Safety and Crime Prevention

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Description of the need:

- Incidents of violent and/or drug-related crime in some of the PHA's developments
- Incidents of violent and/or drug-related crime in the areas surrounding or adjacent to some PHA developments
- Residents at some sites fearful for their safety and the safety of their children
- Observed lower-level crime, loitering, vandalism and/or graffiti
- People on waiting list unwilling to move into one or more developments due to perceived and/or actual levels of violent and/or drug-related crime

Basis for determining the needs:

- Safety and security survey of residents
- Analysis of crime statistics over time for crimes committed "in and around" public housing authority
- Analysis of cost trends over time for repair of vandalism and removal of graffiti
- Resident reports
- PHA employee reports
- Police reports

Developments most affected:

Oahu	Kauai	Maui/Molokai	Hawaii
Hale Laulima	Hale Hoolulu	David Malo Circle	Hale Hookipa
Hookipa Kahaluu	Hale Hoonanea	Kahekili Terrace	Kealakehe
Kaahumanu Homes	Hui O Hanamaulu	Piilani Homes	Lanakila omes
Kalihi Valley Homes	Kapaa	Kahale Mua	Noelani I & II
Kamehameha Homes	Kawailehua		Hale Hauoli
Kuhio Homes	Kekaha Ha'aheo		Kaimalino
Kuhio Park Terrace			Punahele Homes
Mayor Wright Homes			Nani Olu
Puuwai Momi			
Wahiawa Terrace			
Waimaha/Sunflower			
Waipahu I & II			

Crime prevention activities:

- HPHA will re-assess its Safety and Crime Prevention Program during FY 2013 and implement improvements.
- Resident Patrols are being formed at more sites, and HPHA is actively working for additional sites to do so.
- HPHA supports passage of legislation to improve trespassing statute to make it enforceable on HPHA property.
- HPHA is supporting a bill that prohibits open liquor containers in public areas, in order to assist enforcement.
- State funding for security measures has been obtained.
- Applications for Federal funding for security measures has been submitted.
- Contracting with outside and/or resident organizations for the provision of crime and drug-prevention activities
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Activities targeted to at-risk youth, adults, or seniors
- Combined neighborhood walks between housing projects and community groups.
- Continued support training for staff, residents, and community partners who participate in community activities, voluntary resident patrols, and/or resident associations.

Coordination between PHA and the police:

- HPHA coordinates legislative initiatives with Honolulu Police Department and Office of the Attorney General to ensure valid, enforceable statutes to reduce crime and vandalism.
- Police are involved in development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of drug-elimination plan.
- Police provide crime data to housing authority staff for analysis and action.
- Police have established a physical presence on housing authority property, such as community policing office and officer in residence.
- Police regularly testify in and otherwise support eviction cases.
- Police regularly meet with the PHA management and residents.
- Agreement between PHA and local law enforcement agency for provision of above-baseline law enforcement service.
- HPHA encourages development of additional Voluntary Resident Patrols developed with the local Police Departments.
- HPHA proposed statutory amendments allowing police access to public housing properties to curb criminal trespass.