

**THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Type of Grant Request:

Operating                       Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Db:

I Ola Wailuanui

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$478,225 \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Request (Please attach word document to back of page if extra space is needed):  
See word document for response that required additional space.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

County: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Private/Other: \$ 10,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5 Fiscal Years:

\$0 \_\_\_\_\_

Unrestricted Assets:

\$4,168.49 \_\_\_\_\_

New Service (Presently Does Not Exist):  Existing Service (Presently in Operation):

Type of Business Entity:

- 501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporation
- Other Non Profit
- Other

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Jordan Loudon Exec. Assistant

Name and Title

01/17/2024

Date Signed

**Brief Description of Request:**

For decades the Coco Palms property and the surrounding Wailuanuiaho'āno complex have languished in neglect. The prevalent disarray demands immediate attention, and our organization is committed to addressing this issue. It is imperative that we no longer allow this abandoned eyesore to persist without intervention. Our proactive approach involves the development of a comprehensive community plan, serving as a contingency strategy. This contingency plan will:

1. Identify and engage key stakeholders and stewards:
  - a. Establish and strengthen meaningful connections with essential stakeholders and community stewards, fostering a collective of collaboration and shared responsibility for this initiative.
2. Identify and commit funding resources:
  - a. Strategically identify and secure funding resources crucial for the successful execution of the stewardship project, ensuring financial sustainability and support.
3. Develop a vision through collaborative and inclusive processes:
  - a. Facilitate a visioning process that actively involves community stakeholders, ensuring a collaborative and inclusive approach to envisioning the future of Wailuanuiaho'āno.
4. Plan a future of cultural revitalization with or without a hotel:
  - a. Formulate a comprehensive plan for the future of Wailuanuiaho'āno ahupua'a, encompassing cultural revitalization efforts and remaining flexible to accommodate scenarios with or without a hotel.

Applicant I Ola Wailuanvi

## Application Submittal Checklist

The following items are required for submittal of the grant application. Please verify and check off that the items have been included in the application packet.

- 1) Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization) *Applicant awaiting clearance from Dept. of Taxation  
Received clearance from IRS & Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations*
- 2) Declaration Statement
- 3) Verify that grant shall be used for a public purpose
- 4) Background and Summary
- 5) Service Summary and Outcomes
- 6) Budget
  - a) Budget request by source of funds ([Link](#))
  - b) Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#))
  - c) Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#)) **N/A**
  - d) Capital project details ([Link](#))
  - e) Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#)) **N/A**
- 7) Experience and Capability
- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

Jordan Loudon Jordan Loudon, Exec. Assistant 01/18/24  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE PRINT NAME AND TITLE DATE



**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF  
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED 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.

I Ola Waiwanui  
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

Jordan Leudon                      1/17/24  
(Signature)                                      (Date)

Jordan Leudon                      Executive Assistant  
(Typed Name)                                      (Title)





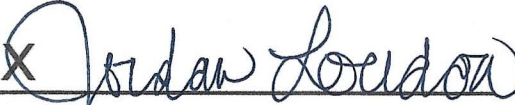
Board Members

January 18, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

As an authorized representative of 501(c)(3) I Ola Wailuanui, I affirm in good faith that the funds being requested for the 2024 Grant in Aid will serve a public purpose.

Mahalo for your consideration,

  
Jordan Loudon  
Executive Assistant

- Pual'i'il'i'imaikalani Rossi-Fukino - President
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## 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. Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)**

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate from the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2023.

Applicant is awaiting tax clearance from the Department of Taxation. Clearance has been received from the Internal Revenue Service and the Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations. Applicant is exempt from obtaining clearance with the Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs. Applicant will email Hawai'i Compliance Express Certificate once obtained.

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

The applicant shall submit a declaration statement affirming its compliance with [Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#).

