trustees wanted to do this then the $299,000 would be subtracted from the $830,000 on the community impact grants.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Lee.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Although I appreciate this slide that is in front of us, that is not the motion in front of us right now.

Chair Colette Machado – That is correct, if we wanted to consider allocation we have to do another motion or an amended motion form the original motion that was just moved and seconded. You are correct.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Can I speak to the main motion or is someone moving to amend this motion?

Trustee Robert Lindsey – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Robert Lindsey.

Trustee Robert Lindsey moves to amend the motion to include $250,000 for Oahu.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Madame Chair, I don’t believe that is what is in front of the Board at this point.

Chair Colette Machado – Sylvia lets not be so confused. First we agree Trustees, to give HCF $299,000 and then Trustee Robert Lindsey’s request is to increase in this Island Strong $250,000 to be considered for the Island of Oahu. Sylvia you might want to give some scenarios over this?

Sylvia Hussey – In attachment E at the very end on page 6 of attachment E. In looking at all of the recommendations from the Neighbor Island Strong Funds we are recommending, there are two options, one is the entire amount of $299,000 because there are the details of the grantees and then the other is to remove the Aina Momona recommendation because there are a recipient current contract with OHA to administer the Kaiaulu Meals. If that were the case then the $276,000 would be subtracted from the $830,000. Then a separate motion could be added for just the $250,000 plus the 15% as a separate motion. So $287,500 would be for the Oahu Strong approval. That wouldn’t have any details in terms of the grantees, we would need to go to Hawaii Community Foundation and get some recommendations from them.

Carol Hoomanawanui – Madame Chair maybe I can share this just to get clarity for the Trustees if this is what the Trustees intend then we can actually adjust the motion.

Chair Colette Machado – The Chair recognized Carol Hoomanawanui.

Carol Hoomanawanui – This Chart is just for the Hawaii Strong, Island Strong and this is adding in Oahu. $510,000 would be the total and you add in the 15% admin cost so the total with Oahu in would be $586,500. If that is what the Trustees want to do without addressing any of the organizations that would receive the funds, then we are looking at, you already took the motion for the EFA funds. Island Strong would only be $586,500 there is still a balance of $243,500 left. I am not sure if the Trustees want to give that to the impact for the solicitation or we not have anything right now. So far this is what captures the discussion that happened so far. I hope this is a little bit helpful for the Trustees. If this is what the Trustees want to do then we can change the motion to reflect that.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Chair.
Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – First of all, I am really ok how the Trustees want to spend this money, I am also okay with giving the $586,000 and also giving the community impact grants, would that be okay or is that not recommneded.

Chair Colette Machado – It would be a smaller portion then what was originally intended. $243,500 for the community impact grant. But it would probably narrow down the kind of solicitation that people would apply for. But it would increase to Oahu, which is much higher than every island. Every island is getting $75,000 for Hawaii, Kauai, if you look at the break down $110,000 for Maui. I believe you got $75,000 for the island of Maui the remaining balance was split between Lanai and Moloka‘i because they had specific projects they were working with from HCF.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Would we be able to come back to the table is these funds, if there much more beneficiary needs.

Chair Colette Machado – The only thing coming back to the Board would be the approval of $243,500 which is the community impact grant would come back for authorization for approval from the Trustees after staff has done the analysis and the open solicitation has taken place.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – I am good with that.

Chair Colette Machado – I think this is where we are looking we still need to shape the motion to amend what we currently have unless there is any main objection to increase. All of these funds will go to Hawaii Community Foundation including the increase of $250,000 specifically for Oahu.

Trustee Brendon Kalei‘aina Lee – Chair, Trustee Lee.

Chair Colette Machado – The Chair recognizes you Trustee Lee.

