

**ELC and HCYC**  
**Financing and Public Will Work Group**  
**January 21, 2010 – 12:00-2:00 pm**  
**INPEACE Office, Kapolei, HI**

**Present:** Dave Tom (GBA), Liz Chun (GBA), Melodie Vega (HCYC), Kanoe Nāone (ELC), Kau‘i Pratt (INPEACE), and Chuck Larson (CBC)

**Funding Strategy question answered:**

*1. What financing approach will help us to achieve our goals?*

- a. Need to “grease the wheel” and start the ball rolling
- b. What is the quickest and most efficient way to apply for funds right now?

**Earmark**

**Discussion:**

- Finance Subcommittee discussed the decision to apply for earmark funds.
- Applications for funding from earmarks require non-profits or state entities.
- Liz is trying to find out what is the best and most efficient process to apply for this money so that it benefits the ELC and HCYC.
- The Department of Education is the fiscal officer for ELC.
- Neil Ambercrombie’s office has requested that an application for the proposed earmark be submitted by February 5.
- If ELC applies for the money the request must past thru the DOE and then onto Ambercrombie’s office.
- The state will manage the money since there is no entity assigned to manage ELC funding at this time.
- The earmark can be used to fund a pilot project that the ELC supports.
- ELC needs more clarity on how the ear mark process works.
- Dave recommends asking the government for 5 million because the amount will be cut down thru the appropriations process.
- If ELC applies for the earmark and the application is approved, members of the ELC financing committee are unsure to when that money would be released.
- GBA housing the money will not be a conflict of interest because no one from GBA sits on the ELC.
- The committee had a phone conference with Bob Peters to discuss the recommendation. Bob supports the committee’s recommendation to have GBA submit an application to Abercrombie for the time being because there is a deadline. However, he has agreed that more discussion is needed with members of the ELC. The ELC will discuss the effects of the recommendation on Feb. 11 to see if this is what they want moving forward.

### **Final Recommendation:**

Due to the February 5<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting an earmark application to Abercrombie's office, the finance committee recommends GBA be appointed as the fiscal officer for the earmark proposal.

Rationale:

- 1) Removes management of money from the state and its oversight, it allows for more flexibility
- 2) GBA has received an earmark before
- 3) GBA is exempt from the state's hiring freeze because they are a non-profit

Liz Chun will share this action at the HCYC Core Group meeting on Thursday, January 28.

### **ELC Trust Fund**

Discussion:

- Need clarity on the trust fund and the process of managing and releasing funds

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:00 pm.