

**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:

Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 250,000

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

This request seeks funding for the procurement of a mobile biochar production unit to safely destroy Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) infested plant material and prevent further spread. Rather than treating infested green waste as a liability, this machine allows us to convert it into biochar—a valuable carbon-rich soil additive. The unit will support a decentralized, community-based green waste management system, a core component of our Three-Pronged Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Management Model in Kahalu'u.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ 250,000 (GIA)

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

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

Private/Other: \$ 50,000

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

\$ 25,000

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 11,309.44

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

Mailing Address:

45-540 Ahuimanu Rd

City:

Kaneohe

State:

HI

Zip:

96744

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Authorized Signature

ANTHONY, DANIEL DIRECTOR  
Name and Title *OP SUSTAINABILITY*

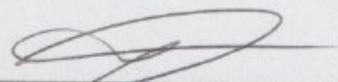
22 January 2026  
Date Signed

Applicant Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona

## 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

ANTHONY DANIEL  
PRINT NAME AND TITLE  
DIR. SUSTAINABILITY

22 January 2026  
DATE



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:** HUI ALOHA `AINA MOMONA

**Issue Date:** 01/21/2026

**Status:** **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#:

UI#: No record

DCCA FILE#: 230920

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 REVISÉD 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'i 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'i 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'i 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'i 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.

**Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona**

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



(Signature)

22 Ianuali 2026

(Date)

**Daniel Anthony**

**Director of Sustainability**

(Typed Name)

(Title)

## 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, 2025.

ATTACHED

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

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

ATTACHED

#### **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](#).

Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona hereby attests and certifies that this grant will be used for public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, HRS.

### **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;**

Hui Aloha Aina Momona (HAAM) was founded in 2011 to respond to the need for education centered around indigenous farming methods and food preparation techniques, specifically preparation of poi (pounded and fermented kalo, or taro). Our kuleana is to tend to the well-being of our indigenous communities' by strengthening their connection to our native food sources. Our vision is to restore

food culture and security in Hawai'i by building 'āina momona - fertile and abundant lands.

Since our inception, we have supported multi-generational Native Hawaiian taro farmers by providing a market for their crops, helped hundreds of families and organizations make traditional taro pounding implements, taught taro pounding workshops, and supported "Ku'i Clubs" in local schools. For the past ten years, we have been the umbrella organization for Lā Ho'ihō'i Ea Honolulu (LHE), a July 31 celebration of the 1843 restoration of Hawaiian Independence, providing resources to support community celebrations at the historic Thomas Square. In 2018, we worked with city officials to open the first imu (underground oven) in a city park to feed the community on the day of LHE celebrations.

Due to the catastrophic threat posed by the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) to our economic, social, and environmental fabric, we have shifted our organization's focus from poi to protecting our island's coconut resources. While known for ravaging coconut and palm trees, CRBs are not host-specific and will feed on other crops such as kalo, bananas, and ulu when their preferred food sources are scarce or unavailable. In 2025 we received funding from the Department of Agriculture to launch our Three-Pronged Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Management Model, a holistic, ahupua'a-scaled approach focused on mulch management, niu armor, and rapid response teams.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The goals and objectives of this request are focused on procurement of an Air Burners CharBoss unit, a mobile biochar production machine that will be used for decentralized, community-based green waste management as part of our Three-Pronged Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Management Model.

Goal 1: Procure the Air Burners CharBoss unit

- Objective 1.1: Confirm final CharBoss specifications, pricing, and required purchasing documentation prior to procurement.
- Objective 1.2: Coordinate delivery logistics to ensure the CharBoss unit is received on schedule and in good condition.

