

Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

2026 Grant-in-Aid Application

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I. Certification

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II. Background and Summary

1. A brief description of the applicant's background;
The Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council (HCC) supports cattle producers across the state. The organization was established as a 501(c)5 in 1961 and today it operates as the statewide umbrella for the four county associations (Kaua'i Cattlemen's Association, O'ahu Cattlemen's Association, Maui Cattlemen's Association, and Hawai'i Cattlemen's Association). We are a membership-based organization working for cattle producers of Hawai'i in the areas of education, promotion, and research to ensure paniolo can continue to steward land and produce food for the state.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

For many years, we have advocated for tougher actions to address the prevalence of agricultural crimes, and we are thankful for a huge step forward with the passing of Act 235, 2025, or Duke's Law. However, we see a gap in understanding that leads to delays or failure to prosecute actual crimes. Our experience is that the majority of law enforcement officers are excellent at their profession in urban areas, but they have not been exposed to understanding the issues that agricultural producers face in rural areas. With educational exchange between law enforcement and agricultural producers, we are confident that we will see more success in prosecution of agricultural crime.

The goal of this grant is to foster Educational Exchange between the agricultural industry and the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) so that we can deter agricultural crime. We will accomplish this through the following objectives:

1. Partner with the DLE to support the 2026 Hawaii State Law Enforcement Executive Association Conference (conference) for a cooperative approach to providing representatives from the agriculture industry to share their knowledge with law enforcement leaders.
2. Establish educational exchange by increasing the participation of the law enforcement at the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council Convention & Annual Meeting.
3. Host at least 3 visits to producer and/or processing operations for DLE and County Police to learn the challenges agricultural producer face in combatting agricultural crime.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;
This grant will serve the public purposes of:
 - Increasing safety and security for livestock producers, thereby encouraging the continued practice of ranching and food production
 - Deterring and prosecuting agricultural crime

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

Law Enforcement

This proposal will serve the population of law enforcement officers to be better equipped to meet goals to address agricultural crime.

Hawai'i's Agricultural Producers

Increased interface between law enforcement and Hawai'i's agricultural producers will improve the ability of producers to safely continue their operations and reach goals to provide food for the community.

Local Communities

Secondarily, this serves the wider population of local communities by deterring crime and supporting the producers who steward the land and produce food. Without the confidence to safely operate farms and ranches, it will become more difficult for the state to procure local produce and proteins for value-added processing and programs like Farm to School.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

This proposal will cover all counties within the state. The Law Enforcement Executive Association Conference is set to take place on the north shore of O'ahu, but will include law enforcement leaders from across the state. We have the option to host ranch tours in any of the counties.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

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

EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

Law Enforcement Conference

HCC will coordinate with the DLE to prepare representatives from the cattle industry to present at the 2026 Hawaii State Law Enforcement Executive Association Conference in September at Turtle Bay on O'ahu. Ideally, one will focus on the issues of livestock producers, while another will focus on what can be done to identify issues once cattle reach a processing facility. Additionally, we aim to coordinate a producer visit in the area for law enforcement leaders to take part in on-the-ground education of what livestock producers face when trying to keep their workers and family members, cattle, and land safe.

On-the-Ground Learning

While the conference targets education for law enforcement leaders, we will target education for investigators through additional educational exchange opportunities. HCC will coordinate at least three producer and/or processor visits across the state for investigators within the DLE and County Police Departments to experience on-the-ground education. Each visit will host around six DLE investigators and around two County Police investigators from that county who are assigned to agricultural crime. Depending on the capacity of the ranch, more can be accommodated for the visit. HCC will coordinate available ranches and plan out the visit. The ranch will be provided with an honorarium to help with the costs of hosting (including, but not limited to vehicle use, gas, personnel time).

Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council Convention

The HCC Convention is the largest gathering of livestock stakeholders in the state. This is a key opportunity for law enforcement agents to build relationships with producers so they can learn the real-life experiences producers go through to produce food for the community while contending with criminals who undermine the ability of the operations to remain productive. HCC will invite law enforcement officials and investigators to participate in the HCC Convention. Opportunities include attending the event, hosting an exhibitor table, and presenting at the Cattlemen's College or Annual Meeting.

