

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
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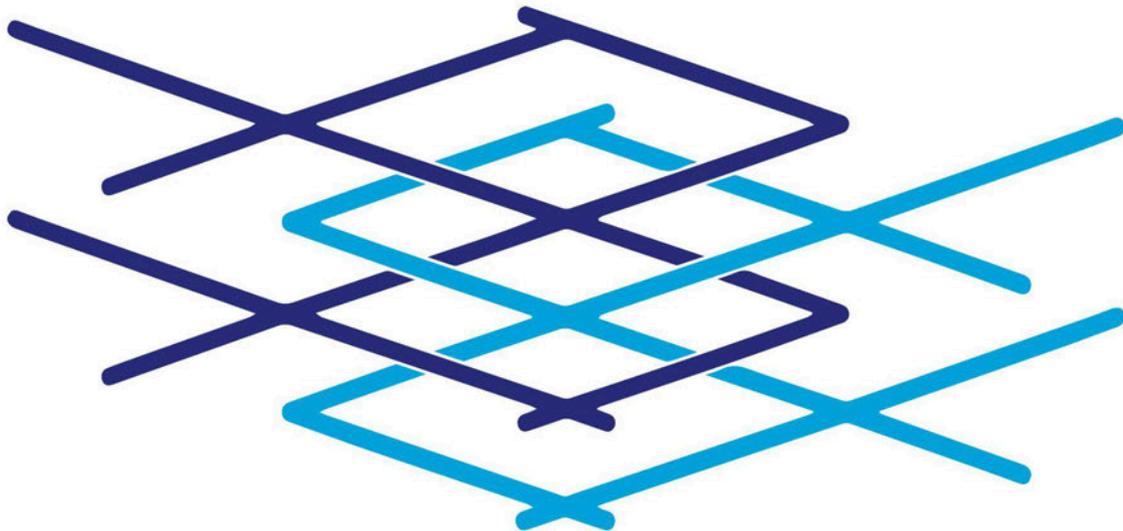
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HuiHo'oleimaluō

STATE GIA 2026 PROPOSAL

**Māhualauhīnano: Planning, Permitting, and Site Readiness for a
Community Resilience and Learning Campus**



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 HO'OLEIMALUO

DBA/Trade Name: HUI HO'OLEIMALUO

Issue Date: 01/22/2026

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#:



UI#: No record

DCCA FILE#: 298262

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.

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

Kamal Warner

(Signature)

(Date)

(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)

See Attached

2. Declaration Statement

See Attached

3. Public Purpose

Grant-in-Aid funds received through this application will be used exclusively for public purposes consistent with Section 42F-102, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. As described in the Background and Summary of this application, the requested funds will support planning, permitting, site preparation, and restoration activities necessary to advance Māhualauhīnāno as a community-centered site for education, cultural stewardship, climate resilience research, emergency preparedness, and natural resource management in Keaukaha and East Hawai'i. These activities serve a clear public purpose by strengthening community resilience, supporting public education and research, protecting environmentally sensitive coastal resources, and enhancing the capacity of the community to respond to climate-related hazards. All Grant-in-Aid funds will be used in a manner that provides direct and demonstrable public benefit and will not be used for private gain.

II. Background and Summary

1. A brief description of the applicant's background

Dedicated to Hawaiian fishponds and coastal stewardship, Hui Ho'oleimaluō was founded in 2014 to restore loko i'a along the Keaukaha coastline and to foster a thriving community through the stewardship of these vital ecosystems. Hui Ho'oleimaluō's mission is *“to advance our community by providing opportunities for kupa 'āina to engage and reconnect with sustainable ancestral practices.”*

In 2019, Hui Ho'oleimaluō achieved official nonprofit status, further solidifying its commitment to 'āina and wahi pana stewardship, Hawaiian cultural practices, 'ōlelo Hawai'i, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education. The organization advances this work through hands-on, place-based activities including water quality monitoring, species repopulation, food production, and climate change research, serving families, community groups, and educational organizations across Hawai'i.

Hui Ho'oleimaluō's primary educational partner is Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Hawaiian Language Immersion Public Charter School. Established in 2001 (formerly Kula Kaiapuni O Keaukaha), Ka 'Umeke is a PreK–12 public charter school serving more than 350. Ka 'Umeke's mission—*I Ulu I Ke Kuamo'o. I Mana I Ka 'Ōiwi. I Kā'eo No Ka Hanauna Hou*—is realized through Hawaiian language immersion education grounded in Keaukaha place-based learning, cultural knowledge, and strong community engagement.