Goal 2: Ensure the CharBoss unit is safe, functional, and ready for operation

- Objective 2.1: Inspect the CharBoss unit upon delivery to verify all components are complete and operational.
- Objective 2.2: Secure and document all warranty information, manuals, and safety documentation for staff reference and compliance.
- Objective 2.3: Prepare the equipment for field deployment, including confirming safe operating requirements are met prior to use.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

The Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) was first sighted on O‘ahu over ten years ago and has become one of the most devastating and fastest-growing invasive species concerns statewide. It’s clear that current measures have failed to prevent the spread of CRB with outer islands now seeing sharp increases such as a 200% rise in reports on Hawai‘i Island in 2024. According to the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response - Hawaii:

*CRB adults are large black beetles (about 2 inches in length), solid black, with a horn. Adults burrow into the spear or heart of the palm to feed on the juices, and can kill palms. The damage emerges from the tree as bore holes or v-shaped cuts. If palms are unavailable, CRB can feed on hala, sugarcane, pineapple, and banana.*

CRB populations on O‘ahu are now so widespread that reporting is no longer tracked, an indication of just how severe the infestation has become. The City’s Division of Urban Forestry and the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture’s currently rely on insecticide palm injections to slow the spread of CRB. While this approach is considered effective in urban environments, there are significant risks and long-term challenges. The process is slow, labor-intensive, and extremely costly. In addition, this method creates long-term impacts for both pollinators and humans due to insecticide exposure and health risks from consuming treated fruit. While current efforts largely focus on mitigation, far fewer resources are dedicated to prevention—particularly the safe, rapid treatment of infested green waste. Unmanaged green waste piles can become breeding grounds for CRB, allowing larvae to develop and accelerating the spread of infestation.

The destruction caused by CRB disproportionately impacts Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities by limiting the ability to practice subsistence, cultural, and religious traditions—threatening both livelihoods and cultural identity. As the CRB battlefront continues to encroach on our moku, Ko‘olaupoko, the situation has reached an urgent and escalating state of emergency. This project responds directly to the public need for decentralized, community-based green waste management by procuring a CharBoss, a mobile biochar production unit, to destroy CRB-infested plant material and prevent further spread. The CharBoss is the first mobile biochar production machine that can burn up to 1 ton of biomass waste per hour returning up to 500 lbs of biochar. Rather than treating infested green waste as a liability, the CharBoss allows us to convert it into biochar—a valuable carbon-rich soil additive. Mulch management is in direct alignment control methods and recommendations published by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council in February 2025. HAAM is well-equipped with years of expertise, deep rooted connections, a kuleana to mālama ‘āina, and keen judgment to cause transformative action.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

Our target population includes all O‘ahu residents and visitors who interact with niu directly as a food source and via cultural practices, and indirectly through consumption of coconut-based products. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities are disproportionately impacted, as coconut-based foods are essential to traditional indigenous diets. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander residents make up roughly 196,000 people (15%–20% of O‘ahu’s population) depending on how you count race. When access to these foods is threatened, it impacts homesteads and subsistence food systems, severing the connection to ‘aina and traditional diets.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Our geographic focus aligns with the current spread of coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) infestation on O‘ahu. According to the Current Status of CRB Spread published by the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response – Hawai‘i website (2025), the entire island of O‘ahu is considered “infested” with highest concentrations of infestation in the moku of Wai‘anae and Ko‘olau Loa. Additional hotspots include Ewa Beach, Kapolei, and Waimānalo

### **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 scope of work is to successfully procure and deploy an AirBurners CharBoss, a mobile biochar production machine, to support a decentralized, community-based green waste management system. This includes confirming specifications and pricing, completing required purchasing documentation, submitting the order, and coordinating delivery logistics. Upon receipt, staff will inspect the unit, secure warranty/manual documentation, and ensure the equipment is ready for safe operation. The project will be complete once the CharBoss is purchased, delivered, and operational.

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

January - February 2027 (Month 1-2): Procurement

- Confirm CharBoss specifications, pricing, and purchasing documentation
- Coordinate shipping, delivery location, and receipt logistics

**March - April 2027 (Month 3-10): Delivery and Inspection**

- Receive and inspect CharBoss unit upon delivery
- Verify all components are complete and functional
- Secure and file warranty documentation, manuals, and safety materials
- Confirm operational requirements and readiness for safe use

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

To ensure the AirBurners CharBoss unit is procured, delivered, and ready for implementation we will hold regular check-ins with our grants consultant to ensure that we are making progress and hitting important project milestones. These check-ins will help us stay accountable and on schedule, while also ensuring we are consistently documenting key steps such as confirming specifications and pricing, completing purchasing requirements, coordinating delivery logistics, and completing inspection and warranty recordkeeping upon arrival. This ongoing monitoring will allow us to identify challenges early and make timely adjustments.

