

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.

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Rebecca Kawehi Inaba, Executive Director

01/22/26

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

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: LA`I`OPUA 2020

DBA/Trade Name: Laiopua 2020

Issue Date: 01/08/2026

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: [REDACTED]

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: [REDACTED]

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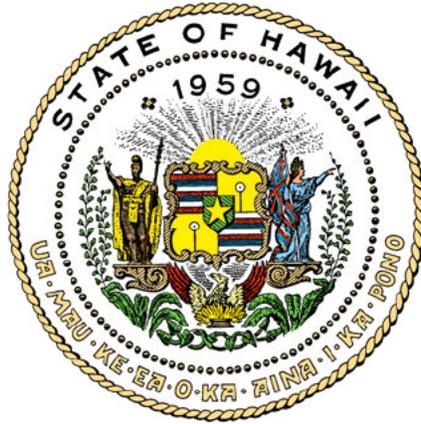
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Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

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



Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, the undersigned Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that

LA'OPUA 2020

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 03/24/2006 ; that it is an existing nonprofit corporation; and that, as far as the records of this Department reveal, has complied with all of the provisions of the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, regulating domestic nonprofit corporations.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dated: January 13, 2026

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAI'I REVISED 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, Hawai'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, Hawai'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, Hawai'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, Hawai'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.

La'i'ōpua 2020 (L2020)

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



01/22/26

(Signature)

(Date)

Rebecca Kawehi Inaba, Executive Director

(Typed Name)

(Title)

§42F-103 Standards for the award of grants. (a) Grants shall be awarded only to individuals who, and organizations that:

- (1) Are 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;
- (2) Comply 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;
- (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
- (4) Allow 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.

(b) In addition, a grant may be made to an organization only if the organization:

- (1) Is either:
 - (A) Incorporated under the laws of the State; or
 - (B) Spends at least ninety per cent of its operating budget in the State; and
 - (C) Registered with the department of commerce and consumer affairs and in possession of a valid certificate of vendor compliance issued by the State that documents the organization's compliance and good standing with the United States Internal Revenue Service, department of taxation, department of labor and industrial relations, and department of commerce and consumer affairs; and
- (2) 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.

(c) Further, a grant may be awarded to a nonprofit organization only if the organization:

- (1) Has been determined and designated to be a nonprofit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
- (2) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

(d) If a grant is used by an organization 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. This restriction shall be registered,

recorded, and indexed in the bureau of conveyances or with the assistant registrar of the land court as an encumbrance on the property. Amounts received from the repayment of a grant under this subsection shall be deposited into the general fund. [L 1997, c 190, pt of §3; am L 2007, c 184, §1; am L 2014, c 96, §7; am L 2022, c 26, §1]

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La'i'opua 2020 affirms its compliance with Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as stated above.

La'i'opua 2020 (L2020)



Rebecca "Kawehi" Inaba
Executive Director

January 22, 2026
Date

§42F-102 Applications for grants. Requests for grants shall be submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature at the start of each regular session of the legislature. Each request shall state:

- (1) The name of the requesting organization or individual;
- (2) The public purpose for the grant;
- (3) The services to be supported by the grant;
- (4) The target group; and
- (5) The cost of the grant and the budget. [L 1997, c 190, pt of §3; am L 2014, c 96, §6]

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La'i'opua 2020 affirms that the grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as stated above.

La'i'opua 2020 (L2020)



Rebecca "Kawehi" Inaba
Executive Director

January 22, 2026
Date

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.

See Attachment A.

2. Declaration Statement

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

See Attachment B.

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](#).

See Attachment C.

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;

La‘i‘ōpua 2020 (L2020) is a Native Hawaiian-led nonprofit organization founded in 2006 by the Kaniohale Community Association homesteaders. Located within the Kealakehe ahupua‘a on Hawai‘i Island, L2020 was established to “plan, design, and implement” community-serving infrastructure and programs—guided by a vision to create a pu‘uhonua: a place of healing, reflection, and transformation for Native Hawaiian families and the broader Kona Coast community.

L2020’s mission is to identify community needs, facilitate the development of multipurpose facilities, and coordinate charitable, educational, social, and cultural programs that uplift Native Hawaiian homesteaders and West Hawai‘i residents. In 2007, L2020 received its 501(c)(3)

status, and in 2012, it was formally registered with the Department of the Interior's Office of Native Hawaiian Relations as a Native Hawaiian Organization.

