

Applicant Poi Dogsc, Popoki

## 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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      Alicia Maluafiti      1/20/26  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE      PRINT NAME AND TITLE      DATE  
Volunteer Board  
President

## 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.

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

The applicant shall submit a declaration statement affirming its compliance with

#### **3. Public Purpose**

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to

This grant in aid will be used for a public purpose – specifically for low income native Hawaiians with pets.



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:** POI DOGS & POPOKI (PDP)

**DBA/Trade Name:** POI DOGS & POPOKI (PDP)

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

**Status:** **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: [REDACTED]

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: [REDACTED]

UI#: No record

DCCA FILE#: 227949

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 REVISED STATUTES**

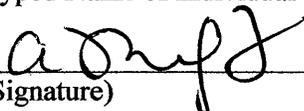
The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, 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.

Poi Dogs & Popoki  
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

 January 20, 2025  
(Signature) (Date)

Alicia Maluafiti Board President  
(Typed Name) (Title)

## **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

Poi Dogs & Popoki (PDP) was organized in 2009 with a mission to improve the quality of life of pets and their people with a focus on efforts to reduce euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals. Starting with the premise that the best way to end euthanasia is to stop animals from entering a shelter in the first place, PDP provides support to pet owners, caregivers and other loosely formed individuals and groups caring for lost, stray, abandoned, abused, and neglected animals. We encourage people to keep the animals they own and care for the animals that they rescue by reducing the burden that often results in surrender and ultimately euthanasia of healthy animals – all at taxpayer cost. Through affordable spay and neuter services, veterinary care including prevention and wellness, PDP reaches out to the animal loving public who share our commitment to saving lives.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request

Our goal is to help pets owned by native Hawaiians by providing spay/neuter and wellness services, helping stray pets find their way home, and finding homes for adoptable dogs and cats that families are no longer able to care for. These services will reduce unintended pregnancies, the euthanasia of healthy animals, and the financial burden on Native Hawaiian families caring for large numbers of pets.

Objective 1: Coordinate outreach to 350 pets of native Hawaiian families through coordination with the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA) and other Hawaiian organizations, and provide subsidized spay and neuter services as well as supportive veterinary care to their pets.

Objective 2: Sterilize, microchip, flea treat and vaccinate 100 dogs and 250 cats owned by Native Hawaiians. Provide free microchip identification (which is now state law) to 150 additional families whose pets are already sterilized.

Objective 3: Disseminate 10 microchip scanners to SCHAA community associations to identify stray or loose pets of homestead families and help return those pets home.

Without access to affordable spay and neuter services, pets of native Hawaiians will continue to breed which is an economic hardship on many families. This program provides pet owners with an opportunity to reduce the problems associated with the growing pet population in their community and alleviate the financial burden that comes with multiple pet ownership.

**3. The public purpose and need to be served**

In 1926, Congress passed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to dedicate land in Hawaii for native Hawaiians who were being displaced from their homes due to colonization. Native Hawaiians with a blood quantum of 50 percent (or 50 percent Hawaiian) would qualify for a 1/2 or 1 acre land lease and single family home. On the island of Oahu, there are 10 Hawaiian Homestead Associations located in primarily rural areas.

In 2010 and 2011, Poi Dogs & Popoki (PDP) canvassed Hawaiian Homestead communities in Nananakuli, Papakolea, and Waimanalo - visiting homes, identifying pet owners, microchipping pets onsite, providing flea treatment, and offering subsidized spay and neuter services at our monthly clinic. After visiting 600 homes, we gathered the following data: 78 percent of lessees were pet owners. Almost all of those were multiple pet owners - both dog and cat. The overwhelming dog of choice - more than 90 percent, was the pitbull mix. Cats were allowed to roam and reproduce frequently. Most pets were unsterilized, lacked identification, and had not had recent veterinary care.

These rural areas also represent the greatest proportion of animal welfare responses by the City's animal control contractor. More than 60 percent of the calls to the contractor come from West Oahu - an area of the island with also the greatest proportion of native Hawaiians living in the entire state. The animal control contractor currently euthanizes more than 70 percent of animals taken in. Cats and pitbulls are the most euthanized of all animals.

PDP will provide affordable and subsidized spay and neuter and wellness services for native Hawaiian pet owners. All animals will receive a free microchip identification, vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. In addition, each homestead association will receive a microchip scanner to better track the owned animals in their community which often go stray. This is an important part of PDPs plan to reduce euthanasia by enabling communities to return lost pets to their owners in the neighborhoods where they live.

