





## 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

#### OCEAN ALLIANCE PROJECT

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 01/16/2022 ; 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 19, 2023

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

## Application for Grants

*If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".*

### **I. Certification – Please attach immediately after cover page**

#### **1. 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, 2022.

#### **2. Declaration Statement**

Ocean Alliance Project will comply with the standards for the award of grants as put forward in Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes

#### **3. Public Purpose**

Ocean Alliance Project will train 50 community members to monitor our reefs, and conduct 144 ecological surveys pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes

### **II. Background and Summary**

Ocean Alliance Project is a newly formed non-profit organization focused on monitoring and surveying our coral reefs for imminent threats such as coral bleaching, coral disease, invasive macroalgae, and coral predator outbreaks. Each of these threats has the potential to destroy large, thriving coral reefs if left undetected. Our goal is to train our local scuba diving community to monitor our reefs, so we can initiate the Division of Aquatic Resources emergency response prior to large-scale degradation.

#### **Survey Area**

Maunalua Bay and Kakaako waterfront park are important resources for the local community, providing food, income, recreation, and cultural/spiritual value. Reefs here highly degraded from anthropogenic activities including overfishing, land based pollution, and coastal damage. Maunalua Bay is recognized as one of the most degraded marine ecosystems in Hawaii, with the DOH declaring it an impaired water body in 2002, 2004, and 2006. Similarly, Maunalua Bay's reef fish community has been declared among the worst in Hawaii in 2009. Kakaako has dirty, nutrient rich water which is in close proximity to one of the busiest marinas on the island. This leads to increased likelihood of coral disease, invasive macroalgae, and coral predator outbreaks. The Division of Aquatic Resources has an emergency response, however, without consistent monitoring and reports, they will not know where to go. Despite this,

ecological monitoring of coral reef ecosystems in Maunalua Bay has been surprisingly limited, with large scale monitoring projects occurring most recently in 2012. In the decade since, monitoring in Maunalua Bay has been limited to what Malama Maunalua and the Restore with Resilience Project can achieve for their restoration initiatives.

### **Goals and Objectives**

We plan on training 50 recreational scuba diving community members to independently survey our reefs for ecological threats, thus curbing coral predator outbreaks and limiting the spread of coral disease and invasive macroalgae. While training community members, we will be conducting ecological surveys 4 days a week year-round.

### **Target Population and Geographic Coverage**

Our mission will benefit community members, visitors, low-income individuals that rely on these areas as a food source, and commercial watersport operations that rely on healthy reefs. Our surveys will protect popular reef sites along the southern shores of Oahu. However, the training of community members expands the potential geographic coverage to populator reef sites all around the island.

## **III. Service Summary and Outcomes**

Over a 12-month period with funding assistance through the state, we will be able to certify 50 community members in the Conservation Diver Ecological Monitoring Program. Through these trainings, we will conduct 144 total ecological monitoring surveys. 72 surveys will be conducted on reefs in Maunalua Bay (Turtle Canyons east, Koko Craters, Fantasy Reef, Angler's reef, China Walls etc.), and 72 surveys will be conducted on the adjacent ledges of the Kewalo basin channel and the reefs surrounding Kakaako waterfront park. On the last Friday of every month at 5pm, we will host stakeholder meetings where the community can hear about our findings, explore ways to get involved, and voice any comments or concerns regarding the operation. Our open-sourced database will be created prior to in water survey activities.

### **Certification of 50 community members**

The certification is a 5-day course incorporating a total of 7 scuba dives. We can run these courses with as little as 1 student and as many as 7 students at any given time. Over school break periods (May-August), students will have a more flexible schedule. During these months it will be easier to stack students (2-3 per course) as their schedules will be more open.

Quality Assurance / Measures of success:

- Copies of certification cards and course paperwork

- Photos of community members on their ecological monitoring dives

### **144 total Surveys**

The 5-day course yields a total of 4 complete ecological monitoring surveys where we survey entire reefs for coral bleaching, coral predators (Crown of Thorns outbreaks), invasive macroalgae, and coral disease. 2 surveys in Maunalua bay and 2 surveys in Kakaako each time we run the course

Quality Assurance / Measures of success:

- All of the ecological data we collect will be uploaded to our open-sourced database with date, time, gps coordinates of the survey zones, and area surveyed

### **Stakeholder meetings**

Our monthly meetings are open to the general public. These meetings in the past have taken place at "BoxJelly", a co-working space. There, they have all the necessary equipment (TV for presentation, seats for community members, HDMI cords, and tables to place informative packets. Each individual will be given a survey sheet at the end of the meeting where they can comment on the current operations and any concerns or future developments they would like to see out of the operation.

