

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

Type of Grant Request:



Operating



Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Dbā: 'Āina 'Ōiwi LLC

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 732346

Brief Description of Request (Please attach word document to back of page if extra space is needed):

'Āina 'Ōiwi aims to "Cultivate Aloha" through agricultural workshops and indigenous/Hawaiian practices by utilizing ancient techniques and modern science. 'Āina 'Ōiwi is situated on 5.015 acres AG-1 above Historic Haleiwa Town, O'ahu. Funds requested shall be used to: purchase and erect a structure that will secure and protect equipment essential for farming operations, complete an existing farm structure with a second floor, interior walls, and an exterior second floor: "Hay loft" loading dock and outdoor storage, create a reservoir for ag water storage and fire suppressant, construct 5 traditional Hawaiian Hale for educational and farming purposes, level/grade an area approximately 1 acre, construct a structure that'll be used for farmers market and farm to table gatherings, restroom and shower facility for farmers and staff, purchasing of food trees and native Hawaiian plants/trees/vegetation, irrigation, tractor with attachments that support farming, fencing for property perimeter and animal control, housing for farm dogs and farm animals, and overhead structures that'll protect water catchment storage tanks and other farm equipment.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ N/A

Federal: \$ N/A

County: \$ N/A

Private/Other: \$ Personal. Amount depends on income generated

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

\$ None

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ None

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 LLC

Mailing Address: PO Box 958

City: Haleiwa State: HI Zip: 96712

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

Name: Joshua Sojot

Title: Operations Director

Email: Joshua@ainaoiwi.org

Phone: 808.330.8115

Authorized Signature

Joshua Sojot/Operations Director

Name and Title

12/20/2024

Date Signed

**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.

‘Āina ‘Ōiwi LLC

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)


(Signature)

1/15/25
(Date)

Joshua Sojot

Operations Director

(Typed Name)

(Title)

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: _____ Āina 'Ōiwi LLC

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Independent Contractor Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Perimeter Fencing	31,160			
2. Insurance	2,000			
3. Canine Facility	30,000			
4. Lease/Rental of Space	60,000			
5. Farm Animal Housing & Fencing	23,000			
6. Reservoir	25,000			
7. Leveling Main Lawn	7,000			
8. 1 acre SOD	23,500			
9. 200 yds lawn/garden soil	17,700			
10. Volunteer meals and beverages	30,000			
11. 5 Hawaiian Hale	335,986			
12 Tractor with attachments	75,000			
13. Entrance Automated gate	15,000			
14. Emergency exit gate	5,000			
15. Canine Puppies	15,000			
16. Financial Services	7,000			
17. Canine healthcare	10,000			
18. Research and curriculum developement	20,000			
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20				
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	732,346			
C. Tractor with attachments				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL				
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	732,346			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	732,346	Joshua Sojot 8,083,308,115 Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested				
(c) Total County Funds Requested		11/15/25 Signature of Authorized Official Date		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested				
TOTAL BUDGET	732,346	Joshua Sojot Director of Operations Name and Title (Please type or print)		

Applicant: _____'Āina 'Ōiwi LLC

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS
Tractor	1.00
TOTAL:	1

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: For agriculture use and farm development

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES
N/A	
TOTAL:	

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
\$75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	
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	\$ -	
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	\$ 75,000.00	

COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
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	\$ -	
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	\$ -	

Applicant: _____ Āina 'Ōiwi LLC

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED			
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED
	FY:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026
PLANS	N/A	N/A	
LAND ACQUISITION	N/A	N/A	
DESIGN	N/A	N/A	
CONSTRUCTION	N/A	N/A	
EQUIPMENT	N/A	N/A	
TOTAL:	N/A	N/A	
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:			

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028
None		
None		
None		
None		
None		

