

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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- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

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23/01/2026

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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: **MAKAHANALOA FISHING ASSOCIATION**

Issue Date: **01/22/2026**

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#:



UI#: No record

DCCA FILE#: 316297

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

Form	Department(s)	Status
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Compliant
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Exempt
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, 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.

Makahaloa Fishing Association	
<hr/> (Typed Name of Individual or Organization)	
Signature: 	23/01/2026
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<hr/> (Typed Name)	<hr/> (Title)

I. Certification

1. Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate from the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2025.

- Attached

1. Declaration Statement

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

- Attached

2. Public Purpose

This grant **will** be used for a public purpose pursuant to [Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#).

Funding will underwrite essential operational costs and capacity building efforts to continue and expand Makahanaloa Fishing Association's (MFA) work in maintaining community shoreline access from Kawainui to Hakalau in the District of Hilo. This work directly benefits the public, including fishing 'ohana, cultural practitioners, walkers, and residents across Hilo. The shoreline environment has always been critical to those who live in Hawai'i. MFA maintains, protects, and grows the rights of the fishing community through continued access to our shoreline areas.

II. Background and Summary

1. A brief description of the applicant's background:

Makahalanaloa Fishing Association is a not-for-profit organization whose work focuses on the shoreline of Hilo known as Hilo Palikū, which spans Wailuku River to the end of the North Hilo District. Our mission is to grow and protect our fishing community's rights to provide food for families and maintain the generational bond with our treasured shoreline areas. We envision a future where Hawai'i's shorelines are thriving, accessible, and cared for through the wisdom of our kūpuna and the stewardship of our community.

Our association was formed from community efforts to protect the Pepe'ekeo shoreline when the former sugar lands in the area were purchased and developed in 2003. In response, the community formed the Pepe'ekeo Community Association Fishing Access Committee to ensure defined shoreline accesses were a condition of this major development. In 2019,

Makahalanaloa Fishing Association (MFA) was formed to expand the Access Committee's work and fight for a renewed share of the shoreline, spanning across Hilo Palikū.

Today, MFA has over 140 member 'ohana from the District of Hilo who volunteer their time and energy to support the mission of a thriving shoreline. Our capacity has grown to include a paid coordinator, a media intern, and an operational budget of \$151,000.

In 2024, MFA successfully nominated 81.19 acres of land surrounding Kawainui stream for acquisition through Hawaii County's Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) process. The County of Hawai'i acquired the 'āina in January 2026. Makahanaloa will be stewarding this area in partnership with the County. Kawainui will be protected from development and preserved for the community in perpetuity. MFA is also awaiting approval of a Resolution that will allow us to conduct contracted maintenance through the County of Hawaii for approximately three miles of the Pepe'ekeo shoreline. These successes come with great kuleana.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

Makahalanaloa Fishing Association is requesting State Grant-in-Aid Funding to support the community-based stewardship of the **public** shoreline in the District of Hilo from Kawainui to Hakalau, including the Pepe'ekeo shoreline and Kawainui property. This project seeks to grow stewardship of the network of accessible shoreline in North Hilo as well as foster community-based management of coastal resources that are vital for food, cultural practice, recreation, and our generational relationship to place.

This support is in-line with State priorities like the Holomua Marine Initiative, where the Department of Aquatic Resources is actively working to empower community stewardship. Shoreline access continues to be lost over time due to erosion, neglect, and private development, making it urgent that MFA expand its capacity for maintenance, not just of this particular shoreline area, but across the shores of the Hilo District.

The goals of this project are;

1. To maintain safe and reliable public access to the shoreline, streams, and coastal resources
2. To support and expand consistent and effective community-based shoreline stewardship, including pono gathering practices
3. To restore and stabilize shoreline areas impacted by erosion through native planting and outreach.

Funding will provide partial support for the following objectives needed to achieve these goals:

1. Hiring of an Operational Director.

An operational director will play a key role in growing capacity for stewardship of shoreline, including volunteer supervision and a shoreline ambassador.

2. Purchasing and siting of Storage Container.

Having a storage area for our equipment is necessary in establishing the infrastructure needed to support stewardship activities.

