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Subject: Grant Monies in City's Operating Budget

Dear Council Members:

I am Lee Donohue, a former Council Member and Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department. I write this email to all of you to consider approving monies for the grants in the City Operating Budget for Non-Profit organizations. I am the President of two of these organizations that would benefit from the granting of these monies. Kick Start Karate, a leadership program that has trained hundreds of students from Central and West Oahu for nearly 20 years and is operating out of the Honolulu Police Academy. When Kick Start was founded, there was a huge anti-social gang problem in Honolulu. One of the area's most affected by the gang problem was Waipahu and Kick Start was created to address this problem by the Honolulu Police Department. Our funding in the past twenty years has been mainly through our fund raising efforts. We provide educational life skill classes with trained educators in the class room and develop character through the martial arts in the gym. We provide uniforms, education programs, scholarships for college bound students and certified instruction in the class room and gym at no cost to the students. Our success stories have been many but to continue, we would need funding and your granting of these monies would help us immeasurably.

I am also the President of the Honolulu Police Community Foundation that has three missions. One is to provide scholarships for college bound students in the community, provide funding of equipment for Honolulu Police Officers that would enhance their safety and provide funding for medical alert device plans for those that live alone, are frail and at risk of falling. The last mission is our latest and we have partnered with the Honpa Hongwanji's Project Dana and Kupuna Monitoring to provide the plans. All of our funding comes from an annual fund raising dinner and some grants and other donations.

All of this could not be possible without funding and the dedication and passion of members of the community who serve on the Board of Director's of both organization without any compensation. I encourage you to consider the granting of these monies that help others in the community that we all live in.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 753 5617.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Lee Donohue

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