Hui Ho'oleimaluō and Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo are deeply rooted in the Keaukaha community. We are not external service providers working in Keaukaha, but community-based institutions whose staff, leadership, and board members live in Keaukaha and have genealogical ties to the area. This grounding informs how programs are designed, delivered, and stewarded, ensuring that the work reflects community priorities, cultural knowledge, and long-term accountability to place.

Collectively, Hui Ho'oleimaluō and Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo serve hundreds of students daily and have engaged thousands of participants through educational programming, community events, research initiatives, and stewardship activities. Their long-standing collaboration, deep community roots, and established trust form the foundation of this application and the proposed Māhualauhīnano project.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request

In October 2025, Hui Ho'oleimaluō, in collaboration with Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo, completed master planning and conceptual site design for the Māhualauhīnano Keaukaha Resiliency Center for Learning (Māhualauhīnano). Māhualauhīnano is intended to strengthen the cultural and environmental resilience of Keaukaha by providing flexible, multi-use spaces that serve community needs now and into the future. The core functions of the resiliency center include:

1. Community empowerment and education;
2. 'Āina stewardship and cultural continuity;

3. Climate resilience and adaptive innovation; and
4. Community disaster preparedness and response.

The Māhualauhīnano campus is envisioned as an approximately 80,000-square-foot, multi-use educational and community resilience site that will be activated daily by students, educators, and community members through programs led by Hui Ho'oleimaluō and Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo. The campus design prioritizes environmental stewardship, applied scientific research, cultural practice, and skilled craftsmanship, while also serving as critical community infrastructure. Planned facilities include a hurricane-resistant cafetorium; large community gathering spaces for education and emergency sheltering; a certified kitchen to support emergency response and post-disaster recovery; additional evacuation routes to provide an added point of egress during coastal hazards such as flooding or tsunami events; renewable energy systems with photovoltaic panels and battery storage; and space for future communication and emergency coordination systems.

The goal of this GIA request is to advance Māhualauhīnano from conceptual master planning into a fully entitled, environmentally responsible, and community-aligned development phase. Building upon the completed master plan, the requested funds will support environmental review, regulatory approvals, and site preparation necessary to responsibly move the project toward implementation readiness.

Specifically, the objectives of this request are to:

- **Complete required environmental and regulatory planning**
Support completion of a Major Special Management Area (SMA) Permit application based on the Environmental Assessment (currently underway) to ensure compliance with State and County environmental, coastal, and land use regulations. Coordinating these processes will reduce duplication, save time, and lower overall project costs.
- **Prepare the project site for restoration-informed development**
Conduct selective clearing and site preparation on the approximately 10-acre parcel to initiate ecological restoration, improve understanding of site conditions, and enable accurate planning around a central 3.5 acre loko wai (pond) area that is foundational to the project's design. Clearing will be undertaken with environmental sensitivity and informed by long-term watershed protection and

resilience goals.

- **Ensure continued alignment with community priorities**

Use this planning phase to refine project design and implementation strategies so Māhualauhīnāno remains responsive to priorities identified through the master planning process, including place-based values, cultural stewardship, and the needs of the Keaukaha community.

Through these objectives, Māhualauhīnāno advances from conceptual planning to an implementation-ready project, positioning the campus to serve Keaukaha and the broader East Hawai'i region as a resilient, culturally grounded, and environmentally responsible community asset.

3. The public purpose and need to be served

The Māhualauhīnāno project serves a clear public purpose by advancing a community-driven model for climate resilience, emergency preparedness, and long-term land stewardship in Keaukaha, one of the most environmentally impacted coastal areas in East Hawai'i.

Across Hawai'i, there is growing recognition that effective climate adaptation and disaster response must be rooted in community-led planning, locally governed infrastructure, and the integration of indigenous knowledge systems. Māhualauhīnāno responds to this need by establishing a permanent, community-governed site where climate research, resilience planning, emergency readiness, and everyday community use are integrated rather than treated as separate efforts.