3. Procurement and use of essential equipment needed to conduct routine access maintenance, shoreline restoration, and public use improvements.

The procurement of stewardship equipment (tractor with mowing deck, Billy Goat Brushcutter, hauling trailer), will greatly improve on the ground capacity for trail maintenance and improvements.



Figure 1. MFA volunteers hand clearing overgrown invasive species at Lono Ka'eho Access

3. The public purpose and need to be served

Our community relies on our shoreline to feed and sustain their families and maintain generational traditions and relationships with the kai. The privatization of land ownership following the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom and the subsequent decline of the sugar plantations has caused an ongoing issue of shoreline fishing access loss in Pepe'ekeo, Hawai'i. Today, access ways that have long supported local fishermen are blocked by illegal fencing put up by property owners or the overgrowth of invasive species that are undermanaged by property owners and the County of Hawaii.

For generations, these access ways have been essential for ensuring the nourishment and well-being of our community. Our mission is to restore, maintain, and protect these fishing access points, ensuring that 'ohana can continue to nourish their families from these places as their ancestors did. Beyond that, we strive to return our 'āina to a state of prosperity similar to what it was before the influence of the sugar plantation era; abundant and thriving from the land to the sea.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

The project serves local residents, 'ohana lawai'a (fishing families), cultural practitioners, and the general public who rely on shoreline access from Kawainui to Hakalau for food security, recreation, and cultural connection. While our membership includes residents across the Hilo district, the communities we serve most directly include those of Pepe'ekeo and Papa'ikou. The plantation era brought together Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos, Puerto Ricans, Portuguese, and Koreans who worked and earned sustenance from this 'āina and our shorelines. Generations later, they continue to do so.

MFA's work directly benefits people of all ages and genders. Shoreline access enables all fishers, from our keiki to kupuna, to carry on family legacies, perpetuate cultural and traditional fishing practices, and pass down generational knowledge.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Pepe'ekeo has a population of approximately 1,826 residents. Nearly 22% of Pepe'ekeo residents are under-resourced and living below the poverty line. This % is more than double the State average, which makes safe and reliable public shoreline access particularly important.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

The stretch of shoreline in North Hilo that we currently help to steward spans over twenty miles of river valleys and pali that descend to the ocean (see map below). The streams are rich in o'opu and hihiwai and provide essential habitat to our 'io and ope'ape'a.

Kawainui (TMK: 2-7-11:01 and TMK: 2-7-10:27) is a great example of the unique ecosystems of North Hilo. Kawainui is an 81.19-acre coastal watershed of a 30-mile-long perennial stream. The 'āina holds a series of cascading waterfalls with Olympic-sized pools, shallow marine waters, and coastal cliffs. Estuaries are among the most productive natural habitats in the world, and the relative size and undisturbed nature of the features in the lower

Kawainui stream is unique due to the endangered and endemic species found nowhere else in the world inhabit Kawainui. There are also important archaeological sites within the river valley.

The network of trails we aim to steward along this shoreline are historically rich in biocultural resources and mo'olelo, serving as a breadbasket of knowledge and sustenance for the communities from centuries past to the present day. Lonoka'eho (TMK: 2-8-08:100) is a site that exemplifies the connection between mo'olelo and abundant resources. In short, the site is named after a chief of Tahiti, Lonoka'eho, who came to battle Kamapua'a at his stronghold. Kamapua'a prevailed and Lonoka'eho and was transformed into a stone island that remains a well-known fishing site in our community today. Many stories like these, along with nearly all the agriculturally productive lands, were erased through the bulldozing and conversion for sugar plantations. This legacy of disturbance is another reason why it is critical to steward these areas. Re-establishing native species and community presence are critical steps to restore the ecological and biocultural integrity of the shoreline, while ensuring that the mo'olelo embedded across this area are preserved and passed to future generations.

