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THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Log No:

For Legislature's Use Only

Type of Grant Request:

GRANT REQUEST – OPERATING

GRANT REQUEST – CAPITAL

"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.

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

STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY RELATED TO THIS REQUEST (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE PROGRAM I.D. NO. (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): LNR 806

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual:  
Aha Hui E Kala

Db/a: Lawai International Center

Street Address: 5678 Ani Street, Kapaa, HI 96746

Mailing Address: 5678 Ani Street, Kapaa, HI 96746

2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION:

Name LYNN MURAMOTO

Title President

Phone # 808-639-4300

Fax # n/a

E-mail lm@hawaii.rr.com

3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:

- NON PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN HAWAII
- FOR PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN HAWAII
- LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
- SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP/INDIVIDUAL
- OTHER

6. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

PARTIAL FUNDING OF WELCOME CENTER

4. FEDERAL TAX ID # [REDACTED]

5. STATE TAX ID # [REDACTED]

7. AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:

FISCAL YEAR 2019: \$ 500,000

8. 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 \$800,000

FEDERAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PRIVATE/OTHER \$100,000

TYPE NAME [REDACTED] REPRESENTATIVE

LYNN MURAMOTO, PRESIDENT

2/16/2018

NAME & TITLE

DATE SIGNED

JAN 17 2018 [Signature]

## Application for Grants

*Please check the box when item/section has been completed. If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".*

### **I. Background and Summary**

**This section shall clearly and concisely summarize and highlight the contents of the request in such a way as to provide the State Legislature with a broad understanding of the request. Please include the following:**

**1.  A brief description of the applicant's background**

On the island of Kauai there is a 32-acre site that includes a hillside, a pastoral valley and one bank of the Lawai stream. From the days of the earliest inhabitants on Kauai, this site has been recognized as a special place. Hawaiians journeyed by foot from all over Kauai and, as new people made Kauai their home, they too were drawn to this special valley seeking respite and rejuvenation.

Aha Hui E Kala is a volunteer non-profit organization expressly formed in 1990 to protect and preserve this special place. In 1997, Aha Hui E Kala purchased the 32-acre site and dedicated it as the Lawai International Center. The 88 shrines on the hillside pathway were restored and the hillside supported by rock walls in the Hawaiian tradition. In 2013, a hand carved yellow cedar Hall of Compassion, faithful to 13<sup>th</sup> century Japanese shrine architecture, was built. Currently, infrastructure is being developed for a Welcoming Center.

All this has been done with volunteer labor and financial support from government and private donors. Aha Hui E Kala does not pay any wages or salaries.

**2.  The goals and objectives related to the request**

Previous Legislative Grants in Aid were received in 2014 (\$300,000 to cover the cost of development of infrastructure such as permits, water, power, sewer, roadways and parking) and 2016 (\$500,000 to begin construction of the Welcoming Center). This request is for funds to complete the building of the Welcoming Center.

The Welcoming Center is an important strategic initiative for Aha Hui E Kala. It is intended to involve the community in the ongoing preservation of the cultural and spiritual history of the 32-acre Lawai International Center site. It is also intended to develop economic self-sufficiency for Aha Hui E Kala.

The lack of infrastructure currently limits the number of visitors that the Lawai International Center can service at events or in tours. There is one portable toilet on the site and water is delivered in 5-gallon jugs. There is only electricity when a generator is

made available at events, which are held in tents rented for the occasion. A tent structure serves as the temporary Welcome Center.

The Welcoming Center will consolidate all of these operational expenses and provide a superior visitor experience. It is expected the Welcoming Center will be open to the public and the revenue from guests will cover the operating expenses of Lawai International Center. Current cultural programs will be housed in the Welcoming Center providing discretionary funds for Aha Hui E Kala.

**3.  The public purpose and need to be served**

The Lawai International Center's purpose is to foster the true spirit of Aloha in the world. The rebirth of the Lawai Valley by the dedicated volunteers of Aha Hui E Kala is proof of the power of Aloha.

The Welcoming Center will house educational and public awareness programs dealing with cultural traditions embodied in ancient Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, and other cultures. The Lawai International Center is a place of rest, recuperation and healing for those who live on Kauai as well as visitors. This rest, recuperation and healing is embedded in programs and events which include the music, art, literature, drama, dances cultural and humanitarian teachings of the many cultures of Kauai.

