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NATIVE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC PARTICIPATE IN GRANT TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Honolulu, Hawaii – Over 220 community members throughout Hawai'i, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana islands attended grant training workshops presented by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA). Sponsored by the U.S. Administration for Native Americans (ANA), these eight workshops focused on the process of developing a community-driven project. During the three-day workshops, participants learned about the requirements of the ANA Grants Programs and began to prepare their grant applications.

“From youth development to farming, our Native communities are full of wonderful ideas,” said Lilia Kapuniaia, CNHA Vice President. “These workshops and the ANA Grants Programs help bring those ideas to life. Communities know their issues and understand best how to address them. If we can empower them and increase their access to resources such as ANA, the results are always positive.”

ANA is the only federal funding source committed to promoting self-sufficiency among all Native peoples – Native Hawaiians, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and the Native peoples of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). ANA supports local, community-based efforts in the areas of social development, economic development, and Native language preservation. Each year, ANA awards more than \$25 million in grants to Native communities across the U.S.

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In FY04, ANA announced more than \$9 million in funding commitments for 17 applicants in the Pacific Region, which includes Hawai'i, American Samoa, Guam, and CNMI. As the ANA Training and Technical Assistance Provider for the region, CNHA conducts no-cost training workshops and provides technical assistance to eligible Native organizations. Since 2003, CNHA has trained more than 600 individuals representing more than 350 organizations throughout the Pacific. This training has proven highly successful as applicants who attended workshops were three times more likely to get funded than those who did not.

Beginning in January 2005, CNHA will conduct another round of ANA grant training workshops. The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is a national, member-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting community development in Native communities. For more information about CNHA and upcoming training opportunities, please call 808.521.5011 (toll free at 808.709.2642) or visit www.anapacific.org.

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