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

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

### **II. 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;**

While recently formalized as a nonprofit, I Ola Wailuanui has a rich history rooted in grassroots community engagement spanning nearly a decade. Our journey began as a response to the struggles of the Coco Palms Hotel post-Hurricane 'Iniki. Initially led by Garden Island Resource, Conservation & Development, Inc., our diverse group of community volunteers has observed the property pass through various developers, each promising the restoration of the iconic Coco



Palms Hotel. Unfortunately, these promises continue to remain unfulfilled, leaving the site in disarray for 31 years since Hurricane 'Iniki's impact.

Recognizing the diminishing trust in developers, I Ola Wailuanui transformed from a defensive team to a proactive entity. Our Board now comprises Kānaka Maoli and prominent community members, including cultural practitioners, kumu 'ike Hawai'i, former county and state representatives, a fishpond expert, and legal counsels. Guided by the Hawaiian value "A'oha hana nui ke alu 'ia" (No task is too big when done together by all (MKP #142), we understand the significance of collective efforts.

Positioning ourselves as stewards of this kuleana, we acknowledge the enormity of revitalizing this 'āina and embrace the responsibility. I Ola Wailuanui is committed to engaging the community through extensive outreach, both in-person and online. With the guidance of 'ōlelo no'eau #142, we believe in the power of collaboration, recognizing that bringing diverse voices to the table is essential for the success of this project. Our Board Members and Community Advisory group possess the connections and 'ike necessary to unite the appropriate stewards of this wahi pana. In essence, I Ola Wailuanui is not just an organization; it is a collective force fueled by passion, commitment, and a deep sense of responsibility to revitalize and honor Wailuanuiaho'āno.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

I Ola Wailuanui, in collaboration with the broader Kaua'i community, envisions a transformative journey for Wailuanuiaho'āno. Our collective goals are rooted in returning this area to its traditional significance, reclaiming its status as one of the most culturally profound regions on Kaua'i. The overarching objectives of our initiative are as follows:

Our primary goal is to return Wailuanuiaho'āno to its traditional role as a hub for cultural enrichment, historic preservation, land conservation, and spiritual nourishment. This involves the acquisition of the former Coco Palms Resort and the restoration of the site to its original wetlands, mitigating risks from flooding, hurricanes, and tsunamis to benefit the surrounding community and Kaua'i's residents and visitors.

A pivotal objective is to create a space for Kānaka Maoli and local residents of all backgrounds and ages to reconnect with Wailuanuiaho'āno, fostering a sense of place and cultural significance. We plan to implement community outreach and 'āina-based land restoration projects to inspire, reconnect, educate, empower, and employ those intimately connected to this sacred area.



Another key goal is to align the stewarding of Wailuanuiaho'āno with state and county plans for tourism management, leveraging lessons from successful models like the Nāpali Coast transportation hub. The objective is to design the future uses of Wailuanuiaho'āno to harmonize with county plans, contributing to a balanced and sustainable approach to tourism that benefits both the community and visitors.

Furthermore, our initiative aims to actively engage with and contribute to the county's plans for the East Kaua'i Transportation Hub, building on successful models of tourism management. The objective is to work collaboratively with the county to ensure that the revitalization efforts align seamlessly with the transportation hub's vision, fostering a balanced and harmonious approach to community and visitor interactions.

In essence, our goals and objectives extend beyond physical revitalization; they are deeply rooted in cultural preservation, community empowerment, and sustainable tourism practices. I Ola Wailuanui eagerly anticipates working hand-in-hand with the community and county to bring this transformative vision to fruition, ensuring Wailuanuiaho'āno becomes a beacon of cultural richness, resilience, and shared heritage for generations to come.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

I Ola Wailuanui is seeking a two-year \$478,225.00 capital improvement project grant-in-aid to initiate the planning and design phase for the acquisition and long-term management of Wailuanuiaho'āno, formerly known as "Coco Palms Resort." This grant will facilitate the establishment of a cultural, historical, and community space that serves the public interest and addresses the critical needs of the community. The allocated funds will be utilized to support the following key roles: one full-time Project Manager to oversee the coordination of the I Ola Wailuanui project, one full-time Project Assistant responsible for clerical duties and operational tasks, one part-time Research Assistant, a dedicated Grant Writer, and a Communications Manager. Additionally, the funding will cover expenses associated with consulting services for funding, acquisition, revitalization, and site management. It will also support any required travel, printing, or supplies essential for project completion. The appointed coordinator will collaborate with consultants and community members to develop a comprehensive plan for the acquisition of the historic Coco Palms property.

