

**Application for Recognition of Exemption
 Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

OMB No. 1545-0056

Note: If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully.

A User Fee must be attached to this application.

If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to you.

Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 8 of the instructions.

Part I Identification of Applicant

1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) North Kohala Community Resource Center		2 Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see page 3 of the Specific Instructions.) 02-0553251
1b c/o Name (if applicable)		3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed (808) 889-5025/ Robert B. Martin
1c Address (number and street) P.O. Box 2	Room/Suite	
1d City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP + 4. If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 3. Hawi, Hawaii 96719		4 Month the annual accounting period ends December
1e Web site address rbmartin@ilhawaii.net		5 Date incorporated or formed February 13, 2002
7 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," attach an explanation.		6 Check here if applying under section: a <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) b <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) c <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k) d <input type="checkbox"/> 501(n)
8 Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the Specific Instructions).		
9 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.		

10 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING. (See Specific Instructions for Part I, Line 10, on page 3.) See also Pub. 557 for examples of organizational documents.)

a Corporation— Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also include a copy of the bylaws.

b Trust— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.

c Association— Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person; also include a copy of the bylaws.

If the organization is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here  Robert B. Martin, President 2-25-02
 (Signature) (Type or print name and title or authority of signer) (Date)

Part II Activities and Operational Information

- 1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past, present, and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: (a) a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; (b) when the activity was or will be initiated; and (c) where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

The community of North Kohala is large in land size (133 square miles) and small in population (6038 people in 1751 households in 2000), isolated (surrounded on three sides by the ocean, the nearest town is 21 miles), rural, agricultural (98% of the land is zoned exclusively for agricultural use), composed of eight distinctly diverse ethnic cultures, low income (average annual income less than \$22,000), high unemployment (unemployment perennially runs over 5%), economically at risk (60% of the population is employed in the visitor industry which is highly volatile), socially at risk (one of the highest Hawaii districts in teenage pregnancy, domestic violence, and alcohol and drug abuse), and an aging population as many of the young people move to more economically enriched areas. In short the need for improvement is great while the capacity to improve is small. The purpose of the North Kohala Community Resource Center is to dramatically increase this capacity by supporting efforts in the community designed to improve the overall quality of life, and to foster volunteerism as a primary means to this end.

We sponsor and support programs in North Kohala which will improve the community. We do this by providing the following services to individuals or groups who are creating these programs: 1) assistance in planning and organizing the program, 2) advice and counsel on how to accomplish the program, 3) help in finding educational experiences to fill knowledge or skill gaps among the organizers, 4) finding sources of funds for gifts and grants applicable to the program, 5) writing, or assistance in writing, gift requests and grant proposals, and 6) as a sponsoring nonprofit 501(c)(3), we will receive funds, disburse to our sponsored programs, and manage results reports to contributors and grantors.

We plan to sponsor and support programs in these categories: 1) health and fitness, drug intervention, 2) public and private education, 3) public service communications, 4) preservation of our cultural heritage and historical buildings, 5) economic development, job creation, agricultural development, 6) culture, the arts, and literary endeavors, 7) athletic and recreational development, 8) intergenerational activities, 9) family and child support services, 10) energy conservation, alternative energy sources, 11) ecological, environmental, and recycling activities, and 12) land trusts for affordable housing.

Forecasting the number and nature of programs that will be initiated in the North Kohala community is not an exact science, but the combined experience of our Board of Directors suggests that the above programs, or ones similar to them, will be initiated in the first three years of our existence. We are planning for four programs in 2002, nine more in 2003, and fifteen more in 2004, for a total of 28 programs in three years.

- 2 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size.

Charitable Trusts and Foundations in Hawaii and on the Mainland
State of Hawaii
County of Hawaii
Local businesses
Local individual contributors

- 3 Describe the organization's fundraising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. Include details of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support. Our fundraising program will include: 1) one-on-one appeals by members of our Board of Directors to local contributors, both businesses and individuals, who have a history of contributing liberally to local causes; 2) an annual fundraising campaign in our community; 3) grant requests to the State and County of Hawaii; and 4) grant proposals to charitable trusts and foundations in Hawaii and on the mainland for sponsored programs. No solicitation material is currently available.

