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**THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Log No:

For Legislature's Use Only

Type of Grant Request:

GRANT REQUEST – OPERATING

GRANT REQUEST – CAPITAL

"Grant" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specified recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities.

"Recipient" means any organization or person receiving a grant.

STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY RELATED TO THIS REQUEST (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN):

STATE PROGRAM I.D. NO. (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): _____

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual:
Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.

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3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:

- NON PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN HAWAII
- FOR PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN HAWAII
- LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
- OTHER
- SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP/INDIVIDUAL

6. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

Weed and Seed Hawaii Project

4. FEDERAL TAX ID #: _____

5. STATE TAX ID #: _____

7. AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:

FISCAL YEAR 2016: \$ 400,000.00

8. STATUS OF SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS REQUEST:

- NEW SERVICE (PRESENTLY DOES NOT EXIST)
- EXISTING SERVICE (PRESENTLY IN OPERATION)

SPECIFY THE AMOUNT BY SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE
AT THE TIME OF THIS REQUEST:

STATE \$ _____

FEDERAL \$ _____

COUNTY \$ 150,000.00

PRIVATE/OTHER \$ 18,263.47

TYPE NAME & TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

GALE BRACEROS, WEED AND SEED HAWAII EXEC. DIR.
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GIA Application
Fiscal Year 2018

For

The Weed and Seed Hawaii Project

*A community-based comprehensive approach to reduce and prevent crime
and improve residents' overall quality of life.*

Submitted by:

Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.
91-884 Ft. Weaver Road Suite A
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

January 19, 2018

Application for Grants

If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".

I. Background and Summary

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

In 1991, the Department of Justice established Operation Weed and Seed as a community-based multi-agency approach to addressing violent crime, gang activity, drug use, and drug trafficking in communities that were hardest hit by violence and eroding social and economic stability. Weed and Seed was designed to reduce and impact crime in communities, provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services for substance abuse and other social problems; and revitalize communities through improved housing and economic development.

In 2011, Weed and Seed was established as a program of the United States Attorney, District of Hawaii, and was aptly renamed Weed and Seed Hawaii.

In 2017, Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. became the not-for-profit organization for the project. Weed and Seed Hawaii continues to be a program under the United States Attorney, District of Hawaii, with the Honolulu Police Department serving as a major partner.

Acquiring a Weed and Seed designation required communities to develop a comprehensive plan to address the needs of the community as defined by the stakeholders. The communities that were successful at qualifying to become Weed and Seed sites were 1) Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown (1998) which was later expanded to include Ala Moana-Sheridan (2003), 2) Waipahu (2000) and Ewa-Ewa Beach (2002). All three sites are "graduated sites".

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The purpose of the Weed and Seed project is to reduce violent and drug-related crime in designated high-crime communities. A comprehensive approach is used to reduce and prevent crime and improve residents' overall quality of life. As a result, law-abiding citizens are able to live, work, and raise their families in a safer and more prosperous environment.

The Weed and Seed project has three objectives: (1) develop a comprehensive, multi-agency strategy to control and prevent violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime in target neighborhoods; (2) coordinate and integrate existing and new initiatives to concentrate resources and maximize their impact on reducing and preventing violent crime, drug trafficking, and gang activity; and (3) mobilize community residents in the target areas to assist law enforcement in

identifying and removing violent offenders and drug traffickers from the community and to assist other human service agencies in identifying and responding to service needs of the target area.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

On a scale of 1 to 100 (1 being the lowest), violent crime averages 31.1 across the United States. Hawaii's average is 26. For property crime, Hawaii ranks 66 while the US average is 38.1. Although we have seen improvement with regard to violent crimes in Hawaii, we still have a lot of work to do to improve our overall quality of life in these high crime areas.

Crime in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu and Ewa-Ewa Beach impacts businesses and residents. These communities face serious challenges dealing with crime and its impact. In 2016, 5,592 juveniles and 38,691 adults were arrested and 2,398 violent crimes and 30,592 property crimes were committed island wide. The FBI Uniform Crime Report notes that the total value of property stolen was \$60.3 million. Each community strongly supports the need to reduce crime and improve public safety as a means towards improving the economic status of its residents.

Crime leads to economic and social costs for those victimized and the communities they live and work in. Authorities spend millions on the prevention of crime and the detection, prosecution and punishment of criminals. In 2016, HPD spent \$259.5 million (up from 2015), and fielded 1,935 officers (slightly down from 2015) to fight crime.

Not only are there economic costs of crime in response to crime: costs considering police, prosecution, court proceedings, sanctions etc., society incurs costs in anticipation of crime: taking precautionary measures to avoid crime such as locks and alarm prevention projects. In addition, there are costs as a consequence of crime: loss of property, medical and health care costs, victim support, etc.