Quality Assurance / Measures of success:

- All meetings will be recorded
- Will submit a report on how we addressed the communities concerns

### **12-month Timeline**

Total of 50 certified students in the Ecological Monitoring Program and 144 ecological surveys

June - 8 certifications, 16 surveys

July - 8 certifications, 16 surveys

August - 8 certifications, 16 surveys

September – 2 certifications, 8 surveys

October - 2 certifications, 8 surveys

November - 4 certifications, 16 surveys

December - 4 certifications, 16 surveys

January - 4 certifications, 16 surveys

February - 2 certifications, 8 surveys

March - 2 certifications, 8 surveys

April - 2 certifications, 8 surveys

May - 4 certifications, 8 surveys

Stakeholder meetings

June 28 : Meeting 1

July 26 : Meeting 2

August 30 : Meeting 3

September 27 : Meeting 4

October 27 : meeting 5

November 24 : Meeting 6

December 30 : Meeting 7

January 27 : Meeting 8

February 23 : Meeting 9

March 29 : Meeting 10

April 26 : Meeting 11

May 31 : Meeting 12

## **IV. Financial**

### **Budget**

## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant: Ocean Alliance Project

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	20,000			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>	<b>20,000</b>	null		null
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	8,400			
4. Lease/Rental of Space	0			
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies	0			
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
9. Motor Vehicle	35,000			
10. Monitoring Equipment	11,000			
11. mileage and parking			\	
12. Charter fees	10,000			
13. Professional and Contractual Fees				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				
<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>64,400</b>	null	null	null
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>				
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>E. CAPITAL</b>				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>84,400</b>	null	null	null
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	84,400	Budget Prepared By:		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Dylan Brown 703-244-2923		
(c) Total County Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official Date		
		Executive Director		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>84,400</b>			





**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES**

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant: Ocean Alliance Project

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Diver Propulsion Vehicle	2.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0
Go Pro Hero 11	2	\$500.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	4		\$ 11,000.00	
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>				
essential for monitoring activities				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
2022 Toyota Tacoma	1.00	\$35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	0
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	1		\$ 35,000.00	
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>				
essential for transport for monitoring sites and outreach events				

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant: \_\_\_Ocean Alliance Project\_\_\_\_\_

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: 2021-2022	FY: 2022-2023	FY:2023-2024	FY:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
<b>TOTAL:</b>						
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>  <span style="font-size: 2em;">Not Applicable</span>						

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

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean Alliance Project \_\_\_\_\_

**Not Applicable**

Contracts Total: \_\_\_\_\_ -

	<b>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATES</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)</b>	<b>CONTRACT VALUE</b>
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$55,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$84,400

1. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2024.

a) Honolulu City Council Grants in Aid District 4 (pending)

We are seeking \$186,064. This funding would help to pay for:

- Salaries and wages for critical employees
- Payroll taxes and health care
- Monitoring equipment and supplies
- Outreach event equipment and supplies
- Professional and Contractual Fees
- Mileage and Parking

b) PADI Aware Community Hub Grants

We are seeking \$10,000. This funding would help to pay for:

- Staff Training
- Discount opportunities for low-income community members
- Monitoring supplies

2. 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. We have not received any state or federal tax credits within the prior three years. We also have not and do not anticipate applying for tax credits pertaining to any capital project

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 2024 for program funding.

Not applicable. We have not received any federal, state, or county government contracts, grants, or grants in aid within the prior three years

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2022.

# Your American Savings Bank Interim Statement



P.O. Box 2300 • Honolulu, HI 96804-2300

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Ocean Alliance Project  
Dylan Brown  
298 Moomuku Pl B  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

RN: 321370765  
Account: 8104752691  
Current Balance: \$142.80

## Transaction Summary

Date	Activity Description	Amount	Balance
01/03/2023	ISLAND DIV VSAPUR 079460 ISLAND DIVERS HAWAI 8396 HONOLULU HI 123022 220420	\$73.26	\$142.80
01/20/2023	DCCA ELECT VSAPUR 003146	\$7.50	\$135.30

\*\*\*\* END OF STATEMENT\*\*\*\*

## **V. Experience and Capability**

Our program coordinator holds a Master's in Marine Biology and has worked in the field of coral reef monitoring and coral restoration for over 5 years. He is an accomplished diver with over 2,000 logged scuba dives, 750 research related, and has been a PADI/SSI scuba diving instructor for 6 years. We are confident our coordinator possesses the abilities to train our next generation of coral reef conservationists at a large scale.

Our current limiting factor is the overhead of staff, and contractual fees (\$365 per EMP for boat seats / gear rental). The award of GIA funding will pay the salaries of our full time staff, and satisfy the contractual requirements for boat seats and gear rental. This would allow OAP to make the EMP training free for volunteers. With the thousands of scuba divers, marine biology students, postgraduate students, and passionate conservationists on island, we are confident we will be able to meet our measurable outcomes.