Trustee Brendon Kalei‘aina Lee – Thank you Chair, I have a question for Trustee Robert Lindsey on Hawaii Island. I asked the same question about monies for Oahu and I was ok with the response with the fact that Oahu was getting so much CARES money. I didn’t take into consideration what you said that we don’t know if, how much or if any of the money is actually going to the beneficiaries. Would this be ok, would this answer your concerns Trustee Lindsey, given that we have added the money for Oahu and now what is proposed to go out for Community Impact Grant solicitation is $243,000, if we just bundle all of that up into the Hawaii Community Foundation and that $243,500 be disbursed to the neighbor islands. So that increases the amount going to the neighbor islands who administration has identified possibly has a greater need, even though they have a lower population they have less access to resources so that still addresses helping beneficiaries on Oahu where they have a greater number of beneficiaries but addresses administrations issue of less resources for the beneficiaries on the neighbor islands.

Chair Colette Machado – I would go for that.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – I would love that too.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – I like that too.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – I do too.

Trustee Brendon Kalei‘aina Lee – Trustees my reasoning for that suggestion, that money, if we pass this motion, that money can be deployed today, there would be no solicitation, we don’t have to wait two weeks for grant solicitation to come back and then decide if we like it or if we don’t then we got to go back out for solicitation.
That eliminates another meeting and us making another decision at a future meeting whether we like who is coming in for solicitation or not. This would allow administration to deploy these funds to our beneficiaries today.

Chair Colette Machado – Sylvia I believe, if we approve this I am hopeful the Hawaii Community Foundation would accept our generosity. And we would be able to develop the contracting services that is required.

Sylvia Hussey – One clarification I would like to make with the Trustees is that the Island Strong Funds, we direct Hawaii Community Foundation to look for community based food security efforts so if we are being consistent then the Oahu Island Strong Fund would also be consistently looking for community based farmers, ranchers, and things like that. Unless you want to direct Oahu’s funds differently.

Chair Colette Machado – No right now there is a big need for farmers and the cattlemen’s group and whatever they can do. I think its all timely and she can assess if they can make it or not. I don’t want to start tweaking it to accommodate more broader but this is a really good opportunity.

Trustee Robert Lindsey – I agree with you Chair.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – And we need to be consistent too.

Chair Colette Machado - Kalei did you want to be recognized. The Chair recognizes Trustee Kalei Akaka.

Trustee Kalei Akaka – If we do adjust the amount, one thing I would ask is that we have to consider the administrative fee for HCF as well its about 15%.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – That has already been added in.

Chair Colette Machado – I hope while we are having this discussion someone is preparing a motion.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – Chair we have motion before us I am ready to amend when you are ready.

Chair Colette Machado – Can we get that on the screen? Sylvia can you look and see if you wanted to move something up from the previous motions. We don’t want to have any reference to community grant solicitation. We can eliminate that.

Sylvia Hussey – Its basically the total, the total will be $830,000 so that has to factor in the 15% fee.

Chair Colette Machado – Eliminate motion 2.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – That motion 2 already before is.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee moves to table the motion to authorize $830,000 for an accelerated COVID-19 community impact grants solicitation process with recommendations presented to the Board of Trustees for action no later than May 31, 2020.

Robert Klein, Board Counsel – We had a second on the main motion proposed from Trustee Robert Lindsey.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – Correct so I am moving to tale that motion.

Robert Klein, Board Counsel – The motion to amend.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – There was no second to the amendment. I am just moving to table the main motion so that we can move on.
Robert Klein, Board Counsel – That one did get a second.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – So I moved to table it.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Lee has a motion to table the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Robert Lindsey seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado - Any further discussions? This is a motion to table an action that was previously moved and seconded. Roll call vote please.

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Chair Colette Machado – Let’s go to motion number 3.

Sylvia Hussey – I think if want everything to total up to $830,000 because that is our overall authority. That would be the administrative fee, we will have to back into it. So $721,739 is the total amount for the island funds which would make $108,261 for the fees and the total would be $830,000. So we would need to go back and reallocate the $721,739, take out $250,000 for Oahu and the balance spread between Maui, Hawaii and Kauai.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – Instead of $130,000 it should be $721,739

Chair Colette Machado – Let’s take a few more minutes to clean that up.

Trustee Brendon Kaleʻāina Lee – In the consideration of time, while Carol is working on the motion. Can I make an announcement on the agenda?