**4. Describe the target population to be served**

Culturally – our native Hawaiian communities tend to be less akamai about the importance of sterilizing their pets. Sterilization to reduce unintended litters is not readily known or understood or supported. Due to economic challenges faced by most native Hawaiians, the cost of sterilization (est. \$300 to \$500 per pet) and other veterinary care needs are not within reach of many native Hawaiians. PDPs outreach to homestead communities and the poor state of the health of the animals justify a more targeted approach to helping the families in these communities.

And because native Hawaiians have such a strong cultural connection to the family, other family members with pets are likely to learn and understand the benefits of spay and neuter. So the long term opportunities to educate this target audience and reduce pet overpopulation is much greater than other groups with fewer ties to their community and island.

Finally, according to reports from the island's animal control contractor, 60 percent of animal welfare calls for assistance come from west Oahu which has the largest proportion of native Hawaiians than anywhere else in the state.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Hawaiian homestead communities and native Hawaiians overall represent a greater proportion of Hawaii's socioeconomically disadvantaged. With more than 125,000 people identifying themselves as native Hawaiian living on the island of Oahu, more than 42,000 are on the wait list for Hawaiian Homelands. Currently, almost 4,300 Hawaiian lessees and their families live on homestead in primarily rural communities of Waianae and Waimanalo, as well as Papakolei. With 1/2 and 1 acre parcels of land to house three and four generations of native Hawaiian families (a culturally appropriate tradition of caring for aging family), these are some of the most pet-friendly areas of the island of Oahu. Although native Hawaiians must prove their ancestry and demonstrate at least 50 percent blood quantum, they must also qualify for the mortgage to own their own home. Only the land is leased at \$1 per year for 99 years. Land is the most expensive part of owning a home in Hawaii so homestead leases are considerably more affordable than traditional fee simple homes across the island. Homestead communities targeted by this project include Kalawahine, Kanehili, Kapolei, Kaupea, Kaupuni, Kewalo, Kumuhau, Lualualei, Malu'ohai, Nanakuli, Papakolea, Princess Kahanu Estates, Waiahole, Waianae, and Waimanalo. Houseless native Hawaiians would also be served by this grant.

### **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

PDP will work with the local boards of the SCHHA to roll out the program to provide services to their residents. PDP will provide use the opportunity for subsidized wellness services to schedule pets for spay/neuter appointments. PDP will produce a flyer and work with community providers and area leaders including neighborhood board members to communicate availability of the program to pet owners within the homestead community.

PDP will work with Hawaii Pets Veterinary Clinic to schedule spay/neuter and wellness appointments for the target communities. PDP will provide subsidize spay/neuter, microchip ID, vaccination (DAPP or FVRCP) for both cats and dogs, flea treatment and deworming, and health screenings when necessary for sick or older pets.

Native Hawaiians will be required to complete an online form (Jotform) which can be completed on their cell phone. The form will include contact information as well as verification of native Hawaiian ancestry. Once approved for support services, the pet owner will be authorized to schedule both wellness and spay/neuter appointments. Follow up wellness services will not be provided until/unless the pet owner sterilizes their pet.

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

September 2026: Meet with native Hawaiian leaders, elected officials, community and business leaders, and social service agencies to identify homestead communities needing assistance. Select targeted areas for spay and neuter efforts.

Prepare policies and procedures and online forms required to provide subsidized services to native Hawaiians to ensure need as well as lineage. Review tracking protocols for reporting. Develop marketing and promotional flyers for dissemination through SCHHA leaders and posting in communities. Attend neighborhood board meetings for announcement of spay/neuter and veterinary care options.

October 2026: Secure wellness and spay/neuter appointments. Ensure appropriate supply of microchips, flea treatment, dewormer, and vaccines. Prepare detailed pet health record for each pet. Recruit volunteers to support outreach efforts.

Ongoing: Continue production of promotional materials and announcements for dissemination to native Hawaiian communities. Implement protocols for identifying subsidy for qualifying pet

owners. Update microchip database for all spay and neuters – pets and rescues. Provide support to SCHHA leaders to establish a microchip data base of owned pets within their communities and the ability to return lost pets to their owners with a microchip scanner.

**Milestones:**

- a. Initial Meeting with SCHHA leaders and subsequent meetings with homestead association leaders.
  - b. Scheduled wellness and spay/neuter appointments.
  - c. Establishment of microchip data base for each community.
3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results.

PDP works with Hi Pets Vet Clinic which adheres to the highest standard of care and follows medical protocols established by the ASPCA and AVMA. Some of these include veterinarian licensing, drug dispensing, patient communications, staff training and competencies, patient monitoring, and surgical expertise. PDP also reports all microchip identification to 24 Pet Watch, a national microchip data base that provides the service for free to pet owners and ensures that lost pets find their way home more efficiently and cost effectively.