## **VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing**

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

#### **Program Coordinator**

The program coordinator is in charge of day-to-day operations including the acquisition of students, training and certification of students through the Ecological Monitoring Program, supervision and formulation of all in water activities, and supervision of all databases and projects.

The Program Coordinator is also in charge of long-term and ongoing objectives such as network building with federal, state, and local conservation projects, keeps track of revenue and contracts, submits monthly reports to satisfy grant requirements, leads stakeholder meetings, establishes mitigation protocols addressing stakeholder concerns, and ensures the organizations mission is being upheld throughout operations.

#### **Research Assistant**

Research Assistants help with day-to-day operations. Responsibilities include assisting with in water supervision, data collection, collecting and analyzing data, creation and maintenance of the open source database, social media and outreach, grant acquisition, and website maintenance.

# DYLAN BROWN

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## Education and Certifications

- MS Marine Biology – James Cook University (Australia)
- BS Marine Biology – Old Dominion University (USA)
- PADI/SSI Open Water Scuba Instructor/Deep Dive Instructor
- 500+ research related dives
- 1 year of marine husbandry experience

## Employment History

### Executive Director / Founder

01/2022-PRESENT

**Ocean Alliance Project**– Honolulu, Hawai'i

- Completed over 50 local ecological monitoring surveys (500+ worldwide)
- Logged over 750 Scuba Dives throughout the Hawaiian Islands
- In charge of all current operations including but not limited to : program development, administrative work, financial management, grant acquisition, in water supervision, data collection etc.
- Facilitated reef cleanup events where 1,000+lbs of marine debris were removed off of local reef ecosystems
- In charge of the overall expansion of the project

### Research assistant

06/2020-05/2021

**Australian Tropical Sciences and Innovation Project**– James Cook University, Townsville, Australia

- Assisted on active research involving macroalgae removal and larval enhancement as a coral reef restoration tactic
- Participated in field operations including settlement tile deployment and retrieval, coral husbandry, macroalgae removal, larval enhancement, coral bleaching surveys, and coral cover surveys
- Conducted microscopic analysis of settlement tiles in order to assess the abundance of live and dead coral recruits
- Independently analyzed coral recruitment data using R and SPSS to determine if there was significant variance of coral recruitment between removal and control plots
- Gained experience in communicating my research to people with no prior marine biology education, bachelor's and master's students, PhD candidates, and professors at the university

Publication: Removal of Macroalgae from Degraded Reefs Enhances Coral Recruitment, <https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.13624>

### Professional Placement

06/2020-10/2020

**The Carapace Turtle Health Research Facility** – James Cook University, Townsville, Australia

- Gained experience in marine husbandry and general care of juvenile hawksbill and green turtles including but not limited to feeding and nutrient enhancement, setting up, cleaning, and maintaining enclosure systems, removing algae and parasites from turtle shell/body, and measuring growth
- Assisted on active research involving tracking softwares to document the circadian rhythm of hawksbill and green turtles
- Gained experience in capturing, tagging, and drawing blood from wild-caught turtles

### Research assistant / Dive Instructor

02/2018-06/2019

**Center of Oceanic Research and Education of Southeast Asia (CORE SEA)** – Koh Phangan, Thailand

- Conducted 2 week orientations of research related diving for all interns at the facility



- Led rapid reef resilience assessments as well as biodiversity surveys for fish, coral, and other invertebrates
- Independently organized research projects as well as the corresponding methodologies
- Supervised and instructed other interns when formulating and conducting methodologies
- Led lectures regarding marine ecology, marine conservation biology, and ichthyology to university level students
- Incorporated Instructor duties to ensure the safety of interns during field research

## Research Projects:

### Effect of Macroalgae Removal on Coral Recruitment on an Inshore Reef of the Great Barrier Reef

(Publication Pending)

- Is coral recruitment higher in areas where macroalgae was removed?
- Does macroalgae removal affect the searching behavior of planulae larvae in the settlement stage?
- Is there a significant variation in coral recruit size among removal and control plots?

### Analysis of Platform Implications on the Circadian Rhythm of Juvenile Hawksbill and Green Sea Turtles

- Do juvenile Hawksbill and Green Turtles have a prominent circadian rhythm?
- Does an elevated resting area impact activity levels throughout the day and night?

### The *Fungia fungites* growth anomaly

- Is an Observed growth anomaly in the scleractinian coral *Fungia fungites* the result of parasitic mutualism (benthic invertebrates)
- Is there a direct correlation between the size of the individual and the susceptibility to abnormal growth?
- Do different zones of the reef have an increased or decreased effect on abnormal growth

### Differences in feeding preferences and lifestyle characteristics between two species of corallivorous marine gastropods (*Drupella cornus* and *Drupella eburnea*) on a fringing reef in the Gulf of Thailand.