For close to two decades, L2020 has demonstrated its commitment to lokahi (unity) and kuleana (responsibility) through impactful programming and facility development. Its projects have included aquaponics, cultural enrichment, health pathway training, financial literacy workshops, and Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) certifications. L2020 also offers youth-centered education through its Enrichment and Wa'a programs, rooted in Hawaiian language, literacy, and STEAM learning.

In response to COVID-19, L2020 launched the Hānai 'Ai Community Meal Program, serving over 60,000 meals to more than 14,000 families, while supporting workforce recovery through culinary training and small business support. Today, L2020 operates a 13,722-square-foot facility that includes a Certified Commercial Kitchen, Business Incubation Center, co-working hub (Ululoa Hale), and open-air pavilion—supporting digital access, entrepreneurship, and job readiness. Recently, a 34,400 sq. foot mala (garden) was established adjacent to the northwest corner of the parking lot.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The goal of this request is to continue the expansion and maintenance of our on-site garden from 34,400 square feet (approximately .75 acres) to 87,120 square feet (two acres). The garden is used for hands-on learning for workforce development and cultural education – as well as a source of locally grown produce that is harvested, prepared, and provided to our community to battle food insecurity. As enrollment in these programs continue to grow, there is a clear need to expand and maintain our garden in a cost-effective and labor-efficient manner.

The objective of this request includes the following:

- Purchasing a compact excavator will enable us in land development, infrastructure installation, soil remediation, storm recovery, and materials handling
- Purchasing a tractor/mower to sustain daily cultivation, vegetation management, harvesting logistics, and site safety

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

We have five programs provided to the community that rely on the garden for place-based learning and as a source for produce used towards feeding the community.

1. Roots and Recipes – Participants spend 4 days in the garden and 4 days in the kitchen learning agricultural and culinary skills from local experts. This program has a strong focus on workforce development. It is expanding from one offering per year to three offerings per year.
2. Mohala Youth Culinary – Youth participants spend a week during their summer, fall, and spring break and two days during their winter break learning agricultural, culinary, and

entrepreneurial skills from local experts. This program has a strong focus on workforce development and youth engagement. It is expanding from 8 participants to 32 participants.

3. Ku'i Kalo Nights – Participants gather monthly to use hand-made traditional tools to pound kalo harvested from our garden into poi. This program build community engagement through deeply rooted cultural education. There is also a strong focus on food access as families learn how to take locally grown produce and prepare it for their families. This program is expanding from 20 families per month to 32 families per month.
4. Mea'ai Community Meals – Since the pandemic, we have provided affordable ready-to-eat family sized meals to the local community. Current and past participants of our culinary and garden programs volunteer in harvesting, preparing, and providing these meals. This program continues to grow as the rising cost of food forces more families into food insecurity.
5. Education programs in the Garden – We have used the garden to support our school-based program to educate students on canoe plants, agricultural skills, and cultural learning. We are expanding the use of the garden for education purposes with our upcoming on-site preschool.

As these programs grow, the need for additional space in the garden will continue to grow. In addition to the growth, keeping a safe and well-maintained site will enrich learning for participants in these programs.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

The target population to be served are participants in the aforementioned programs. This includes:

- Adults participating in the Roots and Recipes program
- Youth participating in the Mohala Youth Culinary program
- Multi-generational families participating in the Ku'i Kalo nights
- Families from the community who are provided food from the Mea'ai community meals
- Youth and educators who use the garden for learning agricultural skills and cultural learning.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

L2020 covers the West Hawaii region including Kailua-Kona, Holualoa, Kealakekua, Captain Cook, and Honaunau.

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;

In order to expand the garden from 34,400 square feet to 87,210 square feet, we will be seeking the purchase of a compact excavator and tractor/mower. The scope of work, tasks, and responsibilities are as follows:

1. Purchase the compact excavator and tractor/mower
 - a. The excavator enables the organization to accelerate site development, infrastructure installation, and ongoing land stewardship that would otherwise require costly outside contractors. Beyond initial buildout, the excavator supports preventive maintenance of drainage systems, access paths, berms, and structural pads — protecting food production capacity and ensuring uninterrupted growing cycles that directly feed culinary operations and meal programs.
 - b. The tractor/mower provide the operational backbone for daily land care, crop management, and logistical movement that keep the food system functioning smoothly from planting through harvest and delivery to the kitchen.
2. Expansion of garden using compact excavator
 - a. Garden expansion: Clearing, grading, trenching irrigation lines, preparing additional planting zones, and expanding acreage to increase crop volume for culinary training, community Mea'ai program production, and future preschool meals.
 - b. Program Coordinator for our garden programs, Keahi Tomas, is a certified heavy equipment operator. He led the creation of the first phase of the garden and will be responsible for leading the expansion of the garden. He will also be responsible for the use and care of the compact excavator.
3. Infrastructure Installation
 - a. Using the compact excavator to install infrastructure including: Supporting water line placement and repairs, drainage improvements, utility trenching, fencing footings, compost bays, greenhouse pads, shade structures, wash/pack areas, and outdoor instructional spaces that serve both agriculture and culinary workflows.
4. Preparing Soil for Planting
 - a. Using the compact excavator to move large volumes of compost, soil amendments, mulch, and rock to improve soil health, drainage performance, and crop consistency needed for reliable garden production.
 - b. Using the tractor/mower for tilling and bed preparation to increase soil condition that will result in a higher yield of produce.
5. Transporting equipment and materials within garden

- a. Use the compact excavator to safely lift pallets, bulk materials, and construction components supporting farm, kitchen, and instructional operations.
 - b. Use the tractor/mower to transport compost, tools, irrigation supplies within garden
6. Transporting produce from garden to kitchen
- a. Use the tractor/mower to move harvested produce to wash and staging areas.
7. Regular Maintenance of garden
- a. Use compact excavator to maintain roadways, walkways, berms, planting pads, and foundations to preserve long-tem production capacity and reduce future repair costs.
 - b. Use the tractor/mower for mowing and vegetation management including mechanical weed suppression and soil health practices that improve food quality and reduce chemical dependency
 - c. Use the tractor/mower and compact excavator to maintain garden for safety including clearing fire safety buffers and clearing navigable pathways.
8. Garden crisis management
- a. In the event of a storm, use compact excavator and tractor mower for rapid debris removal, drainage clearing, access restoration, and erosion repair to protect crops and maintain uninterrupted food supply following weather events.

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

July 2026 – Complete purchase of compact excavator and tractor/mower

- Keahi Tomas to begin clearing of land
- Keahi Tomas to coordinate delivery of soil and supplies

August-September 2026 – Preparing garden

- Keahi Tomas to lead volunteer teams in spreading of soil and installation of infrastructure
- Keahi Tomas to coordinate planning for planting crops

October 2026

- Keahi Tomas to engage L2020 program participants in planting crops
- Keahi Tomas to coordinate regular scheduled maintenance of garden using the tractor/mower

November 2026-June 2027

- Ongoing regularly scheduled maintenance of garden
- Ongoing cycle of planting, harvesting, and using produce
- L2020 program participants to use garden to learn agricultural skill and cultural skills
- Produce from garden will be provided to the community through the Mea‘ai Community Meals

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

Kawehi Inaba, Executive Director, will meet with Program Coordinator (Keahi Tomas) on a regular basis to monitor progress on mala expansion. Team meetings with various program coordinators who use the mala for their programs to ensure that the work on expansion aligns with their individual program goals and timelines.

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.**

Measures of effectiveness include:

- Expansion of garden from 34,400 square feet to 87,120 square feet
- Increase of participants in L2020 programs from ___ participants to ___ participants

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](#))**
 - 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](#))**

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
\$130,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$130,691

3. **The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2027.**
 - Cooke Foundation
 - Bank of Hawaii Foundation
 - McInerny Foundation
 - Office of Hawaiian Affairs
 - Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

- 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.**

- Office of Hawaiian Affairs (A‘o Tradeskills Program)
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (Regional Plan Grant)
- State of Hawaii Office of Community Services (GIA)
- US Department of Education (Native Hawaiian Education Program)

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

Unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2025 = \$890,716.73.

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 listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.

La‘i‘ōpua 2020 (L2020) possesses the organizational, technical, and operational experience necessary to successfully carry out the activities proposed in this request. Founded in 2006 and led by Native Hawaiian community members, L2020 has nearly two decades of demonstrated experience planning, developing, and operating ‘āina-based infrastructure and workforce development programs that integrate agriculture, cultural education, and food systems serving West Hawai‘i.