The project intentionally centers active Hawaiian cultural practices, 'ōlelo Hawai'i education, and wahi pana stewardship alongside applied science. Natural resource management, including watershed restoration, loko wai systems, and local food production, are embedded into the site design and proposed uses, strengthening food security and ecological resilience while supporting intergenerational knowledge transmission.

Designed around a central approximately 3.5 acre loko wai, Māhualauhīnāno uses natural systems as living infrastructure to inform adaptation strategies related to flooding, sea level rise, water management, and ecosystem health. This approach ensures that climate research and resilience strategies are both scientifically sound and culturally grounded.

As a community-led campus, Māhualauhīnāno is intended to serve as a model for how Hawai'i communities can plan for climate impacts and emergencies in ways that

strengthen local capacity, protect cultural and natural resources, and support coordinated response. State investment at this planning stage enables responsible development and positions Māhualauhīnano to contribute to broader efforts across Hawai'i to build community-based climate resilience, food security, and emergency preparedness.

4. Describe the target population to be served

The Māhualauhīnano project serves a broad population, with a primary focus on the Keaukaha community and surrounding areas of East Hawai'i. Priority populations include:

- Keaukaha families, including keiki, 'ōpio, and adults engaged in 'āina-based education, cultural practice, 'ōlelo Hawai'i learning, and community resilience activities;
- Students enrolled in Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Hawaiian Language Immersion Public Charter School (PreK–12);
- Community members participating in stewardship, natural resource management, and local food production that supports long-term resilience and food security;
- Educational programs and institutions from across Hawai'i, including preschool, K–12, postsecondary, special education, and alternative learning programs;
- Researchers, practitioners, and organizations conducting climate, environmental, and culturally grounded research; and
- **Emergency management, County, and State agencies and partners** who may utilize the campus for coordination, training, and community-based preparedness and response activities, strengthening regional readiness during coastal hazards and climate-related emergencies.

Through daily educational use, community programming, research partnerships, and resilience planning, Māhualauhīnano will serve hundreds of students annually and support broader participation as a shared, community-governed resource.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

The Māhualauhīnano project is located in Keaukaha in the ahupua'a of Waiākea, on the East side of the island of Hawai'i. The primary geographic focus of the project is the

Keaukaha community and the surrounding areas of East Hawai'i, where the campus will be used regularly for education, stewardship, climate resilience planning, and emergency preparedness.

Keaukaha is one of the most heavily utilized coastal areas in East Hawai'i, supporting recreation, tourism, commercial activity, the Hilo Port, business operations, and multiple educational institutions. As a result, disruptions from coastal hazards, climate impacts, or emergencies in Keaukaha have ripple effects across the broader East Hawai'i region. Māhualauhīnāno's location and design allow it to serve as critical community-based infrastructure within this high-use coastal corridor.

While the project's direct services are focused on Keaukaha and East Hawai'i, Māhualauhīnāno is intended to have broader statewide relevance as a model for community-driven climate resilience, land stewardship, and emergency preparedness. The project will inform best practices through research partnerships, shared learning, and demonstrated approaches that can be adapted by other communities across Hawai'i.

The site's location within the coastal Special Management Area further underscores its relevance as a living example of how environmentally responsible planning, cultural stewardship, and resilience infrastructure can be integrated in sensitive coastal regions.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

1. Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities

The scope of work for this request focuses on advancing Māhualauhīnāno through the remaining regulatory, planning, and site preparation activities necessary to secure required land use approvals and prepare the site in a manner that is environmentally responsible and culturally grounded. The requested funds will support coordinated professional services and limited site preparation work to secure required land use approvals and prepare the site for restoration-informed development.

Specifically, the scope of work includes the following tasks:

- **Major Special Management Area (SMA) Permit and Land Use Approvals**

The applicant will prepare, submit, and secure approval of a Major SMA Permit for the Māhualauhīnāno site. This work will build upon the Environmental Assessment (EA), which is currently underway and anticipated to be completed prior to the availability of these funds. In addition, because the project site is located within an Agricultural zoning district, the applicant will pursue any required Special Permit approvals to allow for the proposed educational,

community resilience, and stewardship uses. Activities will include coordination with County Planning, preparation of required permit materials, technical analyses, agency consultation, and support through public review and approval processes. Pre-consultation with planning professionals and County Planning staff has already begun and will continue as part of this aligned effort.