**4.  The target population to be served**

The target population to be served is individuals from all walks of life: those living in Hawaii and those visiting. We service all ages from keiki to kupuna.

**5.  The geographic coverage**

The Lawai International Center is located in the Lawai Valley of Kauai. It serves the island of Kauai as well as its neighboring islands. Visitors are welcomed to the center. Once the Welcoming Center is built, Aha Hui E Kala intends to bring national and international leaders to share their expertise with residents and visitors alike.

**II. Service Summary and Outcomes**

**The Service Summary shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant's approach to the request. The applicant shall clearly and concisely specify the results, outcomes, and measures of effectiveness from this request. The applicant shall:**

**1.  Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities**

Aha Hui E Kala dba Lawai International Center purchased the 32-acre Lawai Valley site identified as TMK 4-2-5-004-007. The 88 shrines on the hillside pathway have been restored and the hillside stabilized. In 2013, a yellow cedar and tile Hall of Compassion was built. The organization is currently in discussions with county and state planning agencies to acquire building permits.

The requested funding is for a planned Welcoming Center. The Welcoming Center has 3,100 square feet of interior space. This is made up of a 2280 square foot assembly hall, 300 square feet of office space and 250 square feet of kitchen and 270 square feet of restrooms. There will also be 3400 square feet of covered lanai around the sides of the building. The Welcoming Center will be constructed of yellow cedar and tile and be of one story. The building plans include 66 parking spaces. The Welcoming Center facilities will be ADA compliant.

Aha Hui E Kala has raised over \$3.5 million in cash and in-kind gifts since its inception and is committed to raise the funds required to complete the Welcoming Center project.

2.  **Provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service**

January 2018	Meetings with municipality and highways. Archaeological/Cultural Survey complete and Environmental Assessment underway
April 2018	Survey and preliminary architectural drawings in place
June 2018	Environmental Assessment complete and engineering drawings done
October 2018	Final architectural drawings done and permit applications made
January 2019	Building permits in place
April 2019	Completion of on site infrastructure and Construction of Welcoming Center begins
June 2019	Slab complete and framing begins
October 2019	Trusses installed and building framing complete
January 2020	Roof on and building at lock-up
April 2020	Interior drywall, plumbing and electrical
June 2020	Interior painting and cabinetry
October 2020	Expected completion

3.  **Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results**

Performance and accomplishments will be measured using the above timeline. All efforts are focused on the efficient accomplishment of the organization's strategic goals.

4.  **List the measures of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency).**

The effectiveness of the program will be measured by reviewing the following:

- I. Approved plans for the Welcoming Center



2. Completion of on site infrastructure
3. The construction of the Welcoming Center
4. Improved access for visitors to Lawai International Center
5. Economic self-sufficiency for Aha Hui E Kala

**III. Financial**

1.  **The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.**
  - a. Budget request by source of funds
  - b. Personnel salaries and wages
  - c. Equipment and motor vehicles
  - d. Capital project details
  - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid

See attached

2.  **The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2019.**

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 500,000

3.  **The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2019.**

Private cash donations  
 In-kind donations  
 Non-governmental grants

4.  **The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.**

Not applicable

5.  **The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2019 for program funding.**

27<sup>th</sup> Session Legislative Grant In Aid - \$300,000  
 28<sup>th</sup> Session Legislative Grant in Aid - \$500,000  
 2017 Kauai CPEP Funding for Cultural Events - \$14,590  
 2018 HTA CEP funding for Cultural Events - \$30,000

- 6.  The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2017.

\$789,204.20

**IV. Experience and Capability**

- 1.  Necessary Skills and Experience

The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the request. State your experience and appropriateness for providing the service proposed in this application. The applicant shall also provide a listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.

Since 1990, Aha Hui E Kala dba Lawai International Center has held monthly activities to maintain and protect the site. There are no paid positions in the organization. Everything has been done and is done by dedicated volunteers.

At the inception of Aha Hui e Kala, the Board of Directors developed a strategic plan. The immediate goal was to purchase and preserve the land and this has been accomplished. The second goal was to develop the infrastructure of the upper portion of the property where the historic 88 shrines pathway is located. This has been accomplished with the construction of the Hall of Compassion and surrounding garden. The third goal is construction of a Welcoming Center so the public could enjoy the Lawai International Center. The strategic intent of building a Welcoming Center is to bring economic self-sufficiency to Lawai International Center. This grant proposal is asking for funding of this strategic goal.

