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THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS & SUBSIDIES
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Log No: 57-0
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Type of Grant or Subsidy Request:

- GRANT REQUEST - OPERATING GRANT REQUEST - CAPITAL SUBSIDY REQUEST

"Grant" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specified recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities.

"Subsidy" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a recipient specified in the appropriation, to reduce the costs incurred by the organization or individual in providing a service available to some or all members of the public.

"Recipient" means any organization or person receiving a grant or subsidy.

STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY RELATED TO THIS REQUEST (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): _____

STATE PROGRAM I.D. NO. (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): _____

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:
Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual:
Garden Island Resource, Conservation and Development, Inc.
Dba: **Same as above**
Street Address: **3083 Akahi Street, Suite 204 Lihue, HI 96766**
Mailing Address: **Same as above**

2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION:
Name GARY BLAICH, M.D.
Title Project Representative
Phone # 808-828-1438
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3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:
 NON PROFIT CORPORATION
 FOR PROFIT CORPORATION
 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP/INDIVIDUAL

4. FEDERAL TAX ID #: _____
5. STATE TAX ID #: _____
6. SSN (IF AN INDIVIDUAL): _____

7. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:
TO CREATE A PLAN AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE SITE PRESENTLY KNOWN COCO PALMS RESORT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITY

8. FISCAL YEARS AND AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:
FY 2008-2009: \$150,000

9. STATUS OF SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS REQUEST:
 NEW SERVICE (PRESENTLY DOES NOT EXIST)
 EXISTING SERVICE (PRESENTLY IN OPERATION)

SPECIFY THE AMOUNT BY SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS REQUEST:
STATE \$0 _____
FEDERAL \$0 _____
COUNTY \$0 _____
PRIVATE/OTHER \$0 _____

TYPE NAME & TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Gilbert P. Kea president
NAME & TITLE

1/30/08
DATE SIGNED

I. Background & Summary

About Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.:

The Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. (Garden Island RC&D) is the fiscal sponsor for the "Ka nui niu o` Wailua" Project. The Garden Island RC&D is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-based organization whose primary concern is the prudent use of natural and human resources on the Island of Kaua`i. It was incorporated in January 1991; authorized by Congress in February 1992; and received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in May 1993. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and locally managed. Garden Island RC&D is directed by a local Council (or Board of Directors) comprised of volunteers and one representative from each of its three local sponsors: County of Kaua`i Office of Economic Development; East Kaua`i Soil and Water Conservation District; and West Kaua`i Soil and Water Conservation District. There are seven Resource Committees, each with Garden Island RC&D board representation.

The vision of the Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. is Malama Aina O Kauai: "The community working together towards a harmonious relationship with the environment". Our mission is to carry out a plan for the orderly conservation, development and prudent use of natural and human resources to improve economic, social and environmental opportunities for the people of Kaua`i County. This broad mission results in projects, workshops and programs to benefit the island.

Project Purpose:

The Garden Island RC&D seeks a one-year \$150,000 grant-in-aid to create a plan and partnerships for the acquisition and long-term management of the site formerly known as Coco Palms Resort in order to establish a cultural, historical and community facility. Funds will be used to hire one part-time consultant to coordinate the "Ka nui niu o` Wailua" ("The many coco palms of Wailua") Project, one part-time consultant to assist with clerical duties and modest operational expenses. The remainder of the funding will cover costs associated with consulting services regarding the funding, acquisition, restoration and management of the site and any travel, printing or supplies needed to complete the project. The coordinator will work with the consultants and community members to develop a plan for the acquisition of the historic Coco Palms property.

Once acquired, it is the mission of the "Ka nui niu o` Wailua" Project to create a public place of cultural enrichment, historic preservation, land conservation and spiritual nourishment; an educational and interpretive GATHERING PLACE; a center of Hawaiian cultural stewardship on Kaua'i; a core of learning in Hawai'i.

Importance of Property:

The Coco Palms is one of the rare sites in the Hawaiian archipelago that holds importance for many historical periods.