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN

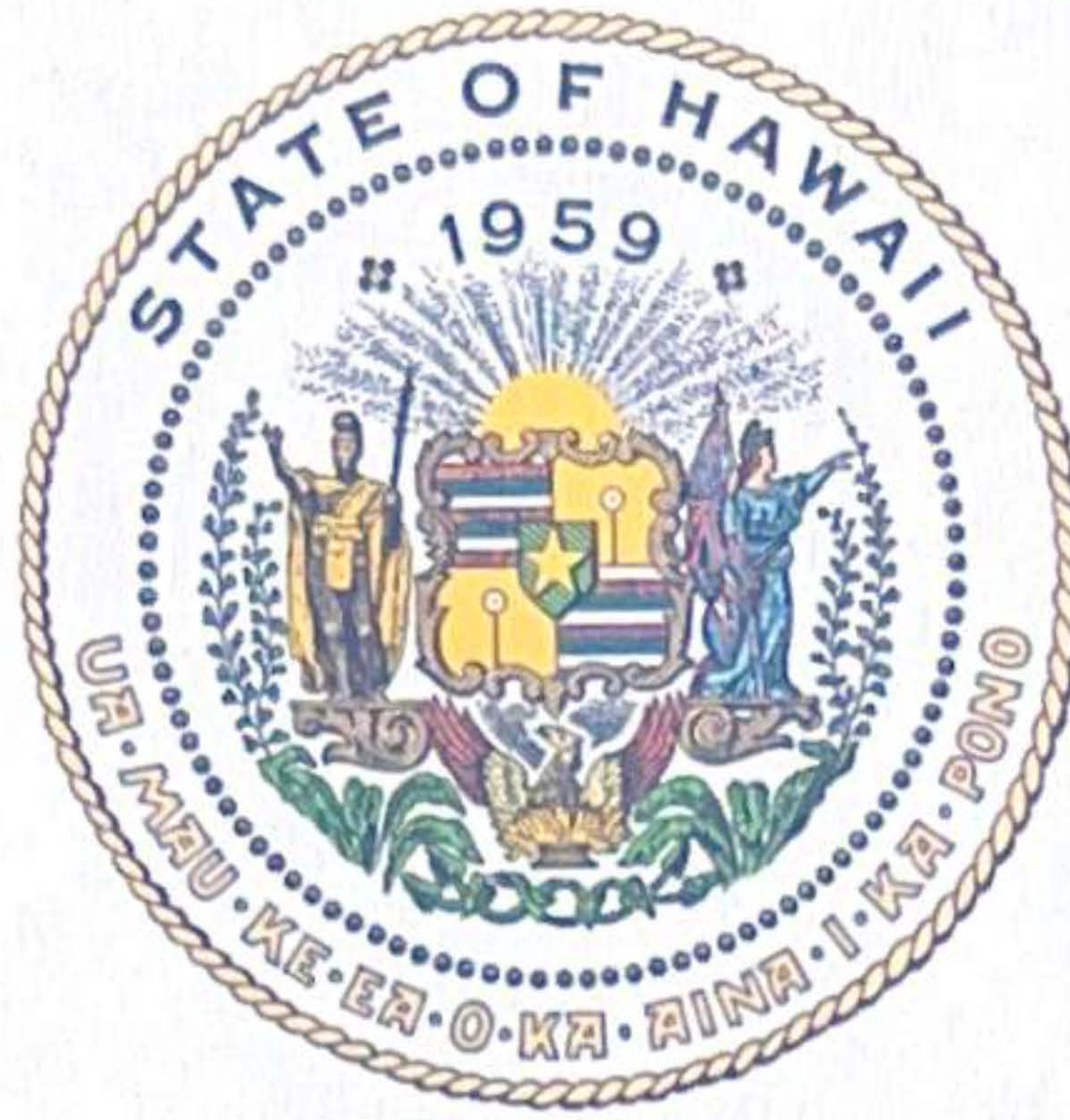
Applicant: _____ Āina 'Ōiwi LLC

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY
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Contracts Total: NONE

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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 according to the records of this Department,

ĀINA ŌIWI LLC

was organized under the laws of the State of Hawaii on 06/20/2022 ;
that it is an existing limited liability company in good standing
and is duly authorized to transact business.



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 03, 2025

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs



Hawaii Compliance Express - Certificate of Compliance

Application Status

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Vendor: 'ĀINA 'ŌIWI LLC

Option to 'Print Certificate' is available only for Compliant applications.

Status of Compliance for this Vendor

Form	Department(s)	Status [More Info]	Download	For Questions
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Not Compliant [More Info]	Form A-6	Contact HI Dept of Taxation
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Not Compliant [More Info]	Form 8821	Contact the IRS
COGS	Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Compliant		Contact the DCCA
LIR27	Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations	Compliant	Form LIR#27	Contact the DLIR

Due to the early stages of operations, 'Āina 'Ōiwi is in the process of obtaining Hawai'i State GE Tax and IRS EIN.