PDP is sincerely committed to evaluation of our programs which includes feedback from pet owners during post-op follow up care. PDP will also work with homestead associations to monitor and track efforts to return lost pets to their owners using their new microchip scanner and data base. Specifically – PDP will request associations to track utilization and requests for scanning of found pets and the successful return of pets to their owners.

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.
- Total number of native Hawaiians and homestead lessees served
  - Total number of dogs and cats sterilized
  - Total number and types of services provided



## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
<b>A. PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>				
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
9. Spay/Neuter	35,500			
10. Wellness	56,500			
11. Microchip ID	8,000			
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>100,000</b>			
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>				
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>E. CAPITAL</b>				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>100,000</b>			
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested		Alicia Maluafiti	808-224-3648	
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print)	Phone	
(c) Total County Funds Requested			1/20/26	
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official	Date	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>100,000</b>	Alicia Maluafiti	Volunteer Board President	
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

## **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.

Poi Dogs & Popoki (PDP) volunteers have been rescuing animals on Oahu for over 30 years which includes professional animal welfare experience at the Hawaiian Humane Society, Oahu SPCA and many other nonprofit animal groups. Recognizing the weaknesses of a rescue/adoption model, PDP was founded to focus on helping people helping pets.

PDP currently works with other nonprofit animal welfare organizations including Aloha Animal Outreach which has direct access to native Hawaiians living on homestead lands and homeless camps. For the past 6 years, PDP has worked directly with Hi Pets Vet Clinic to provide spay/neuter and wellness services and establish health protocols to better care for rescued animals. Since 2012, PDP has managed a 5-acre sanctuary for over 500 free roaming unadoptable cats that are sterilized and microchipped, and which receive food, shelter and veterinary care. PDP has previously received state and city funding to provide low income, military and homeless families with access to affordable and subsidized spay/neuter and wellness services.

Appropriately, the PDP board is comprised of a cross-section of community and business leaders to provide strategic direction and consultation:

Sabrina Delarama, Windward Honda – management and financial support  
Greg Chan, Kapala IT – business and financial support  
Michelle Kidani, Hawaii State Legislature – policy and business support  
Celeste Kato, Hyatt – administrative and HR support  
Stacie Sasagawa, Bayer – fundraising support  
Alicia Maluafiti, Loihi Communications – administrative and management support

Volunteer leaders provide management support for PDP's rescue, foster, and adoption efforts. In 2025, more than 450 dogs and cats received care, were placed with foster families, and found forever homes.

### **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.

N/A

## **VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing**

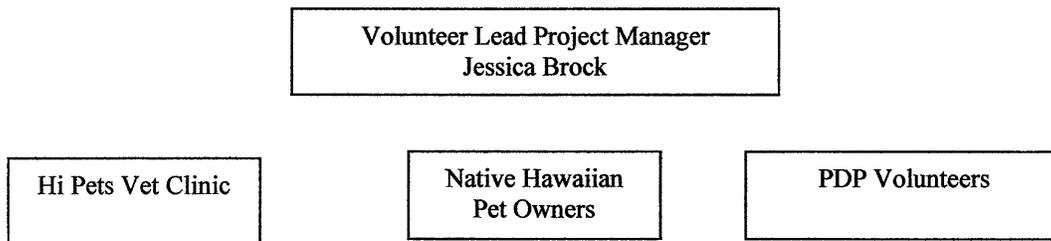
### **1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training**

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.

Implementation and administration of the grant including outreach to target populations will be completed primarily by volunteers and led by Jessica Brock who manages fostering and adoptions. PDP will work directly with the veterinary staff of Hi Pets Vet Clinic to provide spay/neuter and wellness services. Hi Pets staff and volunteers will communicate and coordinate directly with native Hawaiian pet owners utilizing an online application process to identify and verify pet owners and their pets. Once native Hawaiians are approved for services, then they will schedule appointments. Processes and protocols for approval of services have been in place since 2020. Hi Pets Vet Clinic will provide PDP with a monthly invoice summarizing approved services.

### **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.

PDP has no full-time, paid staff. All volunteers serve uncompensated. All funding goes directly to the care of animals and services to low income native Hawaiian pet owners.

## **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.

N/A

### **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.

N/A

### **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  
for the relevance of this question.

N/A

### **4. Future Sustainability Plan**

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

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

PDP will work directly with other native Hawaiian trusts, businesses and community groups to highlight the success and importance of providing native Hawaiians with access to affordable spay/neuter and wellness services for their pets. Specifically, PDP will seek support from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands, Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, and other native Hawaiian trusts and donors. PDP was approached by DHHL the challenges of pet overpopulation in Homestead communities so this grant would provide an opportunity for leaders to see the effectiveness of spay/neuter and wellness services for pets of Native Hawaiians.