

**National Background Check Program
State of Hawaii**

Program Abstract

Hawaii's Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA) is seeking National and State Criminal Background Check Funds in order to upgrade Hawaii's Background Check System so that it can handle a high volume of background checks. All job applicants and adult volunteers with direct patient access at health care facilities and organizations will be checked for any history of abuse, neglect or other pertinent actions that could endanger a patient, resident or Medicaid beneficiary receiving home and community based services.

Goal #1 of Hawaii's proposal is to establish and implement a rap back system that will allow the state to retain fingerprint records and check updated arrest and conviction records against existing fingerprints. In order to build the rap back system, the State will need to expand the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) storage capacity so that it can retain applicant fingerprints and handle rap back information. The state will also need to modify the Lights Out Transaction Controller (LOTC) and Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS-Hawaii) in order for Hawaii to retain applicant fingerprints and to send the appropriate notification to the subscribing agency when fingerprints of a subsequent arrestee match any of the applicant fingerprints on file. Appropriate agencies will have the capability to enroll and delete their applicants in the rap back system and will be able to receive a notification should any enrollee be subsequently arrested.

Goal #2 is to build a web based information system that public agencies and private employers will subscribe to in order to receive background check results. The system will enroll their licensees/employees in the system and update the enrollees' information as needed (i.e. if an enrollee leaves their employment, the subscribing agency could delete their subscription of that enrollee). The HCJDC will also need to validate an agency's participation annually.

OHCA estimates that the total cost of program upgrades, including equipment, implementation of the rap back system and the web based information system will be \$1,063,300. The plan will be rolled out over a two year period beginning with the availability of grant funds. The State of Hawaii is requested federal funds in the amount of \$797,000 thousand for the two year period beginning October 2012 through September 2014. The state plans to expend a total of \$266,300 in funds on the project.