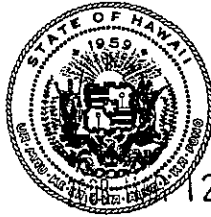


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TO: Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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SUBJECT: Review of Grant and Subsidy Applications for 2008-2009

The Department has reviewed the grant and subsidy requests submitted by the following organizations and completed the Statement of Findings and Recommendations for each request. All of the proposed recipients, with the exception of Hui Makua O Kawaihae'o, have submitted Declaration Statements certifying that they meet and will comply with all standards pursuant to Chapter 42F, HRS.

While all the applications reflect a public purpose, they are not included in the Administration's Biennium Budget. Any funding should be in addition to the Administration's Biennium Budget request and should not reduce or negatively impact the Administration's Biennium Budget request.

1. The Trust for Public Land Hawaiian Islands Program Subsidy Request: \$6,000,000

This subsidy request is for land acquisition. The Department is not currently administering funding to the Trust for Public Land (TPL). TPL specializes in conservation real estate transactions, applying its expertise in negotiation, public finance, and law to protect land for public use. In Hawaii, TPL has protected over 36,000 acres of land. By leveraging matching federal funding and private donations, TPL has been able to acquire land worth with a fair market value of close to \$60 million for a cost to Hawaii taxpayers of only a little over \$18 million (approximately 30% of the fair market value).

TPL will use any money it receives solely for the acquisition of land or interests in land located in Hawaii for the purpose of land preservation. At least a 1:1 match of non-State funding will be required for the funds requested.

Additionally, the Department recommends that TPL participate in a joint consultation meeting with the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairperson of the Department prior to the use of the requested grant funds to ensure that the State's land acquisition priorities are represented in the use of these funds.

2. Ala Wai Watershed Association, Inc. Operating GIA Request: \$76,730

This request would provide funds to the Ala Wai Watershed Association (AWWA) to provide leadership, maintenance and support for community-based activities to improve the Ala Wai watershed, Ala Wai Canal and associated near-shore waters, and provide the base for matching funds for AWWA to undertake larger projects that will benefit the watershed. Grant funds would be used for staffing costs (partial support of Executive Director position), and operating expenses (inter-island airfare, insurance, rental of space, staff training, supplies and telecommunication costs).

3. West Hawaii Wildfire Management Operating GIA Request: \$15,000

This operating grant request is to conduct critical wildfire mitigation, including hazardous vegetative management, dip tank installation, community risk assessments, GIS analysis to support accurate fire behavior modeling, innovative research to better understand wildfire best management practices specific to Island conditions, etc.

This organization has been in the forefront of wildfire management for the West Hawaii region and has assisted many communities in the region who are at risk from wildfires.

4. Kai Makana, Inc. Subsidy Request: \$70,000

This subsidy request is to hire an architect or engineer to design and construct a simple wood shelter for education programs on the island. This area is in a protected sub-zone conservation district and no documentation for permission to build was attached to the grant application; the applicant needs permission from the tenant and the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands within DLNR.

5. Ahahui Siwila Hawaii O Kapolei Operating GIA Request: \$39,200

The grant request is to enhance and improve the Pu'uokapolei Interpretive Native Garden from its altered state. This project will give the opportunity to create new landscape exhibits and interpretive materials, to enhance the garden for the community of Kapolei, and the State at large.

Grant funds will be used for consultant and landscape design services and other operating expenses.

6. Kipahulu 'Ohana, Inc. Operating GIA Request: \$350,000

This operating grant request is to conduct ahupua'a restoration and management, including a) lo'i kalo restoration and cultivation, and b) native forest conservation and restoration through feral animal control, invasive species removal, and native plant propagation.

Grant funds would be used for personnel cost, operating expenses and to purchase equipment and motor vehicles.

7. Hui Makua O Kawaiaha'o Operating GIA Request: \$30,000

The operating grant request is to help the Hui Makua O Kawaiaha'o continue to hold its highly successful "E Malama I Ke Kai" ocean safety and awareness festival in May of 2009.

Grant funds will be used for operating expenses, including inter-island airfare, insurance, rental of equipment and various supplies.

8. Ewa Historical Society Operating GIA Request: \$100,000

The Department believes that this is a worthy project to support with state funds by the Legislature. The project supports the preservation of the Historic Ewa Villages. The Department has already received a Preserve America grant to develop a heritage tourism plan for Ewa Villages. This project would compliment the Department's efforts to redevelop some of these historic resources and to bring tourism to Ewa Villages.

