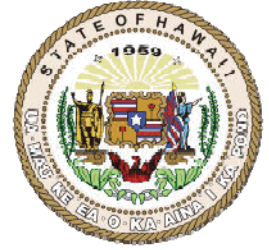


Special Plans Branch

Office of Planning, State of Hawaii



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Special Plans Branch (SPB) carries out the statewide planning functions of the Office of Planning (OP) as established by the Hawaii State Planning Act, HRS Chapter 226. SPB conducts statewide planning and policy studies to assist government decision makers. SPB also prepares statewide strategic plans related to growth and development.

COMPLETED & ON-GOING PROJECTS

2010 HAWAII STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) The 2010 CEDS is a comprehensive economic development strategy to increase Hawaii's economic competitiveness. The CEDS supports key industry clusters in Hawaii through proposed strategies and projects for implementation. A CEDS is a required precondition under most U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants. The CEDS supports the New Day Plan's "growing a sustainable economy" component.

AGRICULTURAL RENAISSANCE OP is developing strategic policies and actions that promote food self-sufficiency and food security initiatives in Hawaii. OP is working in collaboration with the State Department of Agriculture, the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and other organizations. This initiative supports the "agricultural renaissance" and "food security" components of the New Day Plan. The project is funded by an EDA grant.

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT This three-part report developed by SMS Marketing & Research describes a baseline of rural and socio-economic conditions in Hawaii's rural communities. This report examines studies and reports from successful rural communities in both Hawaii and the US and provides best-practice recommendations to encourage rural economic development in Hawaii. Similar to the CEDS, this report supports New Day Plan's "growing a sustainable economy" component.

MASTER PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES AT HOEA The Master Plan contains an environmental assessment and site plans which provide the first steps in developing a future agricultural processing facility in North Kohala. Non-profit matching funds.

CEDS IMPLEMENTATION – MASTER PLANS With the assistance of EDA grant funds, SPB supported master plans for the development of a film and digital media center, agricultural business complex, and educational and health facilities. Non-profit match.

HAWAII BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP REVOLVING LOAN FUND (HBCRLF) The HBCRLF provides low-cost loans to eligible public and private entities to clean-up brownfield sites in communities that have the greatest need for economic development projects. Funding is given to projects that display the potential for long-term project activity and demonstrate the ability for repayment.

FUTURE PROJECTS & INITIATIVES


CEDS IMPLEMENTATION AND GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE With funding from an EDA grant, OP will hold meetings with 2010 CEDS project proponents to identify barriers to CEDS project implementation. OP will develop guides and informational material to help project proponents and provide technical assistance with a focus on land use and environmental permitting. OP will also hold a workshop to deliver training on regulatory requirements pertaining to permitting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITIES With funds awarded through an EDA grant, OP will work with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to review past economic development strategies and develop an economic development strategy for native Hawaiian communities.

NATURAL DISASTER ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY With funding from an EDA grant, OP will develop a natural disaster economic recovery strategy for Hawaii.



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