Upon acquisition, I Ola Wailuanui is committed to realizing its mission of creating a public space that encompasses cultural enrichment, historic preservation, traditional food production, land conservation, and spiritual nourishment. This envisioned site will serve as an educational and interpretive gathering place, functioning as a core learning center for Hawaiian cultural stewardship on Kaua'i and contributing to the broader



educational landscape in Hawai'i. The grant will play a pivotal role in initiating this transformative project that aligns with the community's needs and fosters cultural revitalization, education, and community engagement.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

The allure of Kaua'i transcends demographics, attracting a diverse population that includes indigenous descendants, immigrants from the plantation era, recent transplants, and first-time visitors. The revitalization of Wailuanuiaho'āno and its surrounding properties is designed to serve every person, irrespective of age, background, or origin. This ambitious endeavor seeks to honor the entirety of the local community, embracing its values and lifestyle. The envisioned cultural and historical resource will extend its embrace to educate and provide a sense of place to all who visit, fostering a deep sense of respect, pride, and wonder. In essence, it aspires to be a unifying force, weaving together the rich tapestry of Kaua'i's heritage for the benefit of both residents and visitors alike.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Wailuanuiaho'āno stands as a site of immense historical significance, encapsulating various periods in the archipelago's history. Enclosed within the points of Mauna Kapu, Nounou, and 'A'ahoaka, this area was once deemed "the most important high-status area on Kaua'i in pre-Contact times," serving as a royal center for high chiefs and chiefesses. The Wailua Complex of Heiau within this region, now a designated National Historic Landmark, includes sacred sites such as a pu'uhonua (place of refuge), a birthing site exclusive to Ali'i, navigational heiau, and luakini (sacrificial sites) — some of the oldest heiau on Kaua'i.

During the mid-nineteenth century, high chiefess Deborah Kapule's residence marked this area as a hospitality hub. Her 'āina featured food production systems like lo'i kalo (taro pondfields) and loko i'a (fishponds), including the historic fishponds Weuweu and Kaiwiiki/Kawaiiki. These fishponds, registered on the State and National Registers of Historical Places, continue to bear association with Deborah Kapule.

In the late 19th century, agricultural pursuits like copra, coconut, rice, and taro farming flourished. The early statehood period witnessed the rise of tourism, with Coco Palms Resort gaining global attention through Elvis Presley's 1961 film *Blue Hawai'i*, shaping the romantic image of the islands. The site, spanning approximately 12.57 acres zoned RR-20 (Resort) and 19.29 acres zoned Open, features the historic coconut grove, former tennis courts, and an entry segment.

The surrounding conservation land, leased by the previous owner, has been recognized as defunct since 2017. This multifaceted history and geographic coverage illustrate Wailuanuiaho'āno's profound cultural, historical, and economic importance.

### **III. 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;

The I Ola Wailuanui work plan encompasses several key elements crucial to the success of the project. This includes identifying funding sources for the land purchase, formulating a strategic acquisition strategy, and compiling a comprehensive list of costs associated with building construction, site restoration, and long-term stewardship. An integral component of the plan is a robust public outreach campaign designed to solicit input, ideas, and suggestions from reputable community organizations and residents, solidifying strategic partnerships essential for the acquisition.

Upon completion of the detailed work plan and outreach campaign, I Ola Wailuanui will be well-prepared to embark on the process of acquiring the Coco Palms property. The envisioned outcome is the establishment of a public space dedicated to cultural enrichment, historic preservation, land conservation, and spiritual nourishment for the people of Hawai'i.