Aha Hui E Kala has raised over \$3,500,000 in cash and in-kind gifts since 1990. The organization carries approximately \$1.5 million in assets on its balance sheet and has no debt. Aha Hui E Kala has been honored with previous Legislative Grants In Aid of \$800,000 in support of the Welcoming Center initiative.

The Board of Directors consists of:

Lynn Muramoto	President
Marion Penhallow	Vice President
Gloria Nakea	Treasurer
Dora Hong	Secretary
Ray Nitta	Member

In addition, to the Board of Directors, Aha Hui E Kala has an Honorary Board of Directors consisting of:

Dusty Baker (Chairperson)	Professional Baseball Manager
Jack Suyderhoud, PhD	Retired UH Professor of Economics
Mike McCartney	Governor Ige's Chief of Staff
Maryanne Kusaka	Former Mayor of Kauai

Dennis Esaki  
Ian Kagimoto  
Charlie King  
Rodney Veary  
Norm Caris

Esaki Surveying  
Aqua Engineers  
King Auto Center  
Attorney  
Managing Director, B. Riley & Co.

Aha Hui E Kala is registered with Dunn and Bradstreet and has been assigned DUNS Number 030707652. Aha Hui E Kala operates in the Civic and Social Organizations industry. The NAICS designation is 813410, the SIC code is 86999904.

**2.  Facilities**

**The applicant shall provide a description of its facilities and demonstrate its adequacy in relation to the request. If facilities are not presently available, describe plans to secure facilities.**

Aha Hui E Kala currently rents an office in an old schoolhouse in Lihue. The office is inexpensive and provides a place for logistic support for events and recordkeeping. The registered office for Aha Hui E Kala is :

5678 Ani Street  
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

**V. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing**

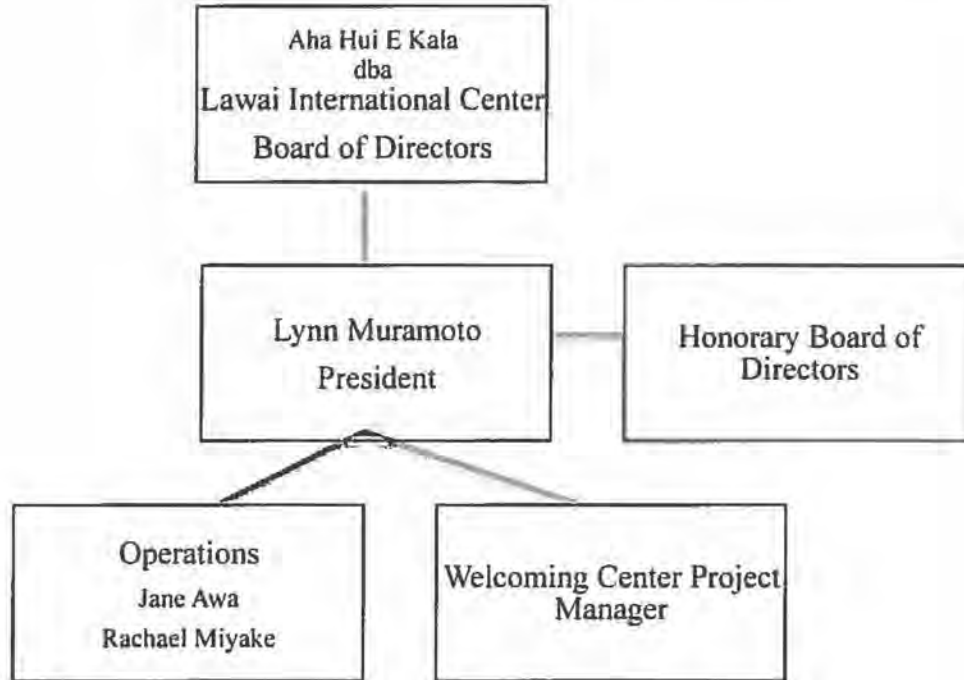
**1.  Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training**

**The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern and proposed service capacity appropriate for the viability of the request. The applicant shall provide the qualifications and experience of personnel for the request and shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction relative to the request.**

Aha Hui E Kala's Board of Directors has been fortunate to secure the donated services of a variety of professionals: Steve Long, architect; Ian Kagimoto, engineer; Dennis Esaki, engineer/surveyor; Steve Shinn, attorney; Brian McKenzie PhD, consultant, Duane Kurisu, publisher; Julie Burton, public relations; Jocelyn Fujii, writer; Joan Selix Berman, graphic designer; Heather Guigni, media producer; Richard Chamberlain, actor.