- **Project Management and Technical Coordination**

Funds will support the engagement of a project manager and appropriate technical consultants, including planning, engineering, and environmental professionals, to coordinate regulatory reviews, consultant inputs, agency communication, and scheduling. This role is critical to ensuring that the Major SMA and land use approval processes proceed efficiently, comply with regulatory requirements, and remain aligned with the approved master plan.

- **Selective Site Clearing and Restoration Preparation**

The applicant will conduct limited, selective site clearing on the approximately 10-acre parcel to support restoration planning and improve understanding of site conditions. Clearing activities will focus on heavily wooded areas, particularly around the loko wai and wetland areas, to enable ecological restoration, invasive species removal, and accurate site assessment. This work may include bulldozing, vegetation management, and contracted yard maintenance services, and will be conducted in a manner consistent with environmental sensitivities and regulatory requirements. No grading or construction-related site work is included in this request.

- **Consultant Support Services**

The project will engage planning, engineering, and environmental consultants as needed to support the Major SMA and Special Permit applications, respond to agency and public comments, and refine site planning consistent with regulatory approvals and long-term stewardship goals.

Collectively, these activities will advance Māhualauhīnano from environmental review completion to regulatory approval and site readiness, ensuring that future development is environmentally responsible, coordinated, and aligned with community and planning priorities.

2. Provide a projected annual timeline

The following timeline reflects anticipated milestones following the availability of Fiscal Year 2027 grant funds and is aligned with regulatory review processes and site preparation requirements.

October–December 2026 (Pre-Funding Preparation)

- Complete Environmental Assessment (EA), including all required supporting studies.
- Finalize pre-consultation with County Planning and regulatory agencies.
- Refine scope and procurement plans for professional services.

January–February 2027

- Receive FY 2027 grant funding.
- Execute contracts and onboard project management, planning, engineering, and environmental consultants.
- Confirm regulatory pathways for Major SMA Permit and Agricultural District Special Permit applications.

March–April 2027

- Prepare and submit Major Special Management Area (SMA) Permit application.
- Prepare and submit Agricultural District Special Permit application, if required.
- Conduct agency coordination and technical review support.

May–June 2027

- Support public review processes and respond to agency and community comments.
- Secure approval of the Major SMA Permit and associated land use approvals.

July–September 2027

- Conduct limited, selective site clearing and invasive species removal consistent with permit conditions.

- Initiate restoration planning activities around loko wai and wetland areas.
- Document site conditions and finalize implementation readiness materials.

3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request

Hui Ho'oleimaluō will implement a structured quality assurance and evaluation approach to ensure that all planning, permitting, and site preparation activities funded through this request are completed in compliance with regulatory requirements, project scope, and approved timelines.

Quality assurance will be led by a contracted project manager, who will oversee consultant performance, maintain project schedules, and ensure coordination among planning, engineering, environmental, and regulatory partners. The project manager will conduct regular progress reviews with consultants to confirm that deliverables meet applicable State and County standards and remain consistent with the Māhualauhīnano Master Plan. The project manager will report directly to the Hui Ho'oleimaluō Executive Director through bi-monthly (twice-monthly) check-ins. The Executive Director will provide oversight to ensure alignment with other Māhualauhīnano project activities and will work with the project manager to adjust timelines or sequencing as needed.

Regulatory compliance will be a primary focus of evaluation. All Major Special Management Area (SMA) Permit and Agricultural District Special Permit materials will be reviewed internally and by qualified consultants prior to submission to ensure accuracy, completeness, and responsiveness to agency requirements. The project team recognizes that regulatory review processes, particularly within the SMA, may take longer than anticipated. To address this, the project manager will maintain consistent follow-up with County Planning and other reviewing agencies, track review timelines, and proactively respond to agency feedback to minimize delays and support timely approvals.

Site clearing and restoration preparation activities will be monitored to ensure they are conducted in accordance with permit conditions, environmental best practices, and project objectives. Documentation of site work, including photographs and contractor reports, will be maintained to verify compliance and inform future restoration and planning phases.

Ongoing evaluation will be milestone-based, tracking key deliverables such as consultant contracting, permit submissions and approvals, and completion of site preparation activities. If delays or issues arise, corrective actions will be implemented through schedule adjustments, additional coordination with consultants or agencies, and

oversight by the Executive Director to ensure continued progress toward regulatory approval and culturally grounded site readiness. This quality assurance and evaluation approach ensures accountability, transparency, and adaptability throughout the planning phase.