The I Ola Wailuanui Board, comprised of Kānaka Maoli and prominent community members, will oversee the hiring process and ensure the successful execution of the work plan. Affiliated with numerous community organizations, including Kaua'i Community College, Kaua'i Resilience Project, Kupu A'e Leadership Development, and others, the Board and Community Advisory Group will meet monthly to assess progress, address challenges, and strategize for the project's advancement.

Given the complexity of the project and the involvement of various stakeholders, I Ola Wailuanui is prepared to develop a contingency plan for the property, should development proceed. The organization has applied for three RP parcels, strategically located to buffer the fee simple parcel containing the majority of the buildings and near the old Seashell Restaurant. If awarded the RP parcels, I Ola Wailuanui will collaborate with developers to ensure their proper use.



Additionally, the organization is proactive in responding to potential outcomes that may arise from community engagement, preparing for cleanup efforts, and strategizing for various scenarios, whether integrated with the hotel or as an independent venture. This comprehensive approach reflects I Ola Wailuanui's commitment to adaptability, community engagement, and the successful realization of its mission.

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

Assuming availability of funding in July 2024, the following timeline has been developed:

August 2024	I Ola Wailuanui consultant/project coordinator selection begins
August 2024 - October 2024	Consultant to coordinate project hired
September 2024 - January 2025	Review and assess; onboarding new hires
January 2025	Consultants begin work on community outreach and marketing campaign
January 2025 - January 2026	Ongoing work conducted by marketing team and consultants on outreach campaign and project work plan
January 2025 - January 2026	Ongoing work conducted by grant writer to seek additional funding sources
July 2026	Project work plan is completed

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

I Ola Wailuanui is committed to implementing a robust quality assurance and evaluation framework to closely monitor, assess, and enhance the outcomes of the grant request. Our approach involves systematic measures to ensure the effectiveness of the project and to facilitate continuous improvement. The key components of our quality assurance and evaluation plans include:

1. Regular Project Progress Assessments:

- a. Conduct periodic reviews of the project's progress against established timelines and milestones. This includes tracking the hiring process for the project coordinator, community engagement efforts, and the development of the comprehensive work plan.
2. Community Feedback Mechanism:
  - a. Establish an ongoing mechanism for soliciting and incorporating feedback from community members and stakeholder groups. This will involve surveys, community meetings, and other engagement strategies to gauge the level of support and address any concerns.
3. Performance Metrics for Key Milestones:
  - a. Define and consistently monitor performance metrics for crucial project milestones, such as the creation of the project work plan, communication with the landowner, and securing commitments for the sale of the property at the appraised value.
4. Regular Communication with the Expending Agency:
  - a. Maintain open lines of communication with the expending agency, providing regular updates on project developments, any challenges encountered, and adjustments made to address them. This ensures transparency and allows for timely collaboration on troubleshooting and improvements.
5. Outcome Evaluation:
  - a. Implement a thorough evaluation process to assess the achievement of desired outcomes, including the successful hiring of the project coordinator, strong community support, the establishment of communication channels with the landowner, and the identification of a non-profit organization for site oversight.
6. Adjustment and Improvement Protocols:
  - a. Establish protocols for adjusting project strategies based on evaluation findings. If any aspect of the project requires modification for improved effectiveness, these adjustments will be made promptly and communicated to the relevant stakeholders, including the expending agency.
7. Documentation and Reporting:
  - a. Maintain detailed documentation of project activities, evaluations, and improvements. This information will be compiled into regular reports submitted to the expending agency, providing a comprehensive overview of project developments and the effectiveness of implemented strategies.

In summary, I Ola Wailuanui is committed to implementing a comprehensive quality assurance and evaluation plan, ensuring that the project not only meets its objectives but continually evolves to achieve optimal outcomes. The incorporation of community feedback, regular assessments, and transparent communication will be pivotal in



refining our strategies and ensuring the success of the Wailuanuiaho'āno cultural and historical restoration initiative.