**2.  Organization Chart**

**The applicant shall illustrate the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision. If the request is part of a large, multi-purpose organization, include an organization chart that illustrates the placement of this request.**



3.  Compensation

The applicant shall provide the annual salaries paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position.

There are no paid officers, directors, and employees.

**VI. Other**

1.  Litigation

The applicant shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgement. If applicable, please explain.

Aha Hui E Kala dba Lawai International Center is not a party to any lawsuits or outstanding judgments known to itself at this time.

2.  Licensure or Accreditation

The applicant shall specify any special qualifications, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation that the applicant possesses relevant to this request.

The organization has no accreditation or licensure but members of the Board are licensed in Real Estate, Law and Organizational Development.

3.  Private Educational Institutions

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution.



This grant will not be used to support a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution.

**4.  Future Sustainability Plan**

**The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2018-19 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:**

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2018-19, but**
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.**

This is a request for capital funding to assist in financing a \$2 million Welcoming Center. If the grant requested is received for fiscal 2018-2019 but not thereafter the project will have enough funds to continue to completion.

**5.  Certificate of Good Standing (If the Applicant is an Organization)**

**If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a certificate of good standing from the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2017.**

See Attached

**6.  Declaration Statement**

**The applicant shall submit a declaration statement affirming its compliance with Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes.**

See Attached

**7.  Public Purpose**

**The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes.**

This grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

App Aha Hui E Kala dba Lawai International Center

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
<b>A PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1. Salaries	0	0	0	0
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	0	0	0	0
3. Fringe Benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>B OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island	0	0	0	0
2. Insurance	0	0	0	0
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	0	0	0	0
4. Lease/Rental of Space	0	0	0	0
5. Staff Training	0	0	0	0
6. Supplies	0	0	0	0
7. Telecommunication	0	0	0	0
8. Utilities	0	0	0	0
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>C EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>D MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>E CAPITAL</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>700,000</b>
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>500,000</b>			<b>700,000</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	500,000	Brian McKenzie PhD <span style="float: right;">808-245-3620</span>		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print) <span style="float: right;">Phone</span>		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0	[REDACTED] <span style="float: right;">808-639-4300</span>		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	700,000	Signature of Authorized Official <span style="float: right;">Date</span>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	Lynn Muramoto, President <span style="float: right;">2/16/18</span>		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES**

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Applicant: Aha Hui E Kala dba Lawai International Center

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
				\$ -
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<b>TOTAL:</b>				\$ -
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>				
No personnel salaries or wages included in this request				

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Applicant: Aha Hui E Kala dba Lawai International Center

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$ -

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

No equipment purchases or lease included in this request

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$ -

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

No motor vehicle purchase or lease included in this request

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Applicant: Aha Hui E Kala dbaLawai International Center

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2016-2017	FY: 2017-2018	FY:2018-2019	FY:2018-2019	FY:2019-2020	FY:2020-2021
PLANS	35000					
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN	105000					
CONSTRUCTION	160000	500000	500000	700000		
EQUIPMENT						
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>300000</b>	<b>500000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>		
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>						
This funding request is expected to see the \$2 million Welcoming Center project to completion						



**GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID**

App: Aha Hui E Kala dba Lawai International Center

Contracts Total: 800,000

	<b>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATES</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S. / State / Haw / Hon / Kau / Mau)</b>	<b>CONTRACT VALUE</b>
1	27th Session Legislative Grant in Aid	2016-2017	LNR	Hawaii	300,000
2	28th Session Legislative Grant in Aid	2017-2018	LNR	Hawaii	500,000
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**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF  
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISIED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) 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 is awarded;
  - b) Complies 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;
  - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
  - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant 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 ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant.
- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
  - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided.
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
  - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

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

Aha Hui E Kala dba Lawai International Center  
(Type [redacted] organization)

(Signature)

(Date)

Lynn Muramoto,  
(Typed Name)

2/16/18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President  
(Title)



**Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

I, the undersigned Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that

**AHA HUI E KALA**

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 04/24/1991 ; that it is an existing nonprofit corporation; and that, as far as the records of this Department reveal, has complied with all of the provisions of the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, regulating domestic nonprofit corporations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dated: January 15, 2018

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