The project's first goal is to acquire or lease the Ewa Manager's Residence. This structure has been neglected and under-utilized over the years. The Department supports efforts to revitalize this structure as it is important in telling the sugar plantation history this area.

9. Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa Operating GIA Request: \$95,000

The proposed project seeks to honor and perpetuate the community of Kalaupapa. The project seeks to educate the public via public informational talks, a traveling exhibit, a conference, and the development of a website and newsletter. The project seeks to preserve the memory of this community via the development of a monument at Kalaupapa which would honor the approximately 8,000 people who were sent to Kalaupapa and their families. They seek to compile a list of names with the assistance of a historian and the first superintendent of Kalaupapa Historical Park. They also propose to officially name the pali trail that leads to the topside Molokai.

This project would educate the public of this important historical area, and help to preserve its history and the memories of those who lived there.

10. Friends of He'eia State Park

Operating GIA Request: \$78,000

This operating grant request is to conduct an educational program for high school students that will improve the problem of degraded shorelines with the help of teachers and professors from area schools and universities. The Friends have developed a curriculum for monitoring streams and reefs, and created a coastal garden of indigenous and endangered coastal species. The high school students will learn professional monitoring techniques, indigenous and endangered plant propagation and restoration practices. The Friends have provided programs and activities at He'eia State Park since 1982 in natural sciences; Hawaiian culture programs such as hula, language, koa canoe building, ethnobotany and healing arts; fine arts workshops and shows; and natural resource monitoring, restoration and management. The facilities at He'eia State Park include a 1,600 sq. ft. classroom building and a 10,000 sq. ft. Visitor's Center with ADA upgrades. The Friends lease the facilities from DLNR.

11. The Friends of Iolani Palace

Operating GIA Request: \$500,000

This operating grant request is to allow The Friends of Iolani Palace to meet critical operational expenses for repairs and maintenance costs (i.e., air conditioning system, elevator and wheelchair lift, pest control, security monitoring system, hazard mitigation and prevention, electrical upgrades, and physical structure) for the Palace, Barracks, and Coronation Pavilion; utilities; supplies for public areas; staff training and professional development to improve customer service, visitor hospitality, and curatorial research capabilities; lease costs for 150 tour wands; insurance costs.

12. Hawaii Nature Center, Inc.

Subsidy Request: \$150,000

This subsidy request will enable nearly 9,000 students on Oahu and Maui to pay only \$400 of the \$1,400 it costs Hawaii Nature Center (HNC) to provide the science and culture based environmental education programs. To assist many schools that cannot afford this fee, HNC subsidizes the cost with funding from Foundations and other federal and state grants. With this subsidy request, HNC also envisions an Environmental Stewardship Scholarship program that will enable 150 public school groups to have a hands-on experience with nature. These programs immerse children in the outdoors while teaching important science lessons that enhance their classroom curriculum.

13. National Tropical Botanical Garden

Subsidy Request: \$1,500,000

This subsidy request is for a capital project of a Botanical Research Center located at the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG), Lawai, Kauai. NTBG is a horticultural institution with gardens specializing in studying the world's tropical plants. In Hawai'i, NTBG has three gardens on Kauai, one on Maui and one in Florida.

This request is to complete funding for a \$15 million research center to house their herbarium and library within a green building.

The request for CIP grant funds for the National Tropical Botanical Garden's Botanical Research Center Campaign was referred to DLNR who supports the intent of the facility. While the application reflects a public purpose, and the private match provided is commendable, the Department does not support funding the proposed grant to expand their facilities for information repository. The purposes described within this proposal are very similar/identical to the state's designated repository, Bishop Museum, which contains over 22 million specimens of plant and animal life. Although the Department supports National Tropical Botanical Garden in their Botanical Research Center Campaign, the Department recommends increasing or maintaining support of the state repository, Bishop Museum.

The Department recommends that NTBG participate in a joint consultation with the Bishop Museum to coordinate activities described as to avoid duplication of efforts before resubmitting the capital request.

Attachments

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Log No: 225-C

Department: Land and Natural Resources

Program ID: LNR101

Organization: The Trust for Public Lands Hawaiian Islands Program

Service Activity: Acquisition of land or interests in land located in Hawaii for land preservation purposes.

Does request comply with
qualifying standards and conditions? Yes ☒ No ☐

Does request serve a public purpose? Yes ☒ No ☐

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Plans:			
Land Acquisition:	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
Design:			
Construction:			
Equipment:			
Total Requirements:	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
Less:			
Net General Funds:	-	-	6,000,000

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OPERATING

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Log No: 3-O

Department: Land and Natural Resources Does request qualify as a POS? Yes x No

Program ID: LNR 141 If yes, what POS service activity?