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

Target Timeline	Activity
July 2026	HCC will work with DLE to coordinate speakers and a ranch visit for the conference.
August 2026	HCC will begin planning at least three ranch visits to take place before June 2027
September 2026	HCC will participate in the law enforcement conference, providing speakers and a ranch tour
September - November 2026	HCC will invite the DLE and County Police to the HCC Convention & Annual Meeting to foster relationships and educational opportunities. Law Enforcement personnel will play a key role in educational exchange – both to education investigators on agricultural issues, as well as to educate conference attendees on law enforcement processes.

December 2026	Review feedback from law enforcement educational event surveys and utilize to shape further ranch visit agendas
September 2026 - June 2027	HCC will host at least three ranch visits for investigators with the DLE and County Police assigned to agricultural crime. We will regularly communicate with law enforcement to improve their ability to address agricultural crime.

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

To evaluate the quality of the proposed activities, HCC will request feedback forms to be filled out at both the conference and all ranch visits. The feedback form will determine how participants felt their knowledge increased, request which methods of learning worked best for them, and request suggestions for further education needed so that it can guide our future work with the agencies.

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.

Measure of effectiveness 1: Understanding of agricultural crimes faced by ranchers increased by at least 70% over the course of participation in the conference and/or ranch visits. We will use a survey to ask for their understanding of ranching operations before the educational event versus after the educational event.

Measure of effectiveness 2: Use of the Safer Watch Tip Line increases by at least 25% due to expanded awareness of the need for reporting amongst producers.

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 - page 13
 - b. Personnel salaries and wages - page 14

- c. Equipment and motor vehicles – not applicable
 - d. Capital project details – not applicable
 - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid - page 15
2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2027.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$9,380	\$24,319	\$13,819	\$10,819	\$58,337

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2027.
We are unsure of other sources of funding we are seeking for fiscal year 2027. However, none of the funding sources we seek will pertain to this project for Educational Exchange with Law Enforcement.
4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.
Not applicable
5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2027 for program funding.
See page 15

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2025

\$232,000

V. Experience and Capability

1. Necessary Skills and Experience

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council has over 160 trusted members who we can request ranch visits and presentations from. Our board has hosted ranchers of multiple generations who can provide key knowledge and stories to share with law enforcement. We are also versed in gathering information from our membership to share with entities.

In the past three years, the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council has

- Testified in support legislation to address agricultural crime (2023-2025)
- Hosted Cattlemen at the Capitol with a focus on agricultural crime (2023-2025)
- Hosted several meetings with producers and the Department of Law Enforcement (2025)
- Supported our county associations in engaging with County Police Departments (2023-2025)
- Hosted an Agricultural Crimes Panel at our Cattlemen's College (2024-2025)
- Held regular meetings of the HCC Law Enforcement Committee (2024-2025)

2. Facilities

The Law Enforcement Conference will be held at the Turtle Bay Resort on Oahu, and the HCC Convention will be held at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa on Hawaii Island. Producer visits will be determined by reaching out to member ranches. The hosting stipend will ensure that the producer is able to cover the cost of transportation and other needs for introducing people to the operation.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

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

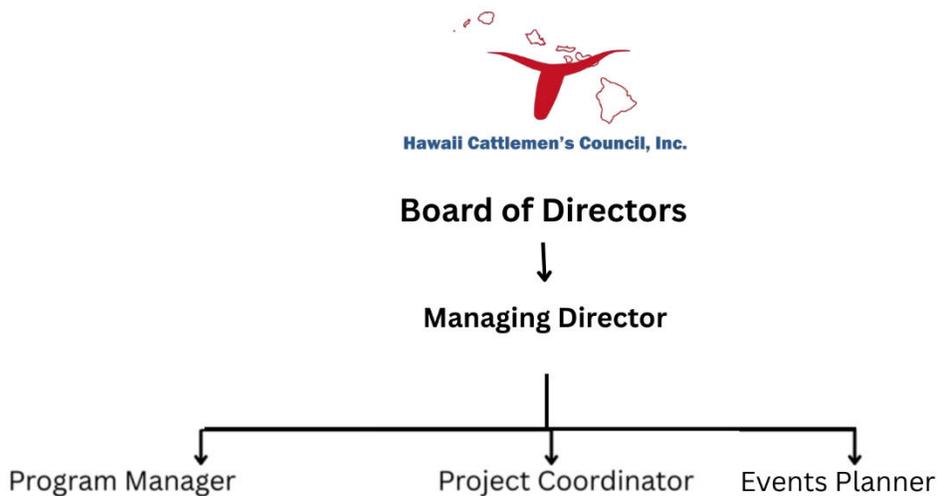
Managing Director: The Managing Director has been working for the benefit of the cattle industry since 2016. She has taken lead in legislative action and coordinating all events. She will oversee all staff on this project.

Program Coordinator: The Program Coordinator role will be filled by an individual with project management experience as well as ranching experience. This individual will be versed in communicating with agricultural producers and creating educational materials.

Special Events Planner: The special events planner has been coordinating large events for the organization for the past 5 years. The experience of the event planner allows us to achieve the most cost-effective options. It also allows the Managing Director to be present at the events, ensuring that her time is spent building relationship with the attendees rather than taking care of administrative tasks.

HCC Board and HCC Law Enforcement Committee: This project will also utilize the volunteer efforts of the HCC members. Each of these members have a unique set of experiences to share and are willing to participate.

2. Organization Chart



3. Compensation

Managing Director – 0.60 FTE at \$63,990/year

Program Manager – 0.40 FTE at \$24,000/year

Project Coordinator – .80 FTE at \$40,000/year

VII. Other

1. Litigation

Not applicable

2. Licensure or Accreditation

Not applicable

3. Private Educational Institutions

This proposal does not benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution.

4. Future Sustainability Plan

This request for grant-in-aid funds is intended to assist HCC with providing preliminary education to law enforcement. It will allow us to provide opportunities for law enforcement agents to connect with agricultural producers, which will be the beginning of relationships that can continue on after this funding is no longer available. However, it is important to utilize these funds for these initial visits, as trust and camaraderie is formed in-person, out in the field. Future funding for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council Convention will continue through our generous sponsors, and we will continue to include the Department of Law Enforcement as issues to share with the industry arise. It will also help us to support the 2026 Hawaii State Law Enforcement Executive Association Conference, which will have a focus on agricultural crimes. This is a one-time event that we will participate in and no future sustainability is required.



STATE OF HAWAII
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF VENDOR COMPLIANCE

This document presents the compliance status of the vendor identified below on the issue date with respect to certificates required from the Hawaii Department of Taxation (DOTAX), the Internal Revenue Service, the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

Vendor Name: HAWAII CATTLEMEN'S COUNCIL, INC.

DBA/Trade Name: Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Issue Date: 01/17/2026

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#:

UI#: XXXXXX7290

DCCA FILE#: 8334

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

Form	Department(s)	Status
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Compliant
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Compliant
COGS	Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Exempt
LIR27	Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations	Compliant

Status Legend:

Status	Description
Exempt	The entity is exempt from this requirement
Compliant	The entity is compliant with this requirement or the entity is in agreement with agency and actively working towards compliance
Pending	A status determination has not yet been made
Submitted	The entity has applied for the certificate but it is awaiting approval
Not Compliant	The entity is not in compliance with the requirement and should contact the issuing agency for more information

**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.

Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)


(Signature)

January 20, 2026
(Date)

Nicole Galase
(Typed Name) Managing Director
(Title)



January 17, 2026

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council affirms its compliance with Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The grant will be used for the public purpose of supporting the Department of Law Enforcement in its efforts to address the growing issue of agricultural crimes in Hawaii. This grant will serve the public purposes of:

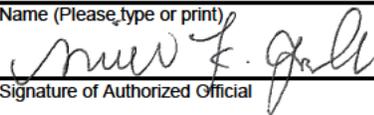
- Increasing safety and security for livestock producers, thereby encouraging the continued practice of ranching and food production
- Deterring and prosecuting agricultural crime
- Educating law enforcement on the aspects of agriculture that will help them better address agricultural crime issues

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

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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. Salaries	23,098			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits	4,619			
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	27,717			
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island	4,320			
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	4,000			
4. Lease/Rental of Space	1,500			
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies	800			
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
9. Educational Event Expenses	8,000			
10. Lodging	12,000			
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	30,620			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL				
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	58,337			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	58,337	Nicole Galase 808-209-0820		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0			
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	0	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	58,337	Nicole Galase, Managing Director Name and Title (Please type or print)		

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

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Contracts Total:

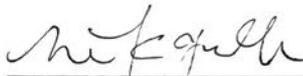
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	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Act 310 Funds - awaiting contract	Feb 2026-Dec 2026	Aloha United Way	State	86,000
2	Sponsorship and Product Promotion 25	Mar 2025 - Nov 2026	Dept of Ag & Biosecurity	State	19,999
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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](#))
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- 7) Experience and Capability
- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Nicole Galase Managing Director

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/22/2026

DATE