Documents shall be obtained well before grant is awarded

Applicant: 'Āina 'Ōiwi



Yarden Baehr Sojot
Owner

PO Box 958
Haleiwa, HI 96712

Joshua Sojot
Operations Director
8083308115
Joshua@AinaOiwi.org

Declaration Statement of Compliance Section 42F-103

This statement affirms 'Āina 'Ōiwi LLC compliance with Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes. 'Āina 'Ōiwi LLC agrees to comply with §42F-103 Standards for the award of grants.

Public Purpose Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Name of the requesting organization: 'Āina 'Ōiwi LLC

Introduction:

'Āina 'Ōiwi, a Kanaka Maoli owned and operated project located above Historic Haleiwa Town which aims to "Cultivate Aloha", perpetuate Hawaiian culture traditions, and incorporate modern techniques and technology through creative experiential workshops and activities. Supported by a wealth of knowledge in the planning, coordination, and construction industry, along with a supportive network of kumu, 'Āina 'Ōiwi is certain to impact lives and support community.

Public Purpose:

Aloha Kaua,

I am writing to express our sincere appreciation for your commitment to supporting organizations and projects that are dedicated to making a positive impact on our community and beyond. We are excited to submit this proposal to your esteemed organization, seeking support for our 'Āina 'Ōiwi initiative.

Nestled above historic Haleiwa Town on O'ahu north shore, 'Aina 'Ōiwi, operating under the banner of "Cultivating Aloha," represents a unique and ambitious agricultural project that combines indigenous practices with 21st-century innovation. Our mission spans across various domains, including Native Hawaiian reforestation, sustainable food and renewable energy production, indigenous culture preservation, youth programs, education, wellness, food for the less fortunate, and agricultural tourism. Our commitment is to engage in these endeavors through experiential activities that empower our community. One of our standout youth programs involves k9 obedience and herding training. Beyond its practical applications in livestock management and property protection, this program aims to instill vital life skills in our youth, including Patience, Communication Skills, Teamwork, Compassion, and Aloha, all while perpetuating and educating 'Olelo Hawaii, which serves as the K9's command language for program participants.

Additionally, our Native Hawaiian Reforestation project is envisioned to be a living archive of the past and a legacy for the future, preserving our cultural heritage while fostering sustainability.

Currently, we are in the process of developing 5.015 acres of agricultural land into a Pu'uhonua, a place of refuge, fit for 'Aina 'Ōiwi's intentional use. We have made significant strides, including the installation of fencing, creation of a ceremony plateau, and the construction of key structures are in process. However, our vision for 'Āina 'Ōiwi extends far beyond these accomplishments.

Our future plans include vital infrastructure development such as an automated gate, renewable energy systems, website development, a self-sustaining water well, irrigation systems, native bird aviaries, 5 Hawaiian Hale and more. We'll also offer a wide range of educational workshops, covering topics like Hawaiian/indigenous culture, astronomy, self-development, and farming, with an intention for participants to attend these programs at no charge, thanks to endowments.

We aim to establish an endowment that will sustain and expand our project exponentially. Each department, infrastructure component, structure, feature, and educational workshop is available for endowment, with documentation utilizing blockchain technology and legal support for added security.

We envision an interactive website that allows visitors to explore our project's details and impact through a metaverse-like map.

To encourage endowment contributions, we hope to engage influential Hawaii locals as sponsors and endowers, providing them with an opportunity to support specific groves or features within 'Āina 'Ōiwi and enjoy the benefits of their sponsorship.

In conclusion, we thank you for considering our proposal for support in advancing the 'Aina 'Ōiwi mission and vision. We are enthusiastic about the potential support and the positive change it can bring to our community. Your support will play a crucial role in our efforts to preserve our culture, empower our youth, and promote sustainability.