Part II Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

4 Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

a Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	b Annual compensation
Robert B. Martin, President, 55-540 Hawi Rd., Hawi, HI 96719	
Dennis S. Matsuda, Vice President, 54-2462 Kynnersley Rd., Kapaau, HI 96755	
Nani Svendsen, Secretary, 52-275 Keokea Park Rd., Kapaau, HI 96755	
Gino Amar, Treasurer, 53-474 Maulili Rd., Kapaau, HI 96755	None

c Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials? Yes No
 If "Yes," name those persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

d Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See **Specific Instructions** for Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.) Yes No
 If "Yes," explain.

5 Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization? Yes No
 Is the organization the outgrowth of (or successor to) another organization, or does it have a special relationship with another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors? Yes No
 If either of these questions is answered "Yes," explain.

6 Does or will the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following transactions with any political organization or other exempt organization (other than a 501(c)(3) organization): (a) grants; (b) purchases or sales of assets; (c) rental of facilities or equipment; (d) loans or loan guarantees; (e) reimbursement arrangements; (f) performance of services, membership, or fundraising solicitations; or (g) sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists or other assets, or paid employees? Yes No
 If "Yes," explain fully and identify the other organizations involved.

7 Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization? Yes No
 If "Yes," explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been submitted.

Part II Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

8 What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain their status, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken. If none, indicate "N/A."
N/A

9 Will the organization be the beneficiary of tax-exempt bond financing within the next 2 years? Yes No

10a Will any of the organization's facilities or operations be managed by another organization or individual under a contractual agreement? Yes No

b Is the organization a party to any leases? Yes No

If either of these questions is answered "Yes," attach a copy of the contracts and explain the relationship between the applicant and the other parties.

11 Is the organization a membership organization? Yes No

If "Yes," complete the following:

a Describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.

b Describe the organization's present and proposed efforts to attract members and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.

c What benefits do (or will) the members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?

12a If the organization provides benefits, services, or products, are the recipients required, or will they be required, to pay for them? N/A Yes No
If "Yes," explain how the charges are determined and attach a copy of the current fee schedule.

b Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services, or products to specific individuals or classes of individuals? N/A Yes No
If "Yes," explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

13 Does or will the organization attempt to influence legislation? Yes No
If "Yes," explain. Also, give an estimate of the percentage of the organization's time and funds that it devotes or plans to devote to this activity.

14 Does or will the organization intervene in any way in political campaigns, including the publication or distribution of statements? Yes No
If "Yes," explain fully.

Part III Technical Requirements

1 Are you filing Form 1023 within 15 months from the end of the month in which your organization was created or formed? Yes No
If you answer "Yes," do not answer questions on lines 2 through 6 below.

2 If one of the exceptions to the 15-month filing requirement shown below applies, check the appropriate box and proceed to question 7.

Exceptions—You are not required to file an exemption application within 15 months if the organization:

- a Is a church, interchurch organization of local units of a church, a convention or association of churches, or an integrated auxiliary of a church. See **Specific Instructions**, Line 2a, on page 4;
- b Is not a private foundation and normally has gross receipts of not more than \$5,000 in each tax year; or
- c Is a subordinate organization covered by a group exemption letter, but only if the parent or supervisory organization timely submitted a notice covering the subordinate.

3 If the organization does not meet any of the exceptions on line 2 above, are you filing Form 1023 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed? Yes No

If "Yes," your organization qualifies under Regulation section 301.9100-2, for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 4 through 6.

If "No," answer question 4.

4 If you answer "No" to question 3, does the organization wish to request an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" and the "no prejudice to the interest of the government" requirements of Regulations section 301.9100-3? Yes No

If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application within the 27-month period described in question 3. See **Specific Instructions**, Part III, Line 4, before completing this item. Do not answer questions 5 and 6.

If "No," answer questions 5 and 6.

5 If you answer "No" to question 4, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(3) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed. Therefore, do you want us to consider the application as a request for recognition of exemption as a section 501(c)(3) organization from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date the organization was created or formed? Yes No

6 If you answer "Yes" to question 5 above and wish to request recognition of section 501(c)(4) status for the period beginning with the date the organization was formed and ending with the date the Form 1023 application was received (the effective date of the organization's section 501(c)(3) status), check here and attach a completed page 1 of form 1024 to this application.