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Expertise

- Comprehensive knowledge of local food system including agriculture
- Program Development
- Leadership
- Team Focused
- Coalition Building
- Problem Solving
- Government Relations
- Experienced Trainer
- Effective Written and Oral Communicator
- High Level of Adaptability and Flexibility

As the first Food Security and Sustainability Program Manager with the City and County of Honolulu, I have built a program securing millions in Federal, City and philanthropic resources. My team implemented grants and other partnerships to strengthen our fragile localized food system while building strong partnerships with organizations like Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Investment Ready, Hawaii Food Funders Hui, Hawaii Public Health Institute and Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement along with federal and state government agencies.

Experience

City and County of Honolulu, 2020 - Current

Food Security and Sustainability Program

Current projects include:

- Mapping Oahu Food System through 32 regional place-based focus groups
- Creating short, mid and long term plans and systems to grow local food production. Some implemented programs:
 - Increasing local purchasing with Oahu Good Food Program with 35 large purchasing institutions
 - City Food System Funding through grants
 - Opportunity Youth Agriculture Workforce Development providing justice involved youth with opportunities in agriculture
 - Creating a network of small animal processing facilities
- Community engagement with a focus on equity
 - Language assistance programs for grant application
 - Regional technical assistance sessions on engaging government
 - Webinars providing visual walkthrough of government systems
- Agriculture and local food manufacturing business development
 - Supported 57 organizations in composting and funding waste conversion
- Prioritizing funding for agriculture workforce development
- Developing the City's agriculture land portfolio
- Leveraging over \$30 million Federal, State, City and Private Capital in 2.5 years

Hawaii Department of Education, 2012 - 2020

Farm to School Coordinator, School Food Services Supervisor

Supervised directly 46 schools on Oahu and Kauai totaling 220 staff

Projects included:

- Creation of long term farm to school plan for the department
 - Communicating with legislators and sectors of the community
- Creating systems and educating the sector on how to engage the department

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Funding Secured

\$20 million CARES Act

Funding

\$8 million ARPA funded

Food System Grants

\$3 million ARPA funded

Agriculture Level 1 Grants

\$360,000 USDA FNS

Funding

\$200,000 USDA NRCS

Funding

Experience

Hawaii Department of Education, 2012 - 2020 Continued

Projects included:

- Developing the local institutional market for HIDEOE by farmer and rancher outreach, training and webinars for selling to HIDEOE. Increased total local spend in 2019 to 11% of total food dollars spent
 - Harvest of the Month: A program featuring different locally sourced food to 100,000 students statewide every month. This included staff training, product development, procurement and marketing.
- Conducted statewide technology upgrade for School Nutrition Enterprise System
 - Conducted landscape and market analysis
 - Procurement
 - Training for front of house point of service, and back of house menu planning and inventory systems
- Created and led statewide trainings
 - Yearly statewide training for all 1,200 employees
 - Manager training classes for employees seeking a management position

Kokua Hawaii Foundation, 2009 - 2012

School Food Coordinator

Major duties included:

- Increasing local purchasing by private and public schools
- Coalition building to create supports for schools to implement nutrition education, school gardens, and increased local purchasing
- School and community composting initiatives
- Government relationship building around Farm to School

Professional Development

Hawaii Investment Ready Food System Cohort 2023

Member of the first HIR food system funder cohort. Exploring collaboration around key investment areas in Hawaii's Food System.

Hawaii Institutional Purchasing Hui

Founding member of the Hui, educating businesses on how to best engage local producers.

Rockefeller City Food Systems Cohort

One of thirteen city representatives nationwide to advise the Rockefeller Foundation on key investment strategies around local food systems intersection with institutional purchasing