Organizational Experience and Capacity

L2020 has a proven track record of designing, constructing, expanding, and maintaining community-serving facilities and land-based programs. The organization currently operates a 13,722-square-foot community facility that includes a Certified Commercial Kitchen, Business Incubation Center, co-working space, and open-air pavilion, supported by adjacent agricultural infrastructure including an established 34,400-square-foot māla. This garden is actively used as an instructional site, workforce training environment, and food production source for multiple

programs, including Roots and Recipes, Mohala Youth Culinary, Ku‘i Kalo Nights, Mea‘ai Community Meals, and garden-based education initiatives.

The proposed request builds directly upon L2020’s existing operational model. Expansion of the māla from approximately 0.75 acres to two acres is a continuation of work already underway and aligns with L2020’s demonstrated ability to responsibly steward land, coordinate infrastructure development, and integrate food production into educational and workforce pathways.

Key Personnel Experience Directly Supporting the Request

Executive Oversight and Grant Management

L2020 is led by Executive Director Kawehi Inaba, who brings extensive experience in organizational leadership, grant administration, fiscal oversight, and program implementation. Since 2020, she has overseen multiple federal, state, and county grants, ensuring compliance with funding requirements, supervision of staff and consultants, and timely reporting. Her prior experience includes managing multimillion-dollar public budgets, leading teams across agriculture, economic development, and community programs, and founding and operating multiple successful enterprises. This background ensures strong administrative control, accountability, and strategic alignment of the proposed activities with organizational goals.

Technical and Operational Expertise in Land Development and Equipment Use

Direct implementation of the proposed garden expansion will be led by Māla Project Coordinator Keahi Tomas. Mr. Tomas brings over 30 years of professional experience in heavy equipment operation, construction, site development, excavation, grading, trenching, and materials handling. He is a certified heavy equipment operator with a documented record of safely operating excavators, loaders, bulldozers, and related machinery, including work on major public infrastructure projects across Hawai‘i Island.

In addition to his construction background, Mr. Tomas currently serves in agricultural and ‘āina stewardship roles, managing daily farm operations, soil preparation, irrigation, harvesting, and culturally grounded agricultural education. He led the creation of L2020’s existing garden phase and is responsible for ongoing land assessment, regenerative agroecology practices, and cultural protocol adherence. His combined technical, agricultural, and cultural expertise directly aligns with the proposed use of the compact excavator and tractor/mower for land preparation, infrastructure installation, soil improvement, maintenance, and storm response.

Verifiable Related Experience

Over the past three years, L2020 has successfully implemented and managed multiple land-based, workforce development, and food security initiatives that are directly relevant to this request, including:

- Development and operation of the existing on-site māla supporting agricultural training, cultural education, and food production

- Expansion of culinary and agricultural workforce programs, including Roots and Recipes and Mohala Youth Culinary
- Ongoing Mea‘ai Community Meals program utilizing garden-grown produce to address food insecurity
- Community-based cultural programming such as Ku‘i Kalo Nights that integrate traditional tools, practices, and harvested crops
- Administration of state and federal grants supporting workforce training, Native Hawaiian education, and community development

These projects demonstrate L2020’s ability to plan, execute, and sustain complex, multi-component initiatives that require land stewardship, equipment operation, participant engagement, and cross-program coordination.

Appropriateness for the Proposed Service

The requested equipment directly supports activities L2020 is already performing and expanding. The organization has in-house expertise to operate and maintain the equipment safely and effectively, established systems for supervision and accountability, and a clear programmatic need tied to measurable outcomes. L2020’s experience ensures that the equipment will be immediately deployed for productive use, reducing reliance on external contractors, increasing cost efficiency, and strengthening long-term sustainability of its agricultural and workforce development programs.

Together, L2020’s organizational history, leadership capacity, technical expertise, and recent verifiable project experience demonstrate that the applicant is fully qualified and well-positioned to carry out the proposed request successfully.

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.

La‘i‘ōpua 2020 operates a fully established, purpose-built community campus in West Hawai‘i that is adequate and appropriate to support the activities proposed in this request. The organization’s facilities include both built infrastructure and adjacent agricultural land that together function as an integrated site for education, workforce development, food production, and cultural programming.

Existing Facilities

L2020 currently operates a 13,722-square-foot community facility that includes:

- A Certified Commercial Kitchen used for culinary workforce training and community meal preparation

- A Business Incubation Center and co-working hub (Ululoa Hale) supporting job readiness, entrepreneurship, and digital access
- An open-air pavilion used for instruction, gatherings, and cultural activities

Immediately adjacent to the facility is an established 34,400-square-foot (approximately 0.75-acre) māla (garden). This garden is fully operational and actively used as:

- An instructional site for agricultural and cultural education
- A workforce training environment for culinary and agricultural programs
- A food production area supplying produce for the Mea‘ai Community Meals program and related initiatives

The existing garden includes planting areas, irrigation infrastructure, soil improvement zones, and access paths that support daily operations, volunteer engagement, and participant safety.