- Is there a difference in feeding preference between two marine gastropods: *D. cornus* and *D. eburnea*
- Is there a difference in lifestyle characteristics between the two species regarding feeding? i.e. Aggregational feeding compared to solitary feeding.
- On observed hypergrowth patches of *Pachyseris speciosa*, how many *Drupella* per m<sup>2</sup> were observed? How closely linked is that number to the specified reef degradation number of *Drupella* (3 per m<sup>2</sup>)
- How closely linked is the observed number of *drupella* from the hypergrowth patch of *P. speciosa* to the number of *Drupella* found in the rest of the reef crest?

# Mason Mellott

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## **Achievements/Skills**

Scuba Certifications: Rescue Diver, Enriched Air Nitrox, CPR/AED/First aid/O2  
Scuba Pro Service Technician  
Mares Service Technician  
Animal Husbandry/Aquarium Building and Maintenance  
Photography/Underwater photography

## **Experience**

### **Ocean Alliance Project**

Research Assistant (April 2022 - Present)

Assisted with the inception of a conservation-based non profit. Helps implement procedures by testing the teaching methods and class structure of the associated training. Provides administrative assistance with trainings as well as practical resources (space and technology for in-person lectures, transportation to dive sites, boat and equipment for training dives). Performs ecological surveys by way of line transects and quadrat sampling techniques.

### **Island Divers Hawaii**

Assistant Manager (August 2021 - Present)

Responsible for retail sales, team management, gear service, communication with customers, and the implementation and coordination of company standards and procedures. Assists with building back the company after covid and expanding the company into new sectors.

Responsible for solidifying policies and procedures surrounding both employee-company relations and customer-company relations.

### **Starbucks**

Barista (June 2017 – January 2018) / Shift Supervisor (January 2018 – June 2021)

Crafted beverages, handled monetary transactions, lead a team of baristas, and performed various other tasks associated with running a coffee shop. Implemented strategies to improve efficiency and to reach sales/customer satisfaction goals.

### **North Pacific Seafoods**

Cannery Worker (June 2016 – August 2016)

Performed various factory duties including filleting fish, weighing cans, loading pallets, vacuum sealing fillets, filling cans, and assessing the quality of fish.

## **Education**

### **Arizona State University**

B.S. Biology (2021)

**c) Compensation**

Program Coordinator : \$50,000 - \$75,000 / year

Research Assistant : \$17,500 - \$35,000 / year

**VII. Other**

**1. Litigation**

Not Applicable

**2. Licensure or Accreditation**

**Dylan Brown : Program coordinator**

PADI Open Water Instructor #392713

SSI Open Water Instructor #99137

Conservation Diver Instructor: #00026

**3. Private Educational Institutions**

Not Applicable

**4. Future Sustainability Plan**

Without any outside funding, we are confident this project will still be a success. Due to the increasing interest in marine conservation coupled with the high tourism Oahu experiences, we will secure business through regenerative tourism. This will be a “pay for volunteer” program. Money made from these regenerative tourism courses will help pay the salaries of staff and offer financial assistance for future low-income EMP students.

Each student will be given "club privileges" through Honu Water sports, where they can assist on future OAP projects, and only pay \$99 per boat charter. This is by far the cheapest way of doing boat diving through a coast guard inspected, commercial operation. This has been approved through Honu Water Sports, and can be booked through OAP or Honu watersports's fareharbor booking service. Since all students will be certified divers, they can either go with members of the organization, a dive professional through Honu watersports, or independently in a buddy team. This will encourage students to continue their education, and survey our reefs in an easier and catered format.

In late 2024, we anticipate our revenue stream (long term internships, 1 day regenerative tourism tours, donations) will be sufficient to secure a 6 pack boat. Our

program coordinator would serve as the captain while the research assistants monitor the in water activities. With this scheme, we would be able to continue to teach these course for a reduced rate or free (donation and funding depending)  
In order to carry out the AAUS certification, we will secure a Diving Safety Officer to build the scientific diving manual and satisfy all requirements put forward by AAUS. This will allow us to teach the Scientific Diver course, a prerequisite for most underwater research-related jobs. This would help us reach a larger audience of gap-year individuals, university students, and post-graduates.

**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; and
- 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.
- 4) The use of grant-in-aid funding complies with all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii (for example, pursuant to Article X, section 1, of the Constitution, the State cannot provide "... public funds ... for the support or benefit of any sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution...").

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.

Dylan Brown Ocean Alliance Project  
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

Dylan Brown 01/20/2023  
(Signature) (Date)

Dylan Brown Executive Director  
(Typed Name) (Title)