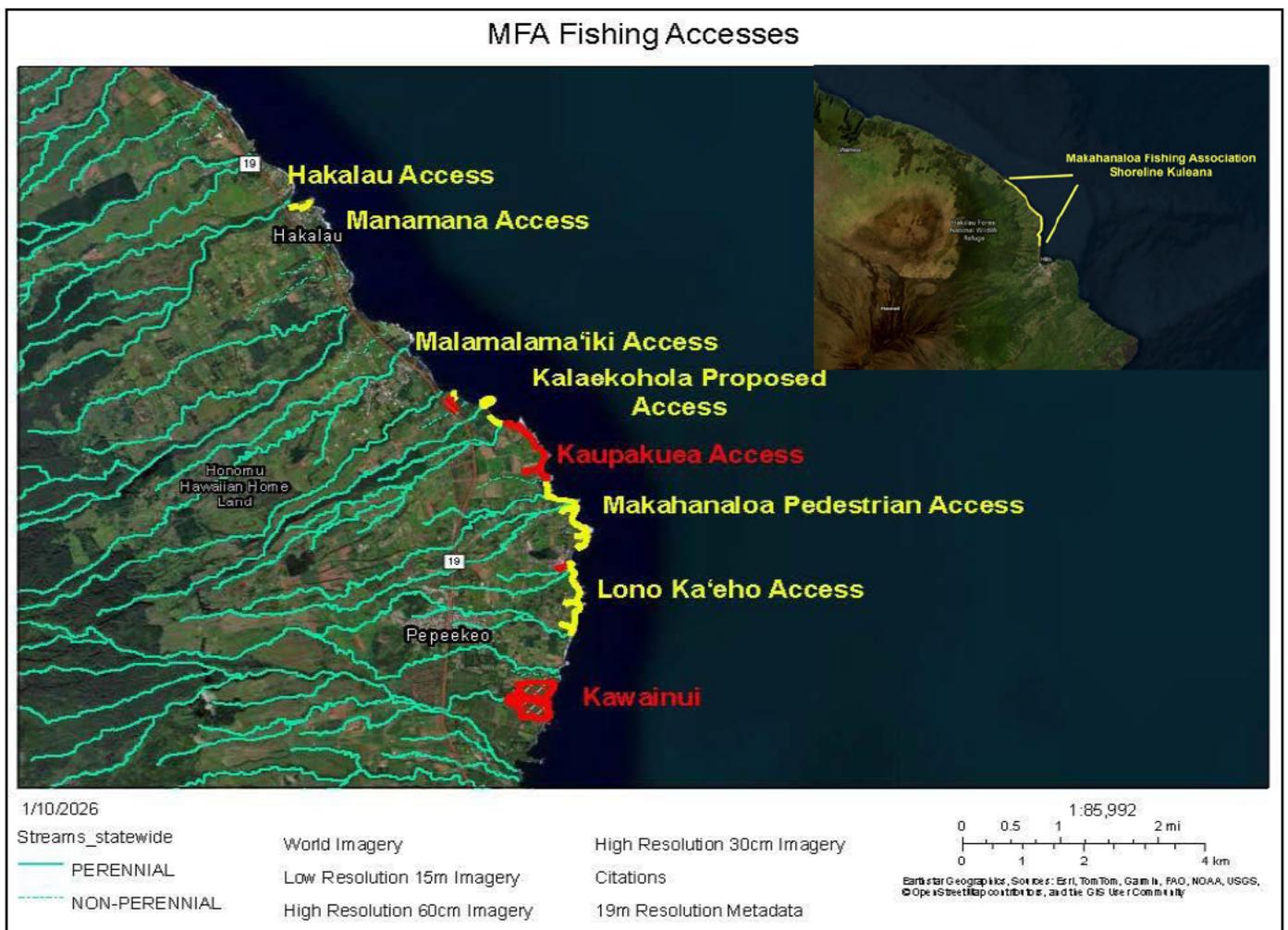


Figure 2. Map of existing and proposed pedestrian and vehicular fishing access trails. Accesses in red are vehicular, accesses in yellow are pedestrian.

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:

Makahalanaloa Fishing Association’s approach to this request is grounded in the consistent stewardship of public shoreline areas over the past twenty years. As this kuleana has grown, MFA needs to expand its capacity through the procurement of necessary equipment and community knowledge. State Grant-in-Aid funds will be used to strengthen existing maintenance and restoration efforts, which have been made possible through volunteer labor and County partnerships. MFA is primarily volunteer-driven, with over 1,100 hours of donated time and labor from our volunteers, Board members, and community professionals through only three quarters of this fiscal year. Hiring an Operational Director, obtaining essential stewardship equipment, and establishing storage space will stabilize our operations at MFA.