Adequacy in Relation to the Request

The facilities are well suited to the proposed request to expand and maintain the māla. The garden is physically contiguous to the main facility, allowing for efficient movement of participants, tools, materials, and harvested produce between the garden and the kitchen. This proximity supports seamless integration of agriculture and culinary training, minimizes transportation costs, and enhances operational efficiency.

The request for a compact excavator and tractor/mower directly supports the functional use of the existing site. These equipment assets will enable:

- Expansion of the garden footprint from 34,400 square feet to approximately 87,120 square feet (two acres)
- Installation and maintenance of irrigation lines, drainage systems, planting zones, and instructional areas
- Ongoing site maintenance to ensure safe, accessible, and productive growing conditions

The facilities already support the programs that rely on the garden, including Roots and Recipes, Mohala Youth Culinary, Ku‘i Kalo Nights, Mea‘ai Community Meals, and garden-based education initiatives. As participation in these programs continues to grow, the existing campus provides the necessary base infrastructure to support expanded agricultural production.

Plans to Secure and Prepare Additional Garden Space

While the core facilities are already in place, L2020 plans to expand the existing on-site garden area within its current campus footprint. No off-site facilities are required to carry out this request. The expansion will be accomplished through land preparation, grading, infrastructure installation, and soil enhancement using the requested equipment.

Garden expansion activities will be led by L2020’s Māla Project Coordinator, who has already overseen development of the current garden phase and is responsible for land stewardship and

ongoing maintenance. The organization has the staffing, oversight, and operational systems in place to manage the expanded footprint without disruption to existing programs.

L2020’s existing facilities—including its community building and operational māla—are fully adequate to support the proposed request. The garden expansion represents a logical and scalable extension of current operations rather than a new or speculative facility. With established infrastructure, experienced personnel, and a clear integration between land-based learning and food production, L2020 is well positioned to successfully implement and sustain the proposed activities within its existing facilities.

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.

La‘i‘ōpua 2020 has an established staffing structure with clearly defined roles, qualifications, and supervisory oversight that is appropriate for the scope, scale, and long-term viability of this request. The proposed activities build directly upon existing programs and infrastructure and do not require new positions; instead, they are implemented through experienced personnel already responsible for garden operations, workforce development, and organizational management.

Proposed Staffing Pattern and Service Capacity

The request will be implemented using L2020’s current staffing model, which integrates executive oversight with hands-on technical leadership. Key roles supporting this request include:

- Executive Director – Organizational oversight, grant administration, supervision, and compliance
- Māla Project Coordinator / Program Coordinator – Day-to-day implementation, equipment operation, land development, garden expansion, and participant engagement

This staffing pattern is appropriate to the request, as the activities involve expansion and maintenance of an existing on-site garden rather than the launch of a new facility or program. The service capacity supported by this structure allows L2020 to safely operate equipment, expand agricultural acreage, and sustain increased program participation across multiple garden-dependent initiatives.

Staff Qualifications and Experience

Executive Director – Kawehi Inaba. The Executive Director provides overall administrative direction and supervision for the request. She brings extensive experience in nonprofit

leadership, public-sector management, and grant oversight. Her qualifications include decades of experience in fund development, program implementation, fiscal management, and staff supervision. She has successfully overseen federal, state, and county grants, ensuring compliance with funding requirements, timely reporting, and alignment with organizational goals. Her prior experience managing multimillion-dollar budgets and leading multidisciplinary teams provides the necessary administrative and managerial capacity to support the proposed activities.

Māla Project Coordinator – Keahi Tomas. The Māla Project Coordinator is directly responsible for implementing the activities supported by this request. He brings over 30 years of professional experience as a heavy equipment operator, foreman, and site development specialist, with extensive expertise in excavation, grading, trenching, materials handling, and equipment maintenance. He has operated heavy machinery on major infrastructure projects throughout Hawai‘i Island and maintains an excellent safety record.