Target Group:

The target group for this project includes: youth whom are established community supporters or seeking to be of support for the community, families seeking prepared meals due to financial instabilities and/or lack ability to provide home cooked meals, and all whom are interested in perpetuating Hawaiian culture, implementing self sustainability, and supporting the mission of 'Āina 'Ōiwi

Cost of the Grant and Budget:

The total amount requested for capital funding is \$732,346.00 where majority of this shall be allocated towards Ho'okahua Hale Kupuna Organization for the development of Traditional Hawaiian Hale. The vision and use of these Hale is to replicate an ahupua'a village and function as cultural, educational, and farm support uses. The remaining funds are to develop security fencing and main entrance and emergency gates, K9 facility for youth program, farm animal housing, rental space ('Āina 'Ōiwi), reservoir, farm equipment, and a lawn area for outdoor classroom and gatherings

II. Background and Summary:

Project's Name: 'Āina 'Ōiwi

Director of Operations: Joshua Sojot

Projects Location: Hale'iwa, O'ahu

Mailing Address: PO Box 958 Hale'iwa, Hawai'i 96712

Established: 2022

Mission Statement:

"Cultivating Aloha". We'll strive to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and inspire creativity through immersive experiential educational gatherings

Background and Summary:

Founded in 2022 with the purchase of 5 acres of agricultural land, Joshua and Yarden set forth to offer their knowledge and experience gained over the past 20 years in event curation and production to create a space for youth, community, and visitors that is dedicated to the preservation of Hawaiian Culture and the inspiring influence of art and entertainment. To date, 'Āina 'Ōiwi has been funded by Joshua and Yarden where land purchase had been made, 2 farm structures and a driveway have been developed, irrigation has been installed, a ceremony plateau in the making, and fencing at the front of the farm has been installed. With a network alliance capable of executing the vision of the project, 'Āina 'Ōiwi is set to be the new paradigm of education and entertainment.

The Goals and Objectives Related to the Request:

Goal:

Become the new paradigm Pu'uhonua culture and education center that combines traditional practices with 21st century evolution and technology.

Objective:

Influencing youth to become leaders, prepared meals food hub for the less fortunate, offering indigenous knowledge to community, and making life skills education immersive, experiential, and entertaining through:

- Alternative educational programs: Canine obedience training for youth. 'Olelo Hawai'i shall be the canine's command language. Youth will participate in 'Olelo Hawai'i classroom curriculum with kumu and outdoor classroom with canine and canine herding kumu.

- Prepared meals food hub for families struggling financially and with time management due to multi-occupational obligations. Volunteers delightfully care for crops, harvest crops, prepare meals, and handout prepared meals via drive thru pickup at farm/'Āina 'Ōiwi
- Educational workshops highlighting farming with modern technology and Indigenous practices. From farming, to spirituality, to life skills, and to embodying aloha, Indigenous practices have guided mankind to successfully coexists with community and harmoniously with nature for thousands of years. Indigenous practices and knowledge are the solutions towards a sustainable future and the success of 'Āina 'Ōiwi
- Provide a space for those inclined to learn life skills: financial education, spiritual education, farming education, network connections, traditional Hawaiian Hale construction, renewable energy

Public Purpose and Need:

Offering a new paradigm Pu'uhonua cultural center for youth, community, and visitors to: learn life skills, perpetuate Hawaiian Culture, gain indigenous knowledge, support community and those in need, an to connect with the 'Āina and food through hands on farming.

The need for self sustainability for Hawai'i's food, medicine, and hygienics are as important as the stewards whom shall perpetuate the need so, providing a space for dependent consumers to become knowledgeable stewards is as important as self sustainability

Target Population:

The target population for this project includes: youth whom are established community supporters or seeking to be of support for the community, families seeking prepared meals due to financial instabilities and/or lack ability to provide home cooked meals, all whom are interested in perpetuating Hawaiian culture & implementing self sustainability, and supporting the overall mission of 'Āina 'Ōiwi

Geographic Coverage:

Nestled above Historic Hale'iwa Town with 360* views of Mt. Ka'ala, Kaena, North Shore coastline, and the Leeward side of the Ko'olau Mt. range, 'Āina 'Ōiwi receives east winds majority of the year, rains predominately during the winter season, and located at the beginning of the famous north shore's "7 Mile Miracle", thus making this farm ideal for open space gatherings for near by residence and those from across the island.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities:

The overall scope of work of 'Āina 'Ōiwi is to manage and maintain the venue/farm to be fully functional as an operating farm and cultural educational center and coordinate. To ensure the safety of those whom step foot on the farm and that all facilities and infrastructure are able to host guests. Not including their network connections, Joshua and Yarden have over 2 accumulative decades in the event planning, farming, plumbing, and construction industry where their collaboration provides all necessary skills needed to execute this project.