Total	\$52,261.01		Total Hours	1,101.50
Total Volunteer	\$28,053.79			749.50
Total Board	\$9,507.22			254.00
Total Professional	\$14,700.00			97.00

Table 1. Total volunteer hours and \$ leveraged for Makahalanaloa through the first three quarters of the current FY26

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

Scope of Work:

The scope of work for this project will fall under the objectives outlined earlier in this application, and is listed below.

1. Hire an Operational Director

An operational director will strengthen Makahalanaloa Fishing Association’s organizational and on the ground capacity. They will oversee ‘āina-based operations, project implementation, coordination with community partners, obtain necessary permissions/ insurance, create stewardship plans, and work with the appropriate agencies.

2. Procurement and Siting of Storage Container-

A storage container is necessary to safely store equipment, tools, and materials needed for shoreline access and maintenance activities. Proper storage will improve efficiency, protect our assets, and reduce wear/ loss of equipment. We must have reliable storage before we can procure the equipment needed for stewardship.

3. Procurement and Use of Essential Stewardship Equipment

The purchase and use of stewardship equipment will vastly improve our capacity for on-the-ground stewardship. Equipment will be used for trail maintenance and access improvements. It will also support community work days. Investment in equipment ensures that work can be conducted efficiently, safely, and consistently, directly benefiting fishing 'ohana, cultural practitioners, and the broader public who rely on these shoreline access areas.

Tasks:

Scope 1: Hire an Operational Director

1.1 Develop and finalize a job description outlining roles, responsibilities, and performance expectations for the Operational Director

1.2 Advertise the position through community networks, partner organizations, and relevant platforms

1.3 Review applications, conduct interviews, and select a qualified candidate

1.4 Execute contract agreement and onboard the Operational Director, including orientation to MFA's mission and projects

1.5 Develop an operational plan for stewardship areas

1.6 Institute and report on operational plan objectives across the MFA stewardship portfolio

Scope 2: Procurement and Siting of Storage Container

2.1 Identify storage needs and specifications for equipment and materials supporting shoreline access and maintenance

2.2 Obtain quotes for and procure a suitable storage container in compliance with funding and procurement requirements

2.3 Coordinate with County to identify an appropriate site location at Kawainui (TMK: 2-7-10:27) and obtain any permitting.

2.4 Prepare the site to ensure safe and secure placement

2.5 Transport, install, and secure the storage container at the site

2.6 Establish inventory management and protocols

Scope 3: Procurement and Use of Essential Stewardship Equipment

- 3.1 Obtain updated quotes for Billy Goat Brush Cutter, Tractor with Mowing Deck, and Hauling Trailer*
- 3.2 Order equipment*
- 3.3 Develop a maintenance schedule*
- 3.4 Utilize equipment to support ongoing shoreline stewardship projects*
- 3.5 Maintain equipment and track usage*

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

Projected Annual Timeline

Quarter 1:

- Tasks: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 3.1,3.2

Quarter 2:

- Tasks: 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6,

Quarter 3:

- Tasks: 1.6, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5

Quarter 4:

- Tasks: 1.6, 3.4, 3.5
- Finalize report

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

In order to maintain quality assurance, the Operational Director will work collaboratively with the Coordinator, President, and Board of Directors to develop and implement an operational plan that outlines kuleana, timelines, and performance expectations.

Ongoing monitoring will include regular check-ins between the Coordinator, President, and Operational Director to review progress, address challenges, and ensure compliance with grant requirements. Equipment usage and maintenance will be tracked through the use of equipment logs to monitor utilization and condition.

Evaluation will include a six month and one year review of the Operational Director's performance based on their achievement of work plan objectives, timely completion of tasks, and effectiveness in coordinating stewardship activities and communication with relevant partners.

4. List the measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency). The measure(s) will provide a standard and objective way for the State to assess the program's achievement or accomplishment. Please note that if the level of appropriation differs from the amount included in this application that the measure(s) of effectiveness will need to be updated and transmitted to the expending agency.