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 following measures of effectiveness will be reported to the expending State agency and will provide objective, verifiable indicators of progress and completion of the planning activities funded through this request. These measures are appropriate to the regulatory, planning, and site preparation phase of the Māhualauhīnano project and may be updated if the level of appropriation differs from the amount requested.

Regulatory and Planning Milestones

- Completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA) prior to the initiation of FY 2027 grant-funded activities.
- Submission of a complete Major Special Management Area (SMA) Permit application to County Planning.
- Progress through the County SMA review process, including documentation of agency coordination, responses to comments, and public review milestones.
- Approval of the Major SMA Permit by the County, or documented advancement toward approval within the FY 2027 period.
- Submission and approval, or documented advancement toward approval, of any required Agricultural District Special Permit associated with the proposed uses of the site.

Project Management and Consultant Coordination

- Execution of contracts with a project manager and required planning, engineering, and environmental consultants.
- Bi-monthly reporting from the project manager to the Hui Ho'oleimaluō Executive Director documenting progress, regulatory coordination, and schedule adjustments.

- Completion of key project milestones in accordance with the FY 2027 timeline, or documented adjustments due to regulatory review processes.
- Maintenance of records documenting consultant deliverables and correspondence with County and other regulatory agencies.

Site Preparation and Restoration Readiness

- Completion of limited, selective site clearing and invasive species removal activities consistent with permit conditions and environmental best practices.
- Documentation of site conditions, including mapping, photographic records, and contractor reports, to support restoration planning and future phases of work.

Regulatory and Site Readiness Outcomes

- Completion of regulatory approvals and site preparation activities sufficient to establish regulatory approval and culturally grounded site readiness for subsequent phases of the Māhualauhīnano project.
- Submission of a final summary report to the expending agency documenting completed activities, regulatory status, site preparation work, and lessons learned during the planning phase.

These measures provide the State with a clear, realistic, and verifiable framework to assess progress, accountability, and effective use of grant funds while recognizing the complexities of regulatory review processes, particularly within the Special Management Area.

IV. Financial

Budget

1. Budget utilizing the enclosed budget Links

See Attached

Source	Source
State of Hawai'i Grant-in-Aid (Requested)	\$213,000
Private Matching Funds (Anticipated)	\$50,000

Additional Matching Funds for Future Phases (Anticipated)	\$2,000,000
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Professional Services – Project Management & Planning (Consultant)

\$50,000

This category supports a contracted project manager and planning consultant responsible for coordinating the Major Special Management Area (SMA) Permit and Agricultural District Special Permit processes, managing consultant inputs, maintaining communication with County and regulatory agencies, and tracking regulatory timelines. These services are essential to navigating complex land use approvals, particularly within the SMA, and ensuring adaptive project management in response to agency review processes.

Professional Services – Engineering & Environmental

\$40,000

Funds will support limited engineering and environmental consultant services necessary to prepare technical materials, respond to agency comments, and support regulatory approvals associated with the Major SMA and Agricultural District Special Permit applications. These services ensure technical accuracy, regulatory compliance, and consistency with the Māhualauhīnano Master Plan.

Permitting and Regulatory Costs

\$20,000

This category covers required County and State permit application fees, public noticing costs, and associated regulatory expenses. These costs are necessary to advance the project through required land use approvals and are directly tied to measurable regulatory milestones.

Site Preparation & Restoration Readiness

\$65,000

Funds will support limited, permit-compliant site preparation activities, including selective clearing and invasive species removal, focused on the loko wai and watershed areas. This work enables restoration planning, site assessment, and regulatory

compliance while protecting sensitive environmental resources. No construction or grading for development is included.

Equipment – Natural Resource Management & Restoration

\$20,000

This category supports the purchase of equipment needed to conduct watershed and loko wai restoration and natural resource management activities, including an eco-dredger, chainsaws, weed eaters, safety equipment, and materials such as rock, wire, and cement for stabilizing pond and watershed edges. Investment in this equipment builds long-term stewardship capacity and enables community-based restoration and education activities aligned with the Māhualauhīnāno Master Plan, even if future project phases proceed incrementally.