Tasks:

- To ensure infrastructure development success
- Maintain a safe functional environment for those whom enter 'Āina 'Ōiwi
- Manage Mālama crew whom tend to plants, animals, equipment, and overall entire farm
- Liaison with kumu and curators to create a curriculum for beneficiaries/attendees that's aligned with 'Āina 'Ōiwi intention
- Research and Development for expansion of the project

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the entire scope of the project to ensure overall success and longterm continuation for the joy and development of youth, community, and visitors

Projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service:

Development shall commence once funding has been awarded. Depending on the contractor's availability to initiate construction and weather permitting, the development phase of the project could take 6 months up to one year. Most of this timeline would be dedicated to the Traditional Hawaiian Hale

July - August 2025:

- Secure contractors and volunteers for development: Canine facility, farm animal housing and fencing, reservoir, main entrance gate, perimeter fencing, Lawn, and Traditional Hawaiian Hale

August - October 2025:

Applicant: 'Āina 'Ōiwi

- Perimeter fencing
- Main entrance automated gate
- Emergency exit gate
- Farm animal housing and fencing
- Canine facility
- Receive canine puppies
- Tractor purchase
- Insurance
- Financial services

October - December 2025:

- Reservoir
- Lawn

January - June 2026

- 5 Traditional Hawaiian Hale
- Healthcare for first litter of canine puppies
- Research and Curriculum Development

Quality Assurance and Evaluation Plans:

As the Director of Operations for 'Āina 'Ōiwi and owner of the land, I Joshua have dedicated my time to fulfill this projects goals for the benefit of the beneficiaries, the community involved with the operations, and my passion for creating spaces where people can learn, heal, celebrate, express their true self, and have security of a Pono community to support each other.

I Joshua, with my experience and skillset in construction and event planning, shall be onsite to monitor and ensure development plans are followed and on track. Utilizing contractor, professionals, and volunteers I have a history with ensures quality and completion on a timely manner and evaluation of work being done should be simple and seamless due to the nature for the project and the professionals executing it.

Measures of Effectiveness

The timeline agreed upon shall be monitored and documented to measure effectiveness of contractors performance and projects development. Start date, updates on progression, quality of work performed, and completion shall be documented and shared with State Agency upon request.

IV. Financial**Quarterly funding requests.**

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$223,160	\$93,200.	\$360,986	\$55,000	\$732,346.00

The following information justifies quarterly funding requested:

Quarter 1: \$223,160.00

- **Director of Operations: \$0**

Joshua shall donate/volunteer his time and effort to oversee and ensure the project is executed as planned

- **Perimeter Fencing: \$31,160.00**

Justification: A perimeter fence is essential for the security and wellbeing of property, equipment, attendees, crops, animals, and required to obtain an affordable insurance policy. North end of property already secured with fencing that was funded by Joshua and Yarden, the remaining South, West, and East ends of property in need of fencing

- **Annual Liability Insurance: \$2,000.00**

Justification: Liability insurance for activities and participants while on property ensuring project compliance and stakeholder protection.

- **Automated Entrance Gate: \$15,000.00**

Justification: A quality automated rolling gate is an efficient and effective security feature necessary for 'Āina 'Ōiwi. To be located at the North West end of 'Āina 'Ōiwi

- **Emergency Exit Gate: \$5,000.00**

Justification: A quality manual rolling gate shall suffice as an emergency exit. To be located at the North East end of 'Āina 'Ōiwi

- **Farm Animal Housing and Fencing: \$23,000.00**

Justification: Chicken/poultry animals and livestock housing would allow staff to tend to animals safely and securely. Fencing would be used to create sections for animals to graze and roam freely. Staff would alternate sections where animals shall roam freely to ensure proper management of food source for grazing

- **Canine Facility: \$30,000.00**

Justification: This facility is essential for the Youth canine obedience and herding training program. Complete with covered 12 stalls with runners, concrete foundation, bathing sinks, grooming table, water, off grid electrical, storage room, cameras.