1. Increased Operational Capacity:

- a. Recruit and hire an Operational Director by the end of December 2026. This will be the first full-time MFA contract and will double our current staffing.
- b. Produce a completed Operational Plan within 2 months of hiring the director, including safety protocols, detailed stewardship goals such as planting #s, and staffing requirements.
- c. Secure Infrastructure Development: MFA will procure a storage container, site it, and use it to store equipment. The container will provide a secure home for equipment, including safety supplies, and help to better leverage volunteer time as many of our volunteers do not have all the appropriate tools for shoreline stewardship.
- d. MFA will procure a Billy Goat Brush Cutter, a tractor with a mowing deck, and a hauling trailer for stewardship of our shoreline areas as well as certify specific volunteers in their use. Currently, MFA contracts this heavy equipment work. This equipment will significantly increase our operational capacity by saving us thousands of dollars per year and enhancing our efficiency, primarily by allowing us to use more than just hand tools.

2. Increased Community-based Stewardship:

- a. Increased shoreline maintenance: MFA currently stewards 11,488 feet (2.2 miles), of trails with an all volunteer work force. With this funding, we plan to steward an additional 15,278 feet (2.9 miles) of shoreline trails within the next year as shown in Table 2 below.
- b. Leveraged Volunteer hours. MFA currently co-hosts 6 Aloha 'Āina (Community Stewardship) days per year in partnership with Pepe'ekeo Community Development Corporation, resulting in approximately 700 volunteer man hours. With support from the Operational Director, we plan to, at minimum, double those leveraged community

hours to 1,400 hours or \$52,402 in volunteer value using Hawai'i's 2026 standard volunteer rate.

MFA Shoreline Access & Trail Stewardship- Current Status and 1 Year Stewardship Goals								
Goal: MFA will increase active stewardship by 15,278 ft (2.9 miles)- a 53% increase across shoreline access trails								
Name of Trail	Total Length (ft)	Total Length (mi)	Currently Maintained (ft)	% of Trails Maintained Currently	Additional ft (1 Year goal)	Total Maintained After 1 Year	% of Trails Maintained After 1 Year	Access Type
Hakalau Valley Trail	467	0.09	467	100%	0.00	467.00	100%	Pedestrian
Hakalau Point Trail	916	0.17	0	0%	455.00	455.00	50%	Pedestrian
Manamana Trail	1,320	0.25	660	50%	0.00	660.00	50%	Pedestrian
Mālamalama 'iki Access	625	0.12	0	0%	625.00	625.00	100%	Vehicular/ Pedestrian
Ka Lae Kohola Access	1,900	0.36	0	0%	1,900	1,900	100%	Vehicular/ Pedestrian
Kaupakuea Access	5,861	1.11	5861	100%	0	5,861	100%	Vehicular/ Pedestrian
Makahanaloa Access	7,587	1.44	3500	46%	4,087	7,587	100%	Pedestrian
Lono ka'eho Access	7,266	1.38	1000	14%	5,011	6,011	83%	Vehicular/ Pedestrian
Kawainui	3,200	0.61	0	0%	3,200	3,200	100%	Vehicular/ Pedestrian
Totals	29,142	5.52	11488	39%	15,278	26,766	92%	

Table 2. Summary of MFA existing and proposed pedestrian and vehicular access trails, including lengths, acreage, and current access status, totaling 5.52 miles (29,142 feet). Average maintenance width is between 10-20ft.

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 **Attached**
 - b. Personnel salaries and wages **Attached**
 - c. Equipment and motor vehicles **Attached**
 - d. Capital project details **N/A**
 - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid **Attached**

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

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$78,500	\$21,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$120,000

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

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Jane Musser Fund - Planning Grant	2/1/26-1/31/27	Jane Musser Foundation	\$8,000
2	Kukiō Foundation Stewardship Grant	1/1/27-1/1/29	Kukiō Foundation	\$150,000
3	Pāpio Marine Stewardship Grant	7/1/26-6/30/27	Hawaii Community Foundation	\$10,000
4	Kaimas Foundation Donation Kawainui Stewardship	7/1/26-6/30/27	Kaimas Foundation	\$25,000
5	Kalaekoholā Stewardship Contract	7/1/26-6/30/28	Kamehameha Schools	\$50,000
6	Jane Musser Fund - Operational Grant	2/1/27-1/31/28	Jane Musser Foundation	\$40,000
7	Inclusive Outdoor Access Grant	1/1/27-12/31/27	Cliff Family Foundation	\$30,000
8	East Hawaii Fund	8/31/26-9/1/27	Hawaii Community Foundation	\$10,000
			Total	\$323,000

4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.

