2014
KEY RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED:

1. Outreach by federal agencies to nonprofits should be increased and expanded to help educate nonprofits on programs that are available for their islands.

2. Training and Technical Assistance, much like that is currently provided by the Administration on Native Americans (ANA) and Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) serve to educate and to help nonprofits expand their knowledge and skills in grant writing, grants management, financial management and monitoring and evaluation. Other agencies are encouraged to adopt these activities and/or support ANA and OMHRC in their efforts in working with pacific islanders.

3. Establishment of a Regional Council that includes nonprofits interfacing with federal officials on a regular basis and not less than bi-annually for the purpose of improving the participation of Pacific Island nonprofits’ participation in federal programs.

4. The Region IX Federal Regional Council, Outer Pacific Committee, Grants to the Outer Pacific Report should be expanded to include more information on “but otherwise eligible” and the reason for non-participation (i.e. did not apply, applied but not awarded, awarded but was terminated). The council should also be encouraged to develop a plan to increase the level of participation from FY 13 to measurable increases in the next 3-5 years.

5. Promote Islander participation in grant reviews.

6. Promote islanders to co-train and present at regional and national meetings and conferences so that more federal agencies are familiar with Pacific Island issues and capacity building is expanded.

7. Federal Government to support more islanders to participate in scholarship programs and internships in their agencies.

8. Promote and encourage the appointment of Pacific Islanders to various federal government commissions and task forces.

9. Whenever possible, federal agencies to give advisories for possible grant announcements or funding announcements to the nonprofit leadership groups in Micronesian and American Samoa.

10. Policy Forums to be held annually with the WHAAPI Commission and Staff and Pacific island nonprofit leaders.

11. Teleconferences to be held monthly with specific focal areas decided quarterly to commence in FY 14.

12. Expand Pacific Islander issues and programs in federal agency blogs and newsletters.

13. Non-Profit to develop 1-page summary of their respective programs with website information for easy access by federal officials searching for subject matter experts and PI expertise.

14. Considerations for special initiatives directly with nonprofits to avoid bureaucratic delays with government ensuring that funding will go to consumer groups that it is designed for in an expeditious manner.

15. Federal government to advocate for climate change planning at the highest levels of government and to include Pacific Island leaders in the dialogue.

16. In federal education programs: dis-aggregation of data for Pacific Islanders in data collection by USDOE programs; clarification of definition for MSI (minority serving institutions) to include all AANAPISI eligible institutions.

17. In the Pacific Working Group, consider developing solutions for lack of college completion for PIs which according to the PEER Report by Robert Tamanaha, it was the only demographic group in which younger people are less educated than their elders.

18. WHAAPI federal regional visits and summits at least every two years.