Personnel – Executive Director (Partial Salary Support)

\$8,000

Partial salary support for the Hui Ho'oleimaluō Executive Director will provide project oversight, bi-monthly supervision of the project manager, coordination with regulatory agencies, schedule adjustments in response to review timelines, and reporting to the expending agency. This ensures accountability, alignment with broader project efforts, and adaptive management throughout the planning phase.

Supplies, Travel, and Meeting Costs

\$10,000

This category supports essential project-related supplies and operating costs, including printing and binding of regulatory and public materials, meeting facilitation costs, and transportation to and from the project site for the Executive Director and project staff. These costs are necessary to support regulatory compliance, agency coordination, and on-site planning and restoration activities.

Collectively, these budget categories support a disciplined, capital-focused planning effort that advances Māhualauhīnāno through regulatory approval and culturally grounded site readiness. All costs are directly aligned with the approved scope of work, quality assurance framework, and measures of effectiveness, and provide the State with clear, verifiable outcomes related to permitting, site preparation, and restoration capacity. No Grant-in-Aid funds will be used for construction, grading for development, or ongoing operational expenses.

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2027.

Quarter 1 July-Sep 2026	Quarter 2 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 3 Jan-March 2027	Quarter 4 April-June 2027	Total Grant
0	0	\$130,000	\$83,000	213,000

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

In addition to the requested \$213,000 Grant-in-Aid, Hui Ho'oleimalūo anticipates securing approximately \$50,000 in private philanthropic support from the Kalliopeia Foundation to support planning, permitting, site preparation, and restoration activities associated with this phase of the Māhualauhīnano project.

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.

Hui Ho'oleimalūo is not seeking State or federal tax credits for the activities included in this request.

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.

Hui Ho'oleimalūo does not anticipate applying for or receiving other government contracts, grants, or grants-in-aid for the activities included in this request.

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

As of December 31, 2025, the organization reports unrestricted current assets of approximately \$100,895.

V. Experience and Capability

1. Necessary Skills and Experience

Hui Ho'oleimalūō possesses the experience, technical capacity, financial stewardship, and community trust necessary to successfully carry out the planning, permitting, and site preparation activities proposed in this application. The organization has a demonstrated history of land stewardship, loko i'a restoration, and natural resource management in Keaukaha, including work within the coastal Special Management Area (SMA), and has experience navigating regulatory requirements associated with land use, environmental review, and stewardship activities.

Hui Ho'oleimalūō has a strong record of responsibly managing both public and private funds in support of community-based education, stewardship, and research initiatives. The organization maintains sound financial controls, transparent accounting practices, and responsible fiscal management, and has consistently demonstrated the ability to maximize limited resources. In light of changing federal funding landscapes and broader financial constraints, Hui Ho'oleimalūō has adopted a disciplined, cost-conscious approach to project management that prioritizes efficiency, long-term value, and accountability. The organization operates within established governance and financial oversight structures.

Hui Ho'oleimalūō's land portfolio reflects both experience and readiness for capital project planning. The organization currently stewards approximately three acres of fee simple owned loko i'a lands in Keaukaha, manages a 0.65-acre parcel under a lease-to-own arrangement, and is actively pursuing a long-term lease for the approximately 10-acre Māhualauhīnano site. This portfolio demonstrates practical experience with land tenure, site management, regulatory compliance, and long-term stewardship planning.

Through its participation as an applicant in the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) process and engagement in other planning and development efforts within the Special Management Area (SMA), Hui Ho'oleimalūō has established working relationships with County Planning staff, planning consultants, and engineers. The organization has demonstrated experience coordinating with regulatory agencies, responding to agency review comments, and aligning community priorities with County and State land use requirements.

The Māhualauhīnano Master Plan was developed in partnership with Ferraro Choi, a professional planning and design firm with extensive experience in Hawai'i land use and community-based projects. In addition, Hui Ho'oleimalūō has access to community members and practitioners with site-specific and field-specific expertise—including engineering, archaeology, cultural impact assessment, and environmental science—who have offered technical support and guidance throughout planning and

implementation. This reflects strong community buy-in and reinforces the project's culturally grounded, place-based approach.