We will evaluate whether procurement of the CharBoss unit was successful by tracking whether the purchase stayed within the approved budget and whether project milestones were completed on time. Measures of success will include confirming final pricing and specifications as expected, completing all required purchasing documentation without delays, submitting the order on schedule, and coordinating delivery logistics efficiently. We will also document whether the unit arrived as planned, in good condition, and ready for safe operation, ensuring the procurement process was completed smoothly and met project requirements.

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.
1. Delivered within the projected 10 month timeline
  2. Delivered within or under budget
  3. Confirmed operational condition and suitable for deployment at project sites

## **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](#)) ATTACHED
  - b. Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#)) N/A
  - c. Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#)) ATTACHED
  - d. Capital project details ([Link](#)) ATTACHED
  - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#)) ATTACHED
  
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
250,000	25,000	25,000	n/a	300,000

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2027.

Atherton Family Foundation, OHA Capital Improvement Grant

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.

N/A

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.

ATTACHED

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

\$11,309.44

## **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

## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

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Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
<b>A. PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>				
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>	<b>250,000</b>			<b>50,000</b>
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>E. CAPITAL</b>				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>250,000</b>			<b>50,000</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	250,000	ANTHONY, DANIEL 8085421326		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested		22 January 2026		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	50,000	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>300,000</b>	ANTHONY, DANIEL Name and Title (Please type or print) DIR. SUSTAINABILITY		

Applicant: \_\_Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona\_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
AirBurners CharBoss - The CharBoss is a self-contained, completely assembled above-ground Air Curtain Burner with a refractory lined burn-container and internal system to create biochar from the waste materials.	1.00	\$270,000.00	\$ 270,000.00	300000
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<b>TOTAL:</b>	1		\$ 270,000.00	300,000

**JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:**

While the current quoted cost for the equipment including shippings is \$270K, we are adding a 10% contingency and budgeting for \$300K to account for potential price increases, shipping or handling adjustments, taxes, or other unforeseen cost changes that may occur between the time of submission of this grant and purchase. This contingency helps ensure the equipment can be procured without delay and that project implementation remains on schedule.

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
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			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>				

**JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:**

Applicant: \_\_\_Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona\_\_\_\_\_

<b>FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>						
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS</b>		<b>STATE FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS</b>	
	<b>FY:2023-2024</b>	<b>FY:2024-2025</b>	<b>FY:2025-2026</b>	<b>FY:2025-2026</b>	<b>FY:2026-2027</b>	<b>FY:2027-2028</b>
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT			250000	50000		
<b>TOTAL:</b>			250,000	50,000		
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>						

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

App

Hui Aloha Aina Momona

Contracts Total: 25,000

	<b>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATES</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)</b>	<b>CONTRACT VALUE</b>
1	Three-Pronged CRB Management Model	9/6.2024-12/11/2024	Department of Agriculture	State	25,000
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listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.

**Papa Ku'i'ai Workshop (2023)** - Diverting fallen trees/green waste from landfills  
In 2023 HAAM acquired a WoodMizer lumber mill which has allowed us to process cut trees into wood slabs used for papa ku'i'ai (taro pounding boards) and dimensional lumber used for local building projects. We have over ten years of experience in partnering with local businesses in order to divert trees and green waste from landfills by upcycling them into value-added products. Upcycling disrupts CRB breeding by reducing the risk of unmanaged green-waste piles.

