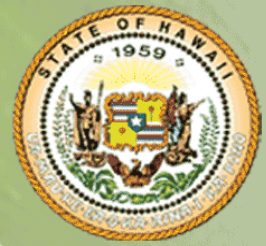


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Imagining a self-sustaining Hawai'i

Great news! OCS has just finalized contracting for a solar energy efficient project at the Kaua'i YMCA. The solar project will provide electricity to run its Olympic-size swimming pool complex, the largest on the Garden Isle. This incredible complex supports several swimming programs and provides a venue for competitive events for swimmers of all ages from across the island. This Grant-In-Aid for Kaua'i exemplifies a perfect marriage of community outreach and the goal of creating a sustainable Hawai'i as envisioned by Governor Abercrombie.

Mālama Moe

“take care of your dream”

The Malama Moe program of Goodwill Industries of Hawai'i continues to inspire people to follow their dreams. The program offers small business start-up training in a series of twelve classes combined with individual business coaching. Participants are assessed for feasibility, business skills, and develop an individual self-employment plan at the onset of the program. The training is focused on the development of their business plan that takes them through a rigorous set of questions designed to help entrepreneurs think through and research the details of starting and operating a business.

To date, eighteen businesses have completed the training. These talented graduates have gone on to turn their “dreams” into successful realities... a gifted carpenter now designs decks, gazebos and amenities to beautify homes, parks and businesses; an innovative artisan who turned her recycle pick-up services



into works of art, creating one-of-a-kind candleholders and unique pieces of jewelry from recycled glass. Other graduates have or will shortly start an ASE Certified auto repair shop, a day spa and a certified elder care facility.

These are just some of the many incredible opportunities that OCS is proud to collaborate and highlight in this edition of Ho'ola Noio. Keep those awesome stories coming...