Hui Ho'oleimalūo's staff bring advanced professional training and academic credentials relevant to this work, including graduate-level expertise in aquaculture, education, and natural resource stewardship. The organization's programming and operations are grounded in 'ōlelo Hawai'i and 'ike Hawai'i, ensuring that cultural knowledge, language revitalization, and place-based practice remain central to project design and implementation. The long-standing collaboration with Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Hawaiian Language Immersion Public Charter School further strengthens Hui Ho'oleimalūo's capacity to manage complex, multidisciplinary projects that integrate education, cultural practice, environmental stewardship, and community engagement.

Collectively, this experience demonstrates Hui Ho'oleimalūo's ability to responsibly manage public funds, steward land within sensitive coastal environments, coordinate regulatory processes, and advance Māhualauhīnāno through the planning and permitting phase in alignment with community and State priorities.

2. Facilities

Hui Ho'oleimalūo currently operates programs across multiple sites in Keaukaha, including active loko i'a and adjacent stewardship areas used for education, restoration, and research activities. These sites provide hands-on experience managing land, coordinating activities in coastal environments, and operating within SMA constraints.

While permanent facilities for Māhualauhīnāno are not yet developed, the organization's existing land holdings and stewardship sites provide adequate capacity to support the planning, regulatory coordination, site preparation, and restoration activities proposed in this application. Plans to secure a long-term lease for the Māhualauhīnāno site are underway and aligned with the project's phased, fiscally responsible approach to development.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

The staffing structure for this request is intentionally limited and appropriate to the planning, permitting, and site readiness scope of work. Hui Ho'oleimalūo will rely primarily on contracted consultants to carry out technical planning, regulatory, and site preparation activities, with overall supervision and administrative direction provided by the organization's Executive Director.

The Executive Director of Hui Ho'oleimalūo will serve as the primary staff lead for this request and will be responsible for project oversight, coordination, and accountability. This includes supervising the contracted project manager and consultants; ensuring alignment with the Māhualauhīnano Master Plan, organizational mission, and community priorities; coordinating with County and State regulatory agencies; and providing required reporting to the expending agency. The Executive Director will conduct bi-monthly (twice-monthly) check-ins with the contracted project manager to monitor progress, address regulatory timelines, and make adjustments as needed.

The Executive Director brings extensive experience in community-based land stewardship, education, cultural practice, and fiscal management, as well as demonstrated capacity to oversee public and private grant-funded projects. This role is well suited to provide the administrative direction and decision-making necessary to manage a consultant-driven planning effort while maintaining fiscal discipline and regulatory compliance.

No additional permanent staff positions are proposed under this request. Specialized expertise including planning, engineering, environmental review, and regulatory coordination will be provided through contracted professionals selected based on qualifications and experience relevant to the scope of work.

2. Organization Chart

See Attached

The organizational structure for this request is as follows:

- Hui Ho'oleimalūo Executive Director
 - Provides overall project oversight and administrative direction
 - Supervises contracted project manager and consultants
 - Reports to the Hui Ho'oleimalūo Board of Directors
- Contracted Project Manager (Consultant)
 - Coordinates day-to-day planning, permitting, and regulatory activities
 - Manages consultant deliverables and agency coordination
 - Reports directly to the Executive Director

- Contracted Consultants
 - Planning, engineering, environmental, and regulatory consultants
 - Provide technical services and deliverables as required
 - Report to the contracted project manager and Executive Director

This structure ensures clear lines of responsibility, appropriate supervision, and efficient use of resources while maintaining accountability and alignment with organizational governance.

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.

Annual Salary Range of Three Highest Paid Employees at Hui Ho’oleimaluō

Title	Salary Range
Executive Director	\$61,000-\$65,000
Puakahinano Program Director	\$50,000-\$60,000
Puakahinano Educational Coordinator	\$50,000-\$60,000

VII. Other

1. Litigation

Hui Ho’oleimaluō is not a party to any pending litigation and has no outstanding judgments to disclose.

2. Licensure or Accreditation

There are no required licenses or accreditations for Hui Ho’oleimaluō as related to this funding request.

3. Private Educational Institutions

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

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The activities funded through this Grant-in-Aid request are intentionally designed to deliver durable public benefits that can be sustained beyond fiscal year 2027, **even if no additional State or private funding is secured in subsequent years**, and regardless of whether other components of the Māhualauhīnano Master Plan are implemented.