- **Purchase Canine Puppies: \$15,000.00**

Justification: Ethically bred Shepard working dogs. These puppies shall frontier this project beginning with obedience training in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. At first heat, canine shall be bred to create the first litter to serve the Youth Canine Obedience and Herding Training program. Includes healthcare and food for 1st year.

- **Financial Services: \$7,000.00**

Justification: Projects financial management services

- **Farm Equipment: \$75,000.00**

Justification: Farm tractor with attachments for farming

- **Farm Rental Fee: \$15,000.00**

Justification: \$5,000.00/month rental fee to utilize land to host 'Āina 'Ōiwi activities/programs

- **Volunteers Meals and Beverages: \$5,000.00**

Justification: To ensure volunteers are fed and hydrated to endure laborious activities associated with developing 'Āina 'Ōiwi

Quarter 2: \$93,200.00

- **Reservoir: \$25,000.00**

Justification: Fire suppression and agriculture water for crops/trees

- **Lawn/SOD: \$48,200.00**

Justification: 1.25 acres to host outdoor activities related to Hawaiian culture, youth canine obedience and herding training program, fundraisers, outdoor classroom, farmers markets

- **Volunteers Meals and Beverages: \$5,000.00**

Justification: To ensure volunteers are fed and hydrated to endure laborious activities associated with developing 'Āina 'Ōiwi

- **Farm Rental Fee: \$15,000.00**

Justification: \$5,000.00/month rental fee to utilize land to host 'Āina 'Ōiwi activities/programs

Quarter 3: \$360,986.00

- **Traditional Hawaiian Hale Development: \$335,986.00**

Justification: Serves as an important feature at 'Āina 'Ōiwi; to recreate a Hawaiian village with each Hale dedicated to a purpose: 1) Hawaiian home experience for guest to see what it was like having a "grass shack" as a home, 2) La'au Lapa'au, 3) Hale Wa'a, 4) Classroom, 5) Gathering place for discussion and relaxation

- **Volunteers Meals and Beverages: \$10,000.00**

Justification: To ensure volunteers are fed and hydrated to endure laborious activities associated with developing 'Āina 'Ōiwi

- **Farm Rental Fee: \$15,000.00**

Justification: \$5,000.00/month rental fee to utilize land to host 'Āina 'Ōiwi activities/programs

Quarter 4: \$55,000.00

- **Canine Litter Healthcare: \$10,000.00**

Justification: To ensure good health and wellbeing of the most important facet of the Youth Canine Obedience and Herding Training program

- **Volunteers Meals and Beverages: \$10,000.00**

Justification: To ensure volunteers are fed and hydrated to endure laborious activities associated with developing 'Āina 'Ōiwi

- **Farm Rental Fee: \$15,000.00**

Justification: \$5,000.00/month rental fee to utilize land to host 'Āina 'Ōiwi activities/programs

- **Research and Curriculum Development: \$20,000.00**

Justification: During the last quarter of the fiscal year, Na Kumu affiliated with the operations of the project shall do extensive research to develop the curriculum for the following fiscal year, this includes: 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Canine obedience program, Hawaiiana, Farming

The funding requested shall be allocated towards the development of 'Āina 'Ōiwi and programs. 'Āina 'Ōiwi and its programs aim to enrich lives and provide community with cultural, educational, personal development opportunities here on the North Shore of O'ahu.

Other Sources of Funding

No other source of funding applied for. Please share with us other funding sources, mahalo.

State and Federal Tax Credits: We do not anticipate applying for tax credits due to the age and history of 'Āina 'Ōiwi. Established summer 2022 to farm manage 'Āina 'Ōiwi. No income generated.

Government Contracts, Grants, and Grants-in-Aid: No history of Government contracts or grants established nor received.

Unrestricted current assets: Due to its early years of existence, 'Āina 'Ōiwi has zero unrestricted assets

V. Experience and Capability

1. Necessary Skills and Experience

Operations Director, Joshua, has 20 years experience in the event planning, production, and coordination industry with corporate clientele and mass crowd control experience. In 2017, using their skills in events, construction, production, and sales, Joshua and his wife Yarden have established a successful full service events business here in Hawai'i that caters to weddings, private events, and corporate gatherings. The success of this business motivated Joshua and Yarden to acquire the knowledge necessary for managing large amounts of financial income.