N/A

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2027 for program funding.

Attached

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

\$57,202.72

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.

Makahanaloa Fishing Association was established in 2019 to protect fishing community rights and access to the shorelines of North Hilo. This responsibility grew out of the Pepe'ekeo Community Association's fishing hui who has managed access to the Pepe'ekeo shoreline for the past 20 years. Throughout the last six years, MFA and it's members have grown their capacity to steward additional areas in North Hilo. Members have maintained and improved these shoreline areas through regular maintenance and cleanups, controlling invasive species, planting natives, hosting educational groups, and holding community events to continue this shared community kuleana and ensure continued safe access. In 2025 alone, MFA hosted 196 volunteers who collectively outplanted approximately 600 native species including naupaka (*Scaevola taccada*), kī (*Cordyline fruticosa*), kukui (*Aleurites moluccanus*), hau (*Hibiscus tilaceus*), milo (*Thespesia populnea*), niu (*Cocos nucifera*), kou (*Cordia subcordata*), hala (*Pandanus tectorius*), ulu (*Artocarpus altilis*), kamani (*Calophyllum inophyllum*).

Makahanaloa Fishing Association has secured funding from Hawaii Peoples Fund, Kamehameha Schools, County of Hawai'i, Kaimas Foundation and over \$30,000 in private donations to further our mission. We have worked closely with our sister organization Pepe'ekeo Community Development Corporation to advocate for improved responsibility by the County of Hawaii to maintain community access. Currently a resolution to create a stewardship contract through the County has been drafted and we anticipate funding within 90 days because of our efforts! We have an agreement with a private landowner for perpetual access for our members and we're in negotiations with Kamehameha Schools for renewed access to the famed grounds of Kalaekoholā.

In addition, the Association has now employed a part-time coordinator and a media intern. These are jobs that are essential for community advocacy. We're also very honored to have led an effort to nominate and preserve in perpetuity the 81.19 acre shoreline and estuary of Kawainui Makai through the County of Hawaii's PONC and State Legacy Lands processes over the past two years. In all these cases Makahanaloa Fishing Association is building back the systems of traditional shoreline management by weaving our community together. We believe this work is essential to Hawai'i's future.

Our board includes a professional with over 25 years of working with Hawai'i's environmental non-profits, a commercial fisherman, a professional accountant, a college instructor of Hawaiian studies, a civil engineer, and two members who can do almost any job asked of them. Our membership includes over 140 'ohana that carry important knowledge about fishing practices and the places we steward. Our members have a diverse range of skills that they bring to the table including professional landscapers, chefs, carpenters, heavy equipment operators, welders, health workers, and Hawaiian practitioners. Most of all, they bring an aloha for the shoreline through the practice of fishing and gathering from the ocean and streams of North Hilo. The experience our members hold is incredibly valuable to us and to what we do.



Figure 3. Volunteers outplanting Naupaka (*Scaevola taccada*) to help stabilize the shoreline and reduce erosion.

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.

Makahalanaloa Fishing Association does not currently operate from a centralized office or facility. Administrative and coordination work is conducted remotely, with the Coordinator and leadership working from home offices. This structure has worked effectively for the needs of MFA's projects.

MFA has an agreement with Kawainui Farm LLC to use a greenhouse to propagate native shoreline plants to outplant along the north Hilo coastline. This greenhouse is critical to supporting shoreline resilience efforts carried out by the Operational Director. Native plants help stabilize the cliffs in the face of erosion, while restoring the biocultural landscapes that support the ecosystem and community.

Kawainui makai will operate as a baseyard for equipment purchased through these funds. As part of this request, MFA plans to secure a dedicated storage container to house equipment we aim to procure to expand our on the ground capacity and support sustained shoreline stewardship efforts. MFA plans to build several traditional hale at Kawainui as well to provide shelter and work space for community volunteers.