4. List the measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency). The measure(s) will provide a standard and objective way for the State to assess the program's achievement or accomplishment. Please note that if the level of appropriation differs from the amount included in this application that the measure(s) of effectiveness will need to be updated and transmitted to the expending agency.

The effectiveness of the I Ola Wailuanui project will be gauged through the following key measures:

1. Timely Hiring of Project Coordinator (by September 2024)
  - a. Ensure the recruitment and onboarding of a qualified project coordinator to spearhead the I Ola Wailuanui initiative, promoting effective leadership and project management.
2. Community Engagement and Support
  - a. Conduct extensive outreach to community members and various groups throughout the planning process, fostering broad support for the project and its collaborators.
  - b. Secure endorsements and partnerships from key stakeholders to strengthen community backing.
3. Development of a Comprehensive Project Work Plan
  - a. Formulate a detailed and strategic project work plan that outlines the step-by-step approach towards the acquisition, restoration, and long-term management of Wailuanuiaho'āno
4. Effective Communication with the Current Landowner
  - a. Maintain consistent and transparent communication with the current landowner, ensuring an ongoing dialogue to address concerns, provide updates, and foster a collaborative relationship.
5. Agreement on Property Sale at Appraised Value
  - a. Secure a commitment from the landowner to sell the property at its appraised value, establishing a fair and mutually agreeable financial arrangement
6. Identification of Non-Profit Organization for Site Oversight
  - a. Identify and establish a partnership with a reputable non-profit organization that will assume responsibility for overseeing the acquisition and future management of the site, ensuring its sustained cultural, historical, and community significance.
7. Adherence to Timelines

- a. Monitor and adhere to all project timelines, demonstrating efficiency and effectiveness in the execution of each phase of the initiative.

These measures collectively serve as objective benchmarks to assess the program's progress, success, and its contribution to the cultural, historical, and community enrichment goals outlined in the grant application. In the event of any variance in the level of appropriation, these measures will be updated accordingly and promptly communicated to the expending agency.

**IV. Financial**

**Budget**

- 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 ([Link](#))
  - b. Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#))
  - c. Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#)) **Not applicable.**
  - d. Capital project details ([Link](#))
  - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#)) **Not applicable.**
- 2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2025.

Funding Opportunity	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
GIA			\$478,225		\$478,225
Seventh Generation	\$50,000				\$50,000
Atherton Foundation	\$14,200				\$14,200
HI Peoples Fund	\$5,000				\$5,000
Hawai'i Historic	\$100,000				\$100,000



Preservation					
Cooke Foundation	\$20,000				\$20,000
Rosendin Foundation		\$2,500	\$50,000		\$52,500
Kapapahuliau Climate Resilience	\$1,000,000				\$1,000,000
FEMA HGMP	\$10,000,000				\$10,000,000
NDN Collective				\$40,000	\$40,000
Nathan Cummings Foundation		\$250,000			\$250,000
<b>Total Funds Requested</b>					<b>\$12,009,925</b>

- The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2025.

Applicant will seek additional sources of funding for the fiscal year 2024 through donations, fundraising activities, and grants.

- 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.

- 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 2025 for program funding.

Not applicable.

- The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2023.

Balance of unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2023 is \$4,168.49.

## **V. 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.

I Ola Wailuanui is a highly qualified applicant for the proposed cultural and historical restoration project at Wailuanuiaho'āno, possessing a diverse skill set, extensive experience, and strong partnerships. Our demonstrated skills and experience include:

#### **Community Engagement and Collaboration:**

Proven track record in fostering community engagement, exemplified by successful collaborations with Wailua Community Neighborhood Association and Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development (GIRCD) in grassroots initiatives. This showcases our commitment to inclusive decision-making.

#### **Conservation and Land Stewardship:**

Established partnerships with conservation-focused entities such as HILT, Sierra Club, and TPL, demonstrating our dedication to land conservation and stewardship. This experience positions us well to navigate the intricacies of restoring the Wailuanuiaho'āno complex.

