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**\$150,000 FOR TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM  
AT NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS**

(Kaka‘ako, Hawai‘i) Papa Ola Lōkahi has been awarded \$150,000 from Hawai‘i Community Foundation’s Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund for a comprehensive tobacco cessation program at the five Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems (NHHCS) throughout the islands.

Locally adapted “best practices” from national programs employed at individual NHHCS and tools developed by *‘Imi Hale* - Native Hawaiian Cancer Network, a program of Papa Ola Lōkahi, will be combined to establish a comprehensive, standardized program to reduce the number of cigarette smokers in Hawaiian communities. Additionally, health professionals from all NHHCS will be cross-trained in multiple therapies and supplied with monitoring equipment and various smoking cessation tools.

One in five Hawaiians smoke everyday, more than the other 5 major ethnic groups in Hawai‘i. Cigarette smoking is a risk factor for several cancers, heart disease, stroke, and lung disease and is implicated in chronic allergy, sinus, asthma and ear infections both for smokers and those exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke. Nearly 90% of all lung cancer deaths can be linked to tobacco use.

The Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems provide health promotion, disease prevention, and enabling services throughout the islands to Hawaiians and their families.

*Papa Ola Lōkahi, established in 1988, is recognized by the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to improve the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians and their families.*

**Papa Ola Lokahi**

is a non-profit Native Hawaiian organization founded in 1988 for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians and other native peoples of the Pacific and continental United States.

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