If the grant is received for fiscal year 2027, the funding will support essential planning, permitting, site preparation, and restoration capacity that would be required under any future use scenario for the Māhualauhīnano site. These activities including regulatory approvals, watershed- and loko wai focused site preparation, and acquisition of restoration and stewardship equipment are foundational steps that must occur even if the project is scaled down or does not advance to full buildout. The public value of these investments is therefore not contingent on completion of additional phases of the Māhualauhīnano Master Plan.

If no additional funding is received after fiscal year 2027, Hui Ho'oleimalūo will continue to use the outcomes of this request to provide ongoing public benefit. Completion of regulatory approvals and site readiness activities will enable continued 'āina-based education, natural resource management, climate resilience research, and community stewardship in open and outdoor settings. The equipment acquired through this request will support long-term watershed and loko wai restoration, hands-on learning, and community engagement without reliance on future capital construction or additional appropriations.

Under this scenario, Māhualauhīnano would function as a community-accessible site for education, cultural practice, and climate resilience work, serving the Keaukaha community and East Hawai'i with limited or no permanent built facilities. Hui Ho'oleimalūo's existing operational resources, partnerships with Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo, and established community programming provide a viable pathway to sustain these activities over time.

Should additional funding become available in future years, the work completed through this request will position Māhualauhīnano to advance responsibly and efficiently. However, the benefits realized through this grant regulatory readiness, restored and accessible land, strengthened stewardship capacity, and continued education and research stand on their own and will endure independently of future funding decisions

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS Period: January 1, 2027 to March 30, 2028

Applicant: ___Hui Ho'oleimaluō_____

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2022-2023	FY: 2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027
PLANS	0	0	0	0	0	243000
LAND ACQUISITION	0	0	0	0	0	0
DESIGN	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	20000
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0	0	263,000

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENT:

This request is classified as a capital project and supports the planning, permitting, site preparation, and equipment acquisition necessary to advance the Māhualauihinano project through regulatory approval and culturally grounded site readiness. Grant-in-Aid funds will be used for capital planning and pre-development activities, including Major Special Management Area and Agricultural District Special Permit approvals, limited site preparation, and the purchase of equipment for watershed and loko wai restoration and natural resource management. No construction or grading for development is included in this request. These activities are essential to responsibly advance the Māhualauihinano capital project and ensure long-term public benefit, environmental stewardship, and community resilience. Professional services to support capital project planning, regulatory coordination, and land use approvals, including Major SMA Permit and Agricultural District Special Permit applications. Limited, permit-compliant site preparation, invasive species removal, and contractor-supported clearing focused on loko wai and wetland areas to support restoration planning and site assessment. No construction or grading for development included. Regulatory application fees, public noticing, and project-specific supplies, printing, meetings, and transportation necessary for capital project planning and regulatory compliance. Purchase of equipment to support watershed and loko wai restoration, natural resource management, and outdoor community education, including eco-dredger, chainsaws, weed eaters, safety equipment, and materials for stabilizing pond and watershed edges.

Applicant: _____ Hui Ho'oleimaluō _____

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Eco Dredger	1.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	15000
Chain Saw	3	\$800.00	\$ 2,400.00	2400
Weed Eater	4	\$500.00	\$ 2,000.00	2000
Safety Equipment Sets	6	\$100.00	\$ 600.00	600
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TOTAL:	14		\$20,000.00	20,000

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

Purchase of equipment to support watershed and loko wai restoration, natural resource management, and outdoor community education, including eco-dredger, chainsaws, weed eaters, safety equipment, and materials for stabilizing pond and watershed edges.

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
N/A			\$ -	
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			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: _____ Hui Ho'oleimaluō _____

Contracts Total: _____ -

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
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Hui Ho'oleimaluō Organizational Chart

“Thriving Communities Through Thriving Resources”

Board of Directors	
President – Vacant Vice President – Blake McNaughton Secretary – Kari Kalo Treasurer – Nafe Faanunu Board Member – Dov Korf-Korn Board Member – Ryan Arkie	
Executive Director Kamala Warren	
Program & Cultural Operations	Financial Management
Director of Program Deliver- Erika Jardin Program Coordinator- Nāhōkū Kahana Director of Creative Arts- Manoa Johansen Landscaper- Sam Lee	Fiscal Manager/Accountant- Haku Keli'i