#### **Cultural Sensitivity and Advocacy:**

Our association with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) reflects our commitment to preserving and promoting Hawaiian culture. We recognize the importance of cultural sensitivity and advocacy in the restoration process, ensuring that the project aligns with the cultural values of the community.

#### **Nonprofit Management and Governance:**



As a recently formalized nonprofit, we have experience in nonprofit management and governance, with the establishment of partnerships showcasing our credibility within the community.

In the most recent three years, our collaborative efforts include:

1. Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development (GIRCD)
  - a. Collaboration on grassroots initiatives for Coco Palms post-Hurricane 'Iniki.
2. Hawai'i Land Trust (HILT)
  - a. Partnership in land conservation efforts, demonstrating a commitment to preserving Hawaii's natural and cultural resources.
3. Wailua Community Neighborhood Association
  - a. Engaged in community-driven projects, showcasing our ability to collaborate with local residents for shared objectives.
4. Sierra Club
  - a. Collaboration on environmental initiatives, emphasizing our dedication to sustainable practices.
5. Malae
  - a. Involvement in cultural and community projects, showcasing our commitment to preserving and promoting Hawaiian heritage.
6. Hikinaakala
  - a. Partnership in initiatives related to cultural awareness and education, demonstrating our commitment to the cultural enrichment of the community.
7. Poliahu
  - a. Collaboration on projects aligned with cultural preservation and historical significance.
8. Mālama Hule'ia
  - a. Engagement in environmental conservation projects, highlighting our commitment to stewardship.

Our extensive network of partners and demonstrated experience in community engagement, conservation, and cultural advocacy positions I Ola Wailuanui as a well-equipped and suitable applicant for this grant. We are dedicated to leveraging our skills and partnerships to ensure the successful restoration and revitalization of Wailuanuiaho'āno for the benefit of the community and its cultural heritage.

## **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.

Contracted services will be utilized for the Project Coordinator and hired consultants of the I Ola Wailuanui project and they will work from their homes throughout the time of employment. No facilities need to be secured.

## **VI. 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.

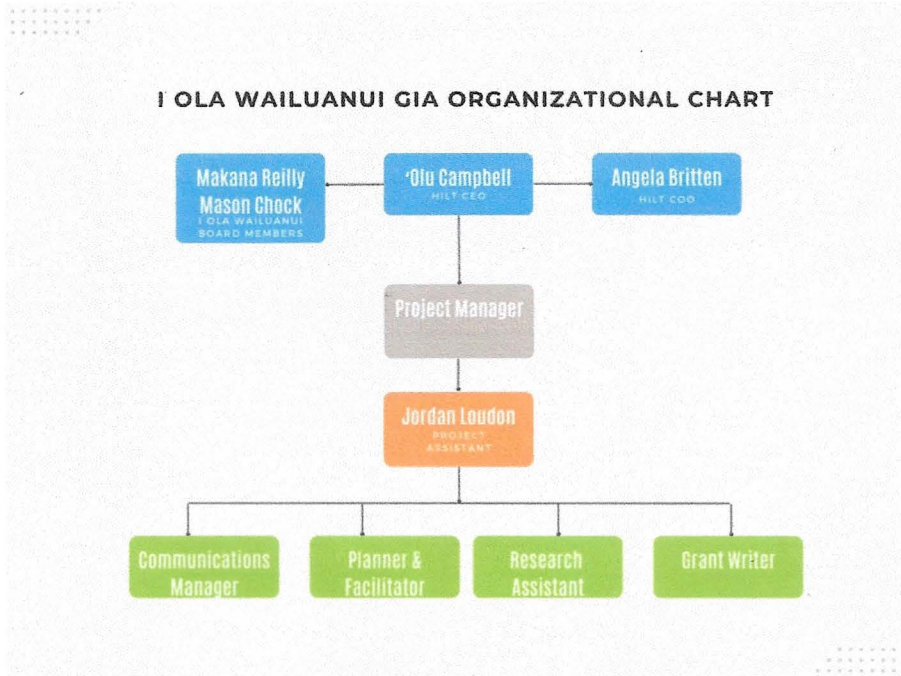
I Ola Wailuanui staff has over ten years of non-profit management experience. In addition to non-profit management, I Ola Wailuanui staff has experience in business management as a previous owner and operator of an exercise studio. Responsibilities related to these roles include Board management, hiring and training of staff, implementation of pricing strategies, interaction with local and federal officials, oversight of technical report writing, regular communications strategy and outreach, management of committees, and bookkeeping.