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.

Staffing positions for this project will be:

- Program Coordinator
- President
- Operational Director (Hire through this fund)
- Board of Directors

Program Coordinator, Kamamaluwai (Wai) Wichimai brings over seven years of experience in community-based education and 'āina centered programming through her work with a previous non-profit where she served as an Education Facilitator, Specialist, and Coordinator. She earned her B.A. in Geography- Environmental Studies at the University of

Hawaii at Hilo in 2020 with academic training in natural resource management, land use planning, and environmental impact assessments. Her background includes hands on experience in mauka and makai stewardship, ecological monitoring, and data collection. Her supervision and training approach emphasizes clear and open communication and accountability.

President, Blake McNaughton brings 25 years of experience working with Hawai'i non-profits focused on Environmental Stewardship. Blake holds a Masters of Science from UH Hilo where his thesis focused on expanding knowledge of the Hawai'i opelu fishery and adaptive management. He supports a network of community-based stewardship groups to steward 'āina Pauahi through his work at Kamehameha Schools for the past fifteen years. Blake has training in non-profit management, advocacy, fiscal processes, land planning and permitting, Hawaiian epistemology and scientific monitoring and analysis. He is a scientific diver and a fisherman who has gathered from the streams and oceans of Hawai'i for over forty years.

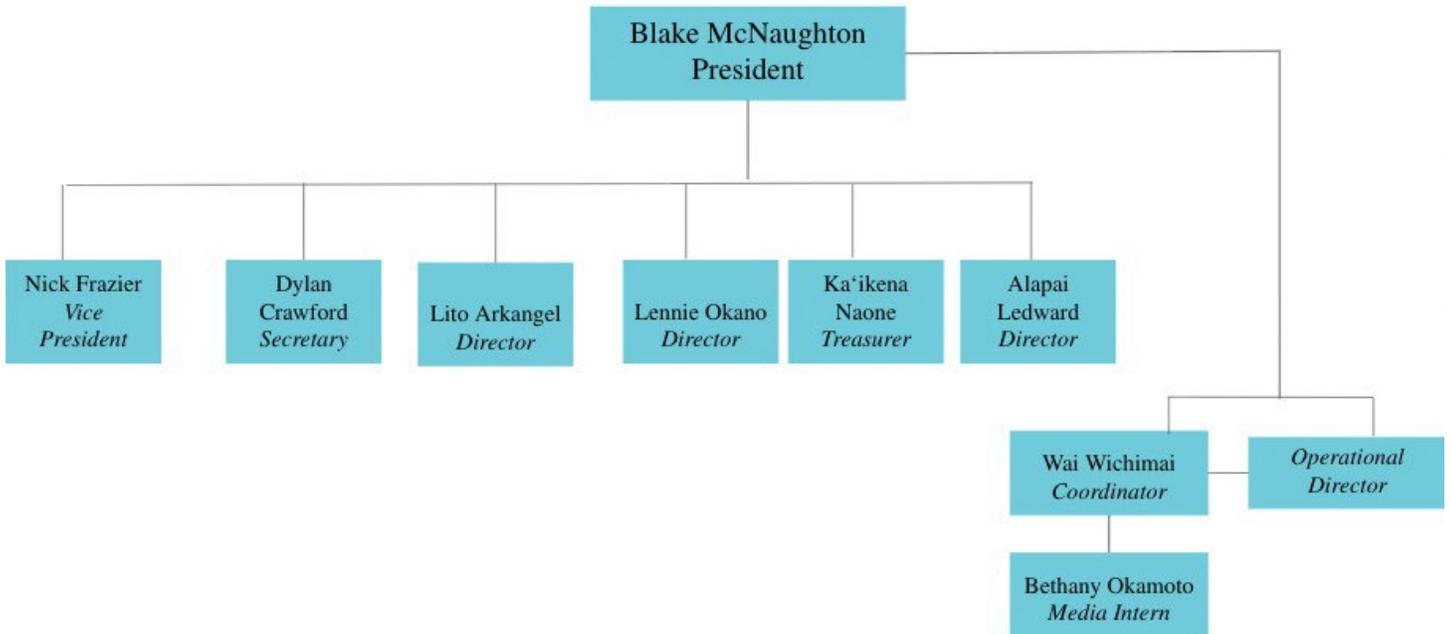
The Operational Director will be a contracted full-time equivalent position supported through this funding. Required qualifications include relevant education or demonstrated experience in ecosystem management, a working understanding of basic biology, experience operating equipment, and a foundation in Hawaiian culture-based education. This role will oversee all 'āina-based operations to advance MFA's stewardship goals. Responsibilities include supervising volunteers, members, and contracted 'āina stewards, including scheduling and training; project implementation and planning, documentation of 'āina stewardship; coordination with community partners and appropriate agencies to leverage shared expertise and resources in support of MFA's stewardship plans; reporting; and risk management across field-based activities. This person will serve as an ambassador of Aloha, engaging respectfully with the public to build awareness and support for MFA's efforts in their stewarded areas.

