

**KAUA'I ISLAND UTILITY COOPERATIVE
BOARD POLICY NO. 13
(Reviewed 03/22/2016)**

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE OF POLICY:

It shall be the policy of Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative ("KIUC") to foster and participate in the community and economic development of the County of Kaua'i. To further that policy, it is necessary to provide consistent guidelines for application of KIUC's community and economic development programs.

POLICY CONTENT:

A. Objectives

The objectives of KIUC's Community and Economic Development Policy are:

1. To participate in community and economic development efforts by:
 - a. Creating and retaining jobs
 - b. Diversification of the economy
 - c. Improving the skills of the workforce
 - d. Upgrading the public infrastructure
2. To keep members, employees and the general public informed about the Cooperative's community and economic development activities.
3. To encourage local community involvement in community and economic development activities.
4. To enhance the quality of life in KIUC's service areas through community development.
5. To enlist the partnership of federal, state, local, public and private organizations in KIUC's community and economic development efforts. These organizations include: the USDA Rural Utility Services (RUS) and Rural Development, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), National Rural Economic Development Association (NREDA), and other federal, state, local, public and private organizations.

B. Policy

It is the Community and Economic Development Policy of KIUC to:

1. Provide loans via the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG) to promote rural economic development and/or job creation projects, including, but not limited to, project feasibility studies, start-up costs, business incubator projects, and other reasonable expenses for the purpose of fostering rural economic development.
2. Use the following criteria for its participation in community and economic development projects:
 - a. Be the provider of electric service to all of its economic development projects and community development projects requiring electric service within its service area.
 - b. Require sufficient supporting documentation to determine the overall feasibility of a particular community development or economic development project.
 - c. Require all projects to have the support of the local community. KIUC's financial participation will not exceed that of the local community.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. The Board of Directors is responsible for the approval and periodic review of this policy. The Board of Directors shall approve the financial participation of KIUC in any of the economic development programs.
- B. The President and CEO is responsible for the administration of this policy and for recommending to the Board of Directors any changes or additions to this policy. The policy is meant to provide guidelines for management to use when negotiating KIUC's participation in community and economic development projects prior to bringing the proposed project to the Board for its approval.

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Secretary

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