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Colette Machado - We have announcements under V. please proceed Trustee Lee.
Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Pursuant to HRS 92-2.5 E. I have to announce that on March 11th at the House Water, Land and Hawaiian Affairs Committee, myself, Trustee Waiheʻe and Trustee Akaka were all in attendance. Also on March 12th the Senate Committee Hearing on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land was also attended by myself, Trustee Waiheʻe and Trustee Akaka. Thank you Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Anyone else has announcements.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Chair.

Chair Colette Machado - Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, yes.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – I understand that Legislature will go back in session on Monday.

Chair Colette Machado – Mahalo Trustees.

IV. New Business – Continued

C. Action Item BOT #20-03: Approval to Fund Responses to COVID-19

Chair Colette Machado – I will call on Trustee Dan Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to authorize the disbursement of $830,000 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Grants Category) to the Hawaii Community Foundation Island Strong Fund: 1) Eight (8) grantees in the Hawaiʻi Island Strong Fund in the amount of $75,000; 2) Five (5) grantees in the Kauaʻi Island Strong Fund in the amount of $75,000; 3) 11 grantees in the Maui County Strong Fund in the amount of $110,000; and 4) $250,000 for Oʻahu Strong Fund 5) Additional Funds for the Neighbor Island Strong Fund in the amount of $211,739, and 6) Hawaii Community Foundation administrative fee of $108,261.

Trustee Robert Lindsey seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado – It has been moved and seconded any comments?

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Chair, Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey - I just wanted to know what’s going to happen to that $211,739.

Chair Colette Machado – I think if you have some issues with trying to get some of that to Maui we need to convey that to our CEO and make sure there are some thoughts and if you have some recommended projects you should refer them to Sylvia to Hawaii Community Foundation. That is how we all should be doing this, even the Kauai ones we should make referral to HCF to consider Kamealoha’s request too for his foundation. This is what I think would logically roll out. Maybe you can comment now Sylvia.

Sylvia Hussey – One way is to take the original distribution the pro rata $75,000; $75,000; $110,000 and say the that the $211,739 in the same pro rata relationship.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – I think that is fairer before everyone grabs it.

Sylvia Hussey – What we would do is go back to Hawaii Community Foundation to fill in the additional grantees, because we need to go back to them for the Oahu Strong Fund recommendations.

Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee – Thank you Sylvia I assumed that is what you were going to do was pro rata it out the same proportions out to everyone.
Chair Colette Machado – I will be recommending Moloka‘i things that are interested to go and solicit Hawaii Community Foundation to make contact with them. There are some farmers just asked me if we would be willing to help them do fencing because of the deer problems. I would make that kind of recommendation to HCF. Roll call vote please.

Chair Colette Machado – CEO Hussey do you have any announcements?

Sylvia Hussey – I don’t but I believe there is one more motion. This is the budgetary authority that is need be able to affect the two motions earlier.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Dan Ahuna.

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Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Dan Ahuna.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to approve and authorize a total of $3,000,000 in budget adjustments to OHA’s FY2020 Core Operating Budget to fund the Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) Program Grant and the Hawaii Community Foundation Island Strong Fund executed by the following actions:

1. Repurpose $455,921 for the EFA Program Grant from the FY2020 Budget available in the Grants category and originally budgeted for the purposes below:
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Trustee Robert Lindsey seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado – Members it has been moved and seconded. Roll call vote please.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Yes, Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – I just want to make it clear to those of our beneficiaries that might be watching this meeting, I have gotten some telephone calls about concerned beneficiaries that we were going to deplete our assets by doing something like this. I want to make it clear to them that these monies are coming out of our present budget and that monies have just been reallocated, its not coming from the corpus its just money that we saved we have not used so we are repurposing it to help our community even more. Mahalo.

Chair Colette Machado – You are absolutely correct and we only need 5 votes on this because we not changing any policy. Thank you for that Hulu for going on the record. That is helpful. Anyone else wants to make a comment. With that said roll call vote.
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Chair Colette Machado – Thank you all for being patient.
VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Colette Machado – I would like to seek motion to adjourn.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Madame Chair.

Chair Colette Machado – Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Kalei Akaka seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado – It has been moved and seconded. Roll call vote please.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna Pa, Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on ________________________.

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Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson
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