Name	Role	Background
Blake McNaughton	President	Fisher. 25 year professional with Hawai'i Environmental non-profits. Degrees in education and natural sciences
Nick Frazier	Vice President	Commercial Fisher. Social Justice and Native Hawaiian Rights activist.
Alapai Ledward	Director	Fisher. Generational resident of Hilo Palikū. Small Business owner and entrepreneur. Background in construction and invasive species control.
Lennie Okano	Director	Fisher. Generational resident of Hilo Palikū. Professional in rural community development.

Dylan Crawford	Secretary	Fisher. Small business owner and entrepreneur. Background in pool/ pond Maintenance.
Lito Arkangel	Director	Fisher. Generational resident of Hilo Palikū. Professional within Hawaiian education and lifeways, background in land stewardship.
Ka'ikena Naone	Treasurer	Fisher. Generational resident of Hilo Palikū, Professional in accounting services.
Ku'ulani Muise	Cultural Advisor	Native Hawaiian Practitioner. Published author of Native Hawaiian academia.
Wai Wichimai	Coordinator	Mother. 7 years leading youth programs focused on connection to 'āina. Degree in Environmental Studies
Bethany Okamoto	Media Intern	Recent anthropology graduate. Generational resident of Hilo Palikū. 2 years of experience in videography.

2. Organization Chart

The applicant shall illustrate the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision. If the request is part of a large, multi-purpose organization, include an organization chart that illustrates the placement of this request.



3. Compensation

The applicant shall provide an annual salary range paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position title, not employee name.

Contracted Employees:

1. Coordinator: \$25,000 annually
2. Operational Director: \$50,000 annually
3. Media Intern: \$5,000

Applicant: Makahanaloa Fishing Association

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
BC2601 Billy Goat Brushcutter	1	\$5,280.00	\$ 5,280.00	5550
Kubota L4802HST Tractor	1	\$50,600.00	\$ 50,600.00	53000
Landpride Rotary Mower RCR1872 (Attachment for tractor)	1	\$5,170.00	\$ 5,170.00	5400
16'x5" Channel Carhauler Trailer	1	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10000
TOTAL:	4		\$ 71,050.00	73,950
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: tax not included in "Cost Per Item" \$				

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

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: _____

Makahaloa Fishing Association

Contracts Total:

359,500

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	County of Hawaii Contingency Funds Grant	3/1/2025-6/30/25	County Council	County of Hawaii	\$6,000
2	County of Hawaii Contingency Funds Grant	1/7/2026-6/20/26	County Council	County of Hawaii	\$3,500
3	County of Hawaii Waiwai Grant	3/31/26-3/31/27	Sustainability Office	County of Hawaii	\$50,000
4	USDA rural development grant	3/31/26-3/31/27	USDA	U.S	\$65,000
5	County of Hawaii Stewardship Contract	3/31/26-3/31/27	Mayors Office	County of Hawaii	\$25,000
6	State of Hawaii GIA	7/1/2026-6/30/2027	State of Hawaii	State of Hawaii	\$110,000
7	County of Hawaii Public Open Lands Stewardshi	4/1/2027-4/1/2028	Property Management	County of Hawaii	\$100,000
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