Crime not only affects economic productivity when victims miss work. Crime indirectly influences the local economy. On a macro level crime influences:

- economic growth;
- income;
- labor force participation; and
- reallocation of resources creating uncertainty and inefficiency.

Drug-related crimes affect worker productivity, uses public funds for drug treatment projects and medical attention, and leads to criminal activity to support the expense of a drug habit. The amount of time spent by victims, offenders, their families, and juries during court trials also take away from community productivity. Additional types of impact include that to:

- business & tourism (crime reduces competitiveness of companies and investments)
- quality of life/social capital, and
- property value

According to Tita, Petras and Greenbaum (2006), "crime serves as an important catalyst for change in the socio-economic composition of communities. Residents become less committed to their communities, causing the 'social fiber' of the community to be weakened." An example of a loss of social capital is when residents of neighborhoods with criminal reputations are judged to be associated with criminal activities, leading (amongst others) to stigmas that, for example, prevent those people from finding jobs. Existing research points to a powerful connection between residing in an adverse environment and participating in criminal acts (McCord, Widom, and Crowell, 2001).

Most researchers agree that "living in a neighborhood where there are high levels of poverty and crime increases the risk of involvement in serious crime for all children growing up there" (McCord, Widom, and Crowell, 2001:89). Research has identified other factors at the community, family, and individual levels that influence the development of delinquent and/or aggressive behaviors, including the availability of criminogenic tools (e.g. weapons), community disorganization, family history of problem behavior, family conflict, and a history of early antisocial behavior (Howell, 1995). It is important to note that most adult criminals begin their criminal careers as juveniles. Preventing delinquency prevents the onset of adult criminal careers and thus, reduces the burden of crime on its victims and on society (Greenwood, 2008). It is imperative that we reach out to the most at-risk youth in these high-need communities.

In 2015, the *President's Task Force on 21st Century Community Policing* reiterated that "personal interactions between police officers and community members build mutual trust, which is essential to addressing neighborhood problems and reducing crime."

What makes the Weed and Seed project unique is that law enforcement plays an active role in working with the community to identify and address issues.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

This project will primarily serve low to moderate income residents in the targeted communities with emphasis on reaching out to the *homeless, senior citizens* and *youth*, the most vulnerable populations. The anticipated outcomes include;

- Reduced criminal activity
- Increased community participation, partnerships and social networks
- Better and increased use of public spaces
- Increased development of youth with healthy hopes, attitudes and behaviors

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

The project will take place in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach, which are part of seven senate and eight house districts, spanning across 4 Honolulu Police Department districts.

II. Service Summary and Outcomes

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

The Weed and Seed Hawaii project improves public safety leading to increased economic activity while building the capacity of the lead community organizations involved.

By adopting the following key strategies and types of activities, the following outcomes will result;

- Reduced criminal activity
- Increased community participation, partnerships and social networks
- Better and increased use of public spaces
- Increased development of youth with healthy hopes, attitudes and behaviors

Law Enforcement	Swift and certain consequences for misdemeanors lead to reduced recidivism.	Focuses on weeding out violent crime, gang activity, drug trafficking and drug-related crime. Activities are primarily undertaken by the Honolulu Police Department with support from the U.S. Attorney's Office and other federal agencies.
Community Policing	Strong relationships between local law enforcement and the community helps to reduce crime. The police and community proactively collaborate to address and respond to pressing issues. An empowered community will be able to sustain efforts of the safer community.	Embraces community engagement and problem solving. Activities encourage community participation and help to prevent crime. Examples include neighborhood watch and citizen patrols, rallies, drug-free zones, victim support referrals and nuisance abatement projects.
Prevention, Intervention, Treatment	Youth activities lead to stronger foundation for	Youth prevention and intervention activities

	the next generation. Opportunities for healthy activities lead to avoidance of criminal activities. Positive role models lead to youth reaching their potential.	promote wholesome behavior; good health, well-being, and personal success. Examples include; FBI Adopt-A-School, youth sports, Jr. Golf, culinary arts classes, and youth mentoring sessions.
Neighborhood Revitalization	Community is everyone who lives, works, and worships there. A beautiful environment leads to more pride and less vandalism and destruction.	Improves economic and social conditions through job training, skill building, home buyer education classes, coalition building, and graffiti/clean-up projects.

Project staff with support of community Steering Committees and community partners are responsible for activities. Project staff have the primary role in the coordination and implementation of the activities.

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

Each site will conduct a minimum of 40 activities over the project term (120 total for project). Each site tailors its activities to its specific needs while coordinating similar activities with partner communities. Some proposed activities are:

Law Enforcement

Drug trafficking investigations and underage drinking/truancy sweeps managed by HPD and the U.S. Attorney.

Community Policing

Site 1 Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan:

1. Annual Chief's Review (1 time/year)
2. Citizen Patrol Appreciation Day (1 time/year)
3. Community Safety Presentation (4 times/year)
4. Community