In addition to his construction background, he currently manages agricultural operations and ‘āina stewardship activities, including soil preparation, irrigation, planting, harvesting, and culturally grounded agricultural education. He led the development of the existing garden phase and is responsible for its ongoing maintenance. His combined technical, agricultural, and cultural experience uniquely qualifies him to operate and maintain the requested compact excavator and tractor/mower while ensuring that garden expansion aligns with cultural protocols, safety standards, and programmatic needs.

Supervision, Training, and Administrative Direction

The Executive Director provides direct supervision to the Māla Project Coordinator through regular check-ins, planning meetings, and progress reviews. This structure ensures accountability, alignment with grant objectives, and integration of garden expansion activities with L2020’s broader program schedule.

Operational training and safety oversight are embedded within existing practices. The Māla Project Coordinator is experienced in OSHA-compliant equipment operation, equipment inspection, preventive maintenance, and safe worksite practices. He also provides hands-on guidance and supervision to volunteers and program participants engaged in garden activities, ensuring that all work is conducted safely and appropriately.

Administrative direction, recordkeeping, and reporting related to the request are managed at the executive level, with coordination across program staff who rely on the garden for educational and workforce development activities. This integrated approach ensures that equipment use, land development, and maintenance activities support multiple programs simultaneously and maximize the return on investment.

L2020’s proposed staffing pattern is sufficient, experienced, and well matched to the scope of the request. The organization has qualified personnel in place to operate equipment safely, manage land expansion effectively, supervise participants and volunteers, and provide strong administrative oversight. This structure ensures that the proposed activities are viable, well-managed, and sustainable within L2020’s existing operational framework.

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.

See Attachment D.

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.

Executive Director: \$115,000 - \$130,000

Project Director: \$70,000 - \$95,000

Project Coordinator: \$65,000 - \$80,000

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.

Not Applicable.

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.

Not Applicable.

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.

Not Applicable.

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:

La‘i‘ōpua 2020 has developed a sustainability strategy that ensures the long-term viability of the activities funded by this request beyond fiscal year 2027. The proposed purchase of a compact excavator and tractor/mower is intentionally structured as a one-time capital investment that strengthens internal capacity, reduces recurring operating costs, and supports multiple programs simultaneously. Sustainability is therefore embedded in both scenarios described below.

(a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2027, but

If the grant is received for fiscal year 2027, L2020 will use the funding period to complete the planned expansion of the on-site māla from approximately 34,400 square feet to 87,120 square feet and establish long-term maintenance systems. During this period:

- The requested equipment will be fully integrated into L2020’s daily operations, allowing in-house staff to perform land preparation, infrastructure installation, and ongoing maintenance without reliance on outside contractors.
- Expanded garden acreage will increase agricultural yield, supporting a greater volume of produce for Roots and Recipes, Mohala Youth Culinary, Ku‘i Kalo Nights, and Mea‘ai Community Meals.
- The garden will continue to function as a hands-on instructional site for workforce development and cultural education, strengthening program outcomes and participant retention.
- Equipment ownership will reduce long-term operational costs associated with land development, emergency response, and routine maintenance, allowing program funds to be directed toward instruction, materials, and participant services.

By the end of fiscal year 2027, the garden expansion will be complete, and the equipment will remain a durable asset supporting L2020’s programs for many years beyond the grant period.

(b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

If grant funding is not received after fiscal year 2027, the activities supported by this request will continue to be sustained through L2020’s existing operational model and diversified funding base.

The equipment funded through this request does not require recurring grant support to remain functional. Once purchased, the compact excavator and tractor/mower will be owned and maintained by L2020 and used across multiple programs. Ongoing sustainability will be achieved through:

- Continued use of the expanded māla to supply produce for community meals and program activities, reducing food procurement costs for culinary and meal programs.

- Integration of garden operations into existing workforce development and education programs, ensuring that land stewardship remains a core component of program delivery rather than a standalone activity.
- Reduced dependency on external contractors for land maintenance, storm response, and infrastructure repairs, resulting in long-term cost savings.
- Ongoing pursuit of diversified funding sources, including private foundations, Native Hawaiian-serving organizations, and program-related revenue opportunities associated with culinary and workforce development activities.

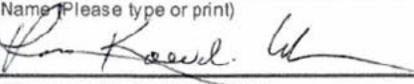
Because the request funds capital equipment rather than short-term staffing or consumable supplies, the benefits of the investment persist regardless of future grant cycles. The garden expansion will already be in place, and the equipment will continue to support safe operations, increased productivity, and program continuity.