In ancient times, the area around the mouth of the Wailua River was a place of renown, "the most important high-status area on Kaua'i in pre-Contact times...the royal center where the high chiefs and chiefesses carried on their business when they were not traveling about the island(s), and where they entertained visitors [Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. "Cultural Impact Assessment for the Proposed Redevelopment of the Coco Palms Resort, Wailua Ahupua'a, Puna District, Kaua'i Island." August 2004]. The area includes a group of sacred sites now designated a National Historic Landmark: the Wailua Complex of Heiau. Among them are perhaps the oldest *heiau* of Kaua'i, a place of refuge and the birthing of chiefs.

During the mid-nineteenth century it was the home of the high chief Deborah Kapule, perhaps the first "hotelier" in the area. While the fishponds identified with the area may have existed before her time, they continue to be associated with her to this day.

By the time of the republic at the turn of the century, agricultural pursuits were much in evidence, with the copra and coconut plantation planted by Ernest Lindemann circa 1892 and numerous rice and taro farmers.

The early statehood period, with the introduction of jet travel, brought tourism front and center in the economic picture. The Coco Palms became a focal point of worldwide attention with Elvis Presley's 1961 *Blue Hawaii*. Through her talent, charm and business accumen, Grace Guslander created a facility that elevated the romantic image of the isles. It stands today as a model of the travel-trade history, a history only now beginning to be appreciated as a notable component in the study of Hawai'i's past.

The site currently contains approximately 12.63* acres zoned RR-20 (Resort) and 19.29* acres zoned Open. The latter includes the historic coconut grove, the former tennis courts, and a small segment at the entry to the property. *Mauka* of the property is conservation land, leased by DLNR to the current owner

During its "resort" life buildings on the property were added to and remodeled many times, but since it was shuttered after Hurricane Iniki in 1992, the Coco Palms has not been used (with the exception of the wedding chapel, which held two or three ceremonies a week for many years). Today, Coco Palms is a visual eyesore, in sad disrepair and still bearing the damage from the hurricane more than 15 years ago.

II. Service Summary and Outcomes

The "Ka nui niu o' Wailua" Project work plan will consist of the following elements: identifying funding sources for the purchase of the land, creating a strategy for acquisition, and developing a list of all costs associated with building construction, site restoration and management of the site. The final component of the plan will be a public outreach campaign. The campaign will solicit input, ideas and suggestions from credible community organizations and residents and solidify strategic partnerships for the acquisition

With a detailed work plan and public outreach campaign completed, the "Ka nui niu o' Wailua" Project will be prepared to begin the process of acquiring the Coco Palms property and creating a public place of cultural enrichment, historic preservation, land conservation and spiritual nourishment for the people of Hawai'i. The property is currently listed for sale for \$40 million.

Project Timeline:

Assuming availability of funding in July 2008, the following timeline has been developed:

August 2008	"Ka nui niu o' Wailua" consultant/project coordinator selection begins
September 2008	Consultant to coordinate project hired
September 2008	Consultant begins work on community outreach campaign and project work plan
November 2008-July 2009	Ongoing work conducted by consultants on outreach campaign and project work plan
July 2009	Project work plan completed. Next phase of project, acquisition and construction, ready to begin once funding for purchase of land is secured.

Community Support:

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The "Ka nui niu o' Wailua" Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of nine volunteer community leaders affiliated with prominent community organizations, including the Kaua'i Public Land Trust, will oversee the hiring process and completion of the work plan. The committee and project coordinator will meet each month to assess the project's progress, address any upcoming issues and challenges and strategize.

Project Evaluation:

The effectiveness of the "Ka nui niu o' Wailua" Project shall be measured in the following ways:

- 1.) **A project coordinator is hired by September of 2008.**
- 2.) **Extensive outreach to community members and groups is conducted throughout the planning process and support for the project and project partners are secured.**
- 3.) **A comprehensive project work plan is created.**
- 4.) **Communication with the current landowner has been established.**
- 5.) **Landowner has agreed to sell the property at the appraised value or at a bargain sale price.**
- 6.) **A non-profit organization is identified to oversee the acquisition and management of the site once acquired.**
- 7.) **All timelines are met.**

III. Financial

Quarterly Funding Requirements:

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
37,500	50,000	50,000	12,500	\$150,000

IV. Experience & Capability

Garden Island RC&D has successfully worked to support and fund several community programs over the past three years. Among these are the Kaua'i Invasive Species Committee (KISC), the Hanapepe playground, the Kaua'i Native Plant Society and a cultural awareness program.

