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HAWAI'I ENERGY SELECTS SEVEN LOCAL NONPROFITS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 EMPOWER HAWAI'I PROJECT

Honolulu, Hawai'i – [Hawai'i Energy](#) announced today that seven local nonprofits have been selected to participate in the 2021 **EmPOWER Hawai'i Project** - a program developed by Hawai'i Energy in 2018 to help nonprofit organizations reduce their operating costs by implementing energy efficiency projects. Over the next year, Hawai'i Energy will work with the seven organizations to identify energy-saving opportunities, provide incentives and offer elevated technical assistance to help the nonprofits complete their facility improvements.

“When we created the EmPOWER Hawai'i Project three years ago, the goal was to provide support and resources to help local nonprofits that typically work with limited budgets and high operating costs, to become more energy-efficient. Due to the economic downturn and reduction in revenue as a result of the pandemic, the need to address costs and inefficiencies has never been greater,” said **Brian Kealoha**, executive director, Hawai'i Energy. “Since 2018, the EmPOWER program has helped 12 nonprofits to collectively reduce energy consumption by nearly 312,000 kilowatt-hours and save over \$56,000 in lifetime savings that these organizations can now put toward direct services.”

The seven (7) nonprofits selected to participate in Hawai'i Energy's 2021 EmPOWER Hawai'i Project cohort, include **Boy Scouts of America - Aloha Council, Friends of the Library of Hawai'i, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Kalihi Union Church, Palama Settlement, The American Red Cross in Hawaii, and The Institute for Human Services**. Needs range from interior and exterior lighting upgrades, to HVAC system upgrades, to appliance upgrades for commercial kitchens, and more.

The EmPOWER Hawai'i Project is designed to help nonprofits in three key areas – financial support, education, and energy data and reporting. Upon selection, Hawai'i Energy will complete an equipment survey of each participating facility, identify opportunities for energy-

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saving projects, and assist with project execution from start to finish over the course of a 10-12 month period.

Seven local nonprofits participated in Hawai'i Energy's 2020 EmPOWER Hawai'i Project cohort, including Bishop Museum, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Goodwill Hawai'i, Kapahulu Center, Mililani Presbyterian Church, 'Ōlelo Community Media, and Salvation Army. The lighting and appliance upgrades that have been completed so far are expected to collectively reduce energy consumption by over 112,000 kilowatt-hours and save over \$30,000 in annual electricity costs.

For information on Hawai'i Energy's other rebates and programs for businesses, visit www.HawaiiEnergy.com/business.

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