Organization: Ala Wai Watershed Association, Inc. Does request comply with qualifying standards and conditions? Yes x No

Service Activity: Improve water quality Does request serve a public purpose? Yes x No

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Personal Services:	35,800		35,800
Current Expenses:	40,930		40,930
Equipment:			-
Motor Vehicles:			-
Total Requirements:	76,730	-	76,730
Less:			
Net General Funds:	-	-	76,730

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OPERATING

FY 2008-2009

Log No: 246-O

Department: Land & Natural Resources Does request qualify as a POS? Yes X No

Program ID: LNR 402 If yes, what POS service activity? Fire Protection

Organization: West Hawaii Fire Mgmt. Organization Does request comply with qualifying standards and conditions? Yes X No

Service Activity: Fire Protection Does request serve a public purpose? Yes X No

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Personal Services:			-
Current Expenses:	15,000		15,000
Equipment:			-
Motor Vehicles:			-
Total Requirements:	15,000	-	15,000
Less:			
Net General Funds:	-	-	15,000

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

FY 2008-2009

Log No: 129-C

Department: DLNR

Program ID: LNR 402

Organization: Kai Makana, Inc.

Does request comply with
qualifying standards and conditions? Yes X No

Does request serve a public purpose? Yes X No

Service Activity: Malama I Ke Ka - Restoration, Environmental and Cultural Education Program

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Plans:	-	-	-
Land Acquisition:	-	-	-
Design:	6,000	(6,000)	-
Construction:	42,000	(42,000)	-
Equipment:	22,000	-	22,000
Native Plant Replanting Tools	\$2,000		
Water Quality Kits	\$5,000		
Educational Material			
Printing/Signage	\$15,000		
Total Requirements:	70,000	(48,000)	22,000
Less:			
Net General Funds:	-	-	22,000

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No. _____

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
Operating Expenses:			
Personal Services:			-
Current Expenses:	39,240	(28,340)	10,900
Equipment:			-
Motor Vehicles:			-
Total Requirements:	39,240	(28,340)	10,900
Less:			
Net General Funds:	-	-	10,900

Log No:	<u>151-0</u>				
Department:	<u>DLNR-DOFAW</u>				
Program ID:	<u>LNR 407</u>				
Organization:	<u>Kipahulu Ohana</u>				
Service Activity:	<u>Native Forest and Loi Restoration</u>				
		Does request qualify as a POS?		Yes _____ No _____	
		If yes, what POS service activity?		<u> </u>	
		Does request comply with qualifying standards and conditions?		Yes X _____ No _____	
		Does request serve a public purpose?		Yes X _____ No _____	

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Personal Services:	304,580	(27,000)	277,780
Current Expenses:			
Equipment:	35,220		35,220
Motor Vehicles:	37,000		37,000
Total Requirements:	376,800	(27,000)	350,000
Less:			
Net General Funds:	376,800	-	350,000

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OPERATING

FY 2008-2009

Log No: _____

Department: DLNR

Program ID: LNR 801

Organization: Hui Makua O Kawaiaha'o

Service Activity: Ocean Safety and Awareness Day

Does request qualify as a POS? Yes _____ No X

If yes, what POS service activity? _____

Does request comply with qualifying standards and conditions? Yes _____ No X

Does request serve a public purpose? Yes X No _____

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Personal Services:	30,000	(30,000)	-
Current Expenses:			-
Equipment:			-
Motor Vehicles:			-
Total Requirements:	30,000	(30,000)	-
Less:			
Net General Funds:	-	-	-
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OPERATING

FY 2008-2009

Log No: _____

Department: Land and Natural Resources Does request qualify as a POS? Yes _____ No _____

Program ID: LNR 802 If yes, what POS service activity? _____

Organization: Ewa Historical Society Does request comply with Yes _____ No _____
qualifying standards and conditions?

Service Activity: Historic Preservation at Ewa Villages and the Ewa Cemetery Does request serve a public purpose? Yes x _____ No _____

	Original Request FY 2009	Dept. Adjustment FY 2009	Dept. Recommendations FY 2009
Operating Expenses:			
Personal Services:			-
Current Expenses:	100,000		100,000
Equipment:			-
Motor Vehicles:			-
Total Requirements:	100,000	-	100,000
Less:			
Net General Funds:	- 100,000	-	100,000

The Department of Land and Natural Resources believes that is a worthy project to support with state funds by the legislature. The project supports the preservation of the Historic Ewa Villages. The Department has already received a Preserve America grant to develop a heritage tourism plan for Ewa Villages. This project would compliment the Department's efforts to redevelop some of these historic resources and to bring tourism to Ewa Villages.