Farming has been Joshua's passion since elementary school. With food farming being an important facet of self-sustainability, 25 Ulu trees, Banana, and Kalo have been planted at 'Āina 'Ōiwi. Mango, Soursop, Orange, and more are in pots and will be planted in ground very soon. A large portion of 'Āina 'Ōiwi is dedicated to Native Hawaiian forestry where many of these natives have already been planted in ground. With Uncle Bobby 'Momona" from Moloka'i as a mentor for Native Hawaiian Forestry, I am certain that this part of 'Āina 'Ōiwi shall flourish into the "Living Library" it is intended to be.

Joshua's personal experience in the construction industry instilled skills; hands on and leadership skills that allow him to lead projects and "swing a hammer". Joshua and his father have erected two 1000sq/ft farm structures, fencing at property front, and a few other projects on 'Āina 'Ōiwi that require heavy equipment operations. These are projects we can look back and say "we did this together".

'Āina 'Ōiwi has appointed Elijah McShane to be the Director of Hawaiian Culture whom oversees all programs involving Hawaiian Culture. With his cultural knowledge, network, and impact upon the community and people afar, Elijah shall spearhead his department by working with professionals/Kumu to create the curriculum of which 'Āina 'Ōiwi shall operate, thus establishing a cultural center that impacts lives in an safe, immersive, experiential, and influential way.

Herding dog training shall be led by trainer Abe Gonzales. Canine trainers of 'Āina 'Ōiwi shall attend courses led by Abe to ensure program beneficiaries receive proper guidance in this program. Experienced animal caregivers of the 'Āina 'Ōiwi shall maintain all animal facilities and the wellbeing of the animals.

Francis Sinenci, lead Hale kumu, and his team, shall lead the construction of the Hawaiian hale project. Francis wrote the State codes for approved Hawaiian Hale and is recognized for his cultural work for Hawai'i.

2. Facilities

'Āina 'Ōiwi, the farm/Agriculture land/"facility", is owned by Joshua and Yarden. It is the responsibility of Joshua and Yarden to oversee the entirety of the project and ensure operations are executed property and accordingly to Hawai'i State Revised Statues and LUO.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

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

Volunteers shall make up a large portion of the onsite staff to assist each project

Construction of canine facility, reservoir, lawn, and Traditional Hawaiian Hale shall be led by professionals. Volunteers shall assist.

Construction of fowl and livestock housing, main entrance gate and emergency gate to be to be led by Joshua. Volunteers shall assist with construction

2. Organization Chart

Operations Director: Joshua, shall be the lead the development as main point of contact with professionals conducting the construction projects. Joshua shall outsource professionals to execute specific projects while leading other project work loads

3. Compensation

At this phase of the project, The Operations Director shall assume this role voluntarily with no salary. Operations Director is the only position at this phase.

VII. Other

1. Litigation:

There are no litigations pending nor outstanding judgment

2. Licensure or Accreditation:

'Āina 'Ōiwi has not yet established itself with a recognized accreditation

3. Private Educational Institutions:

'Āina 'Ōiwi is non religious and respects individuals of all faiths. It shall not be used to support or benefit any sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institutions

4. Future Sustainability Plan:

- Joshua, Yarden, family, and Volunteers shall contribute immensely to the sustainability and growth of 'Āina 'Ōiwi
- If feasible, Joshua and Yarden shall invest their personal income
- If feasible and/or applicable for Joshua and Yarden's business, contributions from their business shall be made if it aligns with the business plan or supports the business
- 'Āina 'Ōiwi seeks endowments, donations, or other grants as primary support for sustainability. Endowers whom support specific feature(s) of 'Āina 'Ōiwi shall be recognized with a plaque placed at the feature(s), mentioned on website and social platform, and announced during functions dedicated to 'Āina 'Ōiwi
- Onboarding a grant writer to acheive grants and endowments
- Fundraisers and retreats shall support sustainability

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)
- ☒ 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](#))
 - d) Capital project details ([Link](#))
 - e) Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#))
- ☒ 7) Experience and Capability
- ☒ 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing


AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

JOSHUA SOJOT/Operations Director
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/15/25
DATE