The KISC is a voluntary partnership of government, private and non-profit organizations, and concerned individuals working to prevent, control, or eliminate the most threatening invasive plant and animal species in order to preserve Kauai's native biodiversity and minimize adverse ecological, economic and social impacts. The Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. helped KISC secure its start-up grants that enabled KISC to hire staff, create an Action Plan with targets, and to establish a working infrastructure. That project perpetuates itself with federal, state, county and private grants sought annually.

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The Hanapepe playground has been a great success. The most visible accomplishment is the new play equipment at Cliffside Park and a new sense of community responsibility. Less visible, but much more significant in the long run, is the positive neighborhood experience with community action.

Kaua`i Native Plant Society brings rare and endangered native Hawaiian plants to the U.S. Botanical Garden, gives public lectures on native plants and sponsors workshops for propagation of native plants.

Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. supports cultural awareness in a variety of ways including increasing conservation of natural resources by integrating traditional Hawaiian values into society through education and communication. For example:

- Through Ho`oulu Ke Ola O Na Pua, Hawaiian Studies kupuna teach weekly lessons that emphasize Hawaiian values and culture to all Kaua`i public and private elementary school students. The Annual Kupuna Conference, Kunihi Ka Mauna, is being hosted on Kaua`i on June 11-14, 2007.
- Basketweavers Project. In July, 2006, Hawaiian weavers joined Native American weavers at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington DC. An exhibit of native Hawaiian weaving plants was featured along with Hawaiian weavers.
- The Kaua`i Native Plant Society continues to malama the native plants with various service projects and educational forums around the island.
- Kapa Project. Ho`ike, the local public access cable TV channel aired a presentation to the Kaua`i Historical Society. Workshops continue in local schools.
- Kane-o-Ola-Uma Site Restoration efforts continue.

Facilities:

Contracted services will be utilized for the Project Coordinator and hired consultants of the "Ka nui niu o` Wailua" Project and they will work from their homes throughout the time of employment. No facilities need to be secured.

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V. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

The "Ka nui niu o` Wailua" Project will be managed by the contracted project coordinator with oversight from the "Ka nui niu o` Wailua" Ad Hoc Committee. Additional project services regarding site funding, restoration, acquisition and management will be procured from hired consultants on an as-needed basis.

VI. Other: N/A

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS
(Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

Applicant: Garden Island RC&D, Inc.

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Salaries - Consultants				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island	4,000			
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies	8,000			
7. Telecommunication	1,000			
8. Utilities				
9 Contractor Fees	119,500			
10 GIRC&D Administrative Fee	15,000			
11 Mileage	1,000			
12 Printing	2,500			
13 Other Interisland Travel Expenses	1,000			
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	150,000			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL				
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	150,000			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	150,000	Jennifer Luck	346-9419	Phone
(b)		Name (Please type or print)		
(c)			1/30/08	Date
(d)		Signature of Authorized Official		
TOTAL REVENUE	150,000	GILBERT P. KEA president		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Applicant: Garden Island RC&D, Inc

Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
N/A		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
TOTAL:				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
N/A		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
TOTAL:				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Applicant: Garden Island RC&D, Inc.

Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

	FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED				FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	ANY OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED		FY:2009-2010	FY:2010-2011
TOTAL PROJECT COST	FY: 2006-2006	FY: 2006-2007	FY:2007-2008	FY:2008-2009		
PLANS				150000		
LAND ACQUISITION				0		
DESIGN				0		
CONSTRUCTION				0		
EQUIPMENT				0		
TOTAL:				0		

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: The cost of creating a plan for the acquisition of the Coco Palms Property is primarily consultant fees, with additional funding for travel, mileage, printing and supplies.

**DECLARATION STATEMENT
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant acknowledges that said applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants and subsidies pursuant to section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

- (1) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded;
- (2) Comply with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
- (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
- (4) Allow the state agency to which funds for the grant or subsidy were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and assuring the proper expenditure of the grant or subsidy.

In addition, a grant or subsidy may be made to an organization only if the organization:

- (1) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
- (2) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded shall be conducted or provided.

Further, a grant or subsidy may be awarded to a non-profit organization only if the organization:

- (1) Has been determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
- (2) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



(Signature)

1/30/08

(Date)

Gilbert P. Kea

(Typed Name)

President

(Title)