The projects first goal is to acquire or lease the Ewa Manager's Residence. This structure has been neglected and under utilized over the years. The Department supports efforts to revitalize this structure as it is important in telling the sugar plantation history this area.

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OPERATING

Log No: _____

Department: Land and Natural Resources Does request qualify as a POS? Yes _____ No _____

Program ID: LNR 802 If yes, what POS service activity? _____

Organization: Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa Does request comply with Yes _____ No _____
qualifying standards and conditions?

Service Activity: Honor and Perpetuate the Community of Kalaupapa Does request serve a public purpose? Yes ☒ No _____

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
Operating Expenses:			
Personal Services:			
Current Expenses:	95,000		95,000
Equipment:			-
Motor Vehicles:			-
Total Requirements:	95,000	-	95,000
Less:			
Net General Funds:	95,000	-	95,000

The Department of Land and Natural Resources believes that is a worthy project to support with state funds by the legislature. The project supports the preservation of Kalaupapa and educating the public about this historically important area.

The proposed project seeks to honor and perpetuate the community of Kalaupapa. The project seeks to educate the public via public informational talks, a traveling exhibit, a conference, and the development of a website and newsletter. The project seeks to preserve the memory of this community via the development of a monument at Kalaupapa which would honor the approximately 8,000 people who were sent to Kalaupapa and their families. They seek to compile a list of names with the assistance of a historian and the first superintendent of Kalaupapa Historical Park. They also propose to officially name the pali trail that leads to the topside Molokai.

This project would educate the public of this important historical area, and help to preserve its history and the memories of those who lived there.

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Log No:	53-O			
Department:	Land and Natural Resources			
Program ID:	LNR 806			
Organization:	Friends of He'eia State Park			
Service Activity:	GIA--Operating Protect and Improve Hawaii's Delicate Shorelines Through Applied Science			
	Does request qualify as a POS?	Yes	No	X
	If yes, what POS service activity?			
	Does request comply with qualifying standards and conditions?	Yes	X	No
	Does request serve a public purpose?	Yes	X	No

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Personal Services:	70,000	(70,000)	-
Current Expenses:	3,000	(3,000)	-
Equipment:	5,000	(5,000)	-
Motor Vehicles:			-
Total Requirements:	78,000	(78,000)	-
Less:			
Net General Funds:	-	-	-

DLNR has reviewed the request and is not able to support the proposal due to its negative implication on the Administration's Supplemental Budget request.

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	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Personal Services:			
Current Expenses:			
Equipment:			
Motor Vehicles:			
Total Requirements:			
Less: Income/Dues			
Net General Funds:			

DLNR has reviewed the request and is not able to support the proposal due to its negative implication on the Administration's Supplemental Budget request.

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Log No:	88-O		
Department:	Land and Natural Resources	Does request qualify as a POS?	Yes _____ No ☒ X
Program ID:	LNR 806	If yes, what POS service activity?	

Organization:	Does request comply with qualifying standards and conditions?	
	Yes	No
<u>Hawaii Nature Center, Inc.</u>	X	

Service Activity:	<u>Subsidy Request</u>	Does request serve a public purpose?	Yes	X	No
Science & Culturally Based Environmental					

	Original Request	Dept. Adjustment	Dept. Recommendations
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Personal Services:	166,460	(141,615)	24,845
Current Expenses:	47,290	(8,385)	38,905
Equipment:			-
Motor Vehicles:			-
Total Requirements:	213,750	(150,000)	63,750
Less: Fees/Private	(63,750)		(63,750)
Net General Funds:	-	-	-
	150,000	(150,000)	

DLNR has reviewed the request and is not able to support the proposal due to its negative implication on the Administration's Supplemental Budget request.

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Log No: _____

Department: LNR Does request comply with
qualifying standards and conditions? Yes X No _____

Program ID: LNR 402 Does request serve a public purpose? Yes X No _____

Organization: National Tropical Botanical Garden

Service Activity: To construct a Botanical Research Center

	Original Request FY 2009	Dept. Adjustment FY 2009	Dept. Recommendations FY 2009
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Plans:			-
Land Acquisition:			-
Design:			-
Construction:	1,500,000	(1,500,000)	-
Equipment:			-
Total Requirements:	1,500,000	(1,500,000)	-
Less:			
Net General Funds:	-	-	-
	1,500,000	(1,500,000)	-