For this restoration effort, the proposed staffing pattern includes a Project Manager whose supervision includes leadership from I Ola Wailuanui as well as Hawai'i Island Land Trust to ensure proper oversight and accountability. To support the Project Manager, I Ola Wailuanui will hire a Project Assistant. Additional hired support staff include a Communications Manager, Planner & Facilitator, Research Assistant, and Grant Writer.

### **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 an annual salary range paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position title, not employee name.

I Ola Wailuanui has one part-time contracted staff member, an Executive Assistant, with an annual salary range of \$20,000.

## VII. 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.

Not applicable.

### 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.

Hawai'i Land Trust (HILT) is Hawai'i's islands-wide land trust that is both a Hawai'i 501(c)3 nonprofit, and a nationally accredited land trust. We protect lands that are integral to Hawai'i's well-being and character, upholding our kuleana to these lands, and

the communities they are in, through thoughtful stewardship that deepens community connection to, and builds reciprocal relationships with 'āina.

### **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. Please see [Article X, Section 1, of the State Constitution](#) for the relevance of this question.

Not applicable.

### **4. Future Sustainability Plan**

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2024-25 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2024-25, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

In planning for future sustainability beyond fiscal year 2023-24, I Ola Wailuanui envisions a multi-faceted approach rooted in the foundational principles of Pāheona (mele, arts, and hula), 'Āina, Ola, and Mo'olelo. To celebrate Hawai'i's rich culture, the organization will host family-friendly mele and hula gatherings, collaborating with local vendors to offer food and crafts. Emphasizing aloha 'āina, I Ola Wailuanui will explore sustainable food production activities, with a particular focus on restoring the fishponds to their historical abundance, leveraging the expertise of its members affiliated with Mālama Hulē'ia.

To diversify revenue streams, I Ola Wailuanui plans to organize community-building and educational workshops, offering paid events such as lectures and traditional skill-building workshops. This commitment to uplifting the lāhui will be a key aspect of sustaining income. Furthermore, the organization will nurture relationships with funding sources, including private donors, contributions, and grants. By prioritizing community building and mālama 'āina, I Ola Wailuanui aims to establish itself as a sustainable and functional operation, forming strong partnerships with like-minded organizations dedicated to the well-being of the 'āina and contributing to economic diversity in Hawai'i.





## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: \_I Ola Wailuanui\_\_\_\_\_

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
Project Manager		\$100,000.00	100.00%	\$ 100,000.00
Project Assistant		\$40,000.00	100.00%	\$ 40,000.00
Research Assistant		\$30,000.00	100.00%	\$ 30,000.00
Planner/Facilitator		\$15,000.00	100.00%	\$ 15,000.00
HILT CEO			5.00%	\$ 7,250.00
HILT COO			5.00%	\$ 5,000.00
Fundraising Feasability Contractor		\$25,000.00	100.00%	\$ 25,000.00
Grant Writer		\$20,000.00	100.00%	\$ 20,000.00
Communications		\$40,000.00	100.00%	\$ 40,000.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>282,250.00</b>
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>				



## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant:   I Ola Wailuanui  

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		\$ 42,820.00	\$ 475,225.00	\$ 12,009,925.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 418,000.00
LAND ACQUISITION					\$ 22,053,000.00	
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
<b>TOTAL:</b>		42820	475,225	12,009,925	22,188,000	418,000
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>						