The sustainability of the proposed activity does not rely on continued grant funding beyond fiscal year 2027. Whether or not additional funds are received, L2020 will retain the equipment, expanded garden infrastructure, and internal expertise necessary to sustain agricultural production, workforce training, and cultural education. This approach ensures that the State’s investment yields long-term public benefit through strengthened organizational capacity, reduced operating costs, and continued service to the West Hawai‘i community.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: La'i'ōpua 2020 (L2020)

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				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	0			
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
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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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	0			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	130,691			
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0			
E. CAPITAL	0			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	130,691			
SOURCES OF FUNDING	130,691	Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	130,691	Tamar deFries 808-365-3005		
(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	130,691	Rebecca Kawehi Inaba Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: La'iōpua 2020 (L2020)

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Kubota KX040-5S3TP Hydraulic Excavator	1.00	\$93,500.00	\$ 93,500.00	93500
Kubota Tractor & Mower Combo BX2680V-1	1	\$37,191.00	\$ 37,191.00	37191
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	2		\$ 130,691.00	130,691

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: See Attachment E and Attachment F.

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Not Applicable			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: La'iōpua 2020 (L2020)

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:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028	FY:2028-2029
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT	0	0	130691			
TOTAL:	0	0	130,691			
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: Purchasing a compact excavator will enable us in land development, infrastructure installation, soil remediation, storm recovery, and materials handling. Purchasing a tractor/mower to sustain daily cultivation, vegetation management, harvesting logistics, and site safety. See Attachment E and Attachment F.						

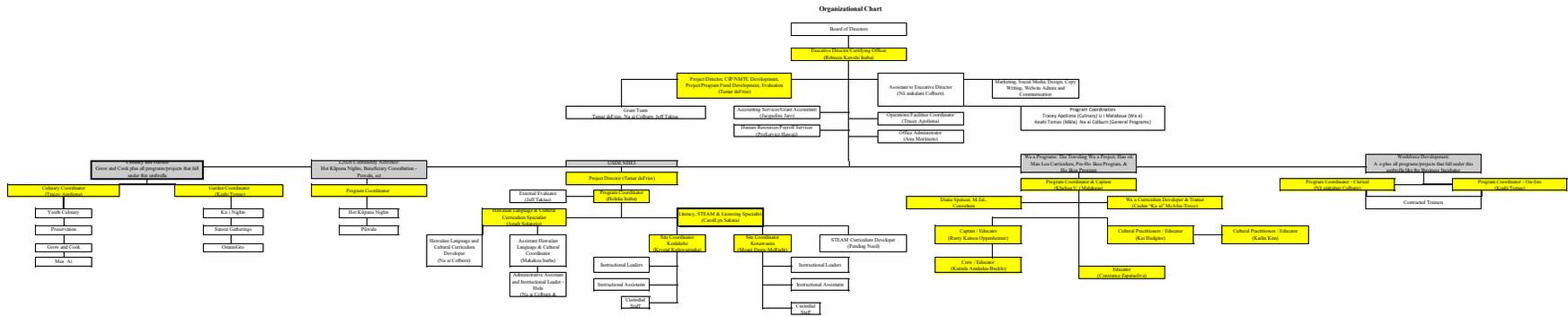
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: La‘i‘ōpua 2020 (L2020)

Contracts Total: 2,031,206

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	SOH DHHL - Regional Plan Grant	06/30/2022 - 07/31/2027	DHHL	State	100,000
2	SOH OHA - A‘o Tradeskills Program	05/01/2025 - 04/30/2027	OHA	State	400,000
3	USDOE NHEP - Afterschool Program	08/01/2024 - 07/31/2027	USDOE NHEP	Federal	1,431,206
4	SOH OCS - Workforce Development Center	07/1/2025 - 7/31/2025	OCS	State	100,000

Attachment D





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September 22, 2025

RE: Equipment Quotation

We are pleased to offer the following for your consideration:

New Kubota KX040-5S3TP Hydraulic Excavator

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|--|------------------------------|
| -10,417 lbs operating weight | -ROPS CAB A/C |
| -40.3 Gross engine horsepower @ 2200 rpm | -Steel Tracks |
| -6 in1 Dozer Blade | -Hydraulic attachment piping |
| -12" bucket | -24" bucket |
| -Plumb for hammer, dual piping | -Cup holder |
| -Mechanical Quick coupler | -Hydraulic thumb |
| -Travel Alarm | -Auto Idle |
| -Retractable Seat Belt | -Mirror Kit |