**Three-Pronged CRB Mitigation (2024)** - Maintaining coconut groves in Ko'olaupoko, Ko'olauloa & Beyond

In 2024 HAAM began vigorously exploring holistic ways to mitigate and manage CRB damage. We were awarded a DOA grant in 2024-2025 that has allowed us to continue our research of the efficacy of these methods. We partnered with kahu of privately owned ancestral niu groves and began treating trees using our three-pronged CRB mitigation approach. Through a partnership with Mālama Tree Care, we have regular access to a 40-foot bucket truck to assist us in the treatment of coconut trees. In addition, we work with local arborists to provide them with organic solutions that we have found effective in managing and mitigating beetle damage to coconut trees.

As mahi'ai battling CRB, we have the expertise to lead solutions that will protect our history and prevent further loss. HAAM's founder, Daniel Anthony, plays an active role in Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmer's Union United, and Cho Global Natural Farming–Hawai'i, and has been a critical influencer of invigorating action in the Native Hawaiian community. The people who make up HAAM, and our broader community can implement a CRB action plan that promotes Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander well-being on our island.

## 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.

Our organization stewards a 3-acre farm, Mama 'Āina Farms, in Ahuimanu, Kahalu'u producing kalo, olena, pork, 'ulu, avocado, banana and awa. The farm is also an important community and cultural space offering weekly ku'i (taro pounding), pohaku ku'i ai (poi pounder), and regenerative farming workshops to the community. There is ample storage space to securely house and maintain the CharBoss as well as space for any overages of biochar that need to be stored. Our woodshop is home to our papa ku'i ai accelerator where local hardwood is recycled into poi pounding boards that feeds the community.

Our CRB-free site offers a limited window of time to prime our ahupua'a community with both defensive and offensive skill sets and resources to ensure that our community continues to have access to coconuts for generations to come.

## **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.

The proposed staffing pattern for this request includes a Project Lead, an Administrator, and a Grants Consultant to ensure successful implementation and documentation. Together, this team has the expertise and administrative capacity necessary to successfully carry out the project and meet all grant requirements.

Daniel Anthony is a food sovereignty activist, cultural practitioner and farmer with over 25 years of experience. In 2011 he founded Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona to teach the community indigenous farming methods and food preparation techniques, for a healthier Aina and community. He is also the co-founder of Mana Ai LLC, a company that produces, distributes and promotes fresh artisan poi and pa'i'ai made from the kalo (taro) plant. Daniel plays an active role in Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmer's Union United, and Cho Global Natural Farming–Hawai'i, and has been recognized for leadership in restoring indigenous food practices. Daniel will serve as the Project Lead ensuring that procurement and implementation of the project is delivered in alignment with project goals.

Alohi Ae'a is the lead administrator for the organization. She manages the day-to-day nonprofit administration such as accounting, reporting documentation, and compliance support.

Ellie Tsuchiya has raised \$3.9 million in her six years as a Grant Writer and Program Manager and has extensive experience managing both public and private grants. In partnership with Alohi, Ellie will lead grant documentation, compliance tracking, and reporting to ensure the project meets all funder requirements. She is currently the Development and Grants Manager at 'Ōlelo Community Media, where she leads grant writing and management efforts by researching and identifying funding opportunities, crafting competitive proposals, developing budgets, and coordinating across teams to align funder goals with program outcomes.

Collectively, this staffing structure provides clear supervision and oversight, with strong administrative systems in place to support implementation, accountability, and effective service delivery.

## 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.

\$6,000 - \$48,000

Director of Sustainability  
Sawyer Operator  
Adminstrator

## 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.

HAAM has no judgments or pending lawsuits or actions against them, adverse contract actions, including terminations, suspensions, imposition of penalties, or other actions relating to failure to perform or deficiencies in fulfilling contractual obligations.

**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.

Permaculture Design Certificate

**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.

This grant will not be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution.

**4. Future Sustainability Plan**

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2027 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2027, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona will sustain this work beyond FY2027 through a combination of earned program revenue, ongoing community support, and strategic partnerships. Our programs help generate income that offsets operational costs, and our relationships with local businesses contribute in-kind resources and operational support. Together, these funding streams strengthen our long-term stability while allowing us to continue to fulfill our kuleana.