Sale Price \$93,500.00 plus 4.712% tax

Thank you for the opportunity to quote on the above. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

****Price is good for 15 days****

Mahalo,
Brandy Gomes
Office: 808-326-1212
Cell: 808-864-1213
bgomes@baconuniversal.com

Build Summary

\$37,191
Estimated Net Price



BX Series

BX2680V-1

*** EQUIPMENT IN STANDARD MACHINE ***

DIESEL ENGINE

Kubota Indirect Injection
3 Cylinder Engine
+ 24.8 SAE Gross HP
+ 19.5 PTO HP
61.1 Cu In Displacement
EPA Tier 4 Compliant
Charging Output 40 Amps
12V – 560 CCA

EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL TYPE

No Exhaust After Treatment Required

HYDRAULICS / HITCH / DRAWBAR

Open Center
Gear Type
6.2 gpm Total Hyd. Flow

3-POINT HITCH & DRAWBAR

Cat I 3-Point Hitch
At Lift Point 1210 lbs.
24" Behind 680 lbs.
Quarter Inching 3-Point Valve

TRANSMISSION

Hydrostatic Drive
Rear Differential Lock
2 Forward Ranges
2 Reverse Ranges
Cruise Control
Wet Disc Brakes

+ Manufacturer Estimate

TIRES AND WHEELS

Front 18x8.50-10
Rear 26x12.00-12

FLUID CAPACITY

Fuel Tank 6.6 gal.
Cooling System 3.5 qts.
Crankcase 3.7 qts.
Transmission & Hydraulics 3.0 gal.
Front Axle 3.8 qts.

POWER TAKE OFF

Live Independent with Hydraulic Clutch
Rear PTO – 1 Speed
SAE Std 1 3/8" Six Spline
540 rpm @ 3200 Eng. rpm
Mid PTO – 1 Speed
2500 rpm @ 3050 Eng. rpm

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Two Post ROPS w/
Retractable Seat Belt
Safety Start Switches
Parking Brakes
Electric Key Shut-Off
Flip up PTO Shield
SMV Sign

INSTRUMENTS

Tachometer/Hour Meter
Fuel Gauge
Oil Pressure
Coolant Temperature

STANDARD EQUIPMENT INCLUDED

BX2680V-1 BX2680-1, LOADER VALVE



FRONT - 18x8.50-10 R4 TRACTION MASTER
REAR - 26x12.00-12 R4 OTR TRACTION MASTER

\$598

ABXR8678,ABXR8718

Base Model Price

\$17,174

KUBOTA ADD-ONS

DUAL REAR REMOTE VALVE KIT

\$441

BX2419A



FRONT LOADER W/GUARD/2-LVR BKT

\$4,487

LA344S

3RD FUNCTION VALVE KIT

\$843

BX2412

LA344/LA340 LOADER VALVE KIT

\$866

BX2417A

BUCKET LEVEL INDICATOR ROD

\$89

BX2411



54" DRIVE-OVER MID MOUNT MOWER PNF

\$3,161

RCK54D-26BX-1

54" BOOT KIT FOR RCK54D-26BX PNF

\$373

BX3015

ALL-THREAD BOLT KIT FOR BL8069

\$17

BL8013A

INDIVIDUAL REAR WHEEL WEIGHT 50 LB

\$149 x 2

BX8113

DROP ON CAB FOR BX-80 SERIES

\$7,390

BX4070A

BX-80 SERIES CAB SEAL KIT PNF

\$284

BX4077

BX-80 SERIES CAB REAR WIPER PNF

\$337

BX4073

LAND PRIDE ADD-ONS



10 Series Weight Box Up to 600 lbs capacity

\$833

WB10-82-93

PRICING SUMMARY

Base Model	\$17,174
Kubota Add-Ons	+ \$19,184
Land Pride Add-Ons	+ \$833
Tax	See Dealer for Pricing
Freight	See Dealer for Pricing
KTAC PDI	See Dealer for Pricing
Labor/Assembly	See Dealer for Pricing
Total MSRP	\$37,191

Estimated Net Price

\$37,191

This List Price configuration program is for informational purposes only. Price on this sales quote is an estimate and is subject to being increased. Payment assumes the MSRP of your selected equipment and accessories, the length of term you have selected and any applicable special A.P.R. program. Not Included: *Taxes, shipping; handling, surcharges, assembly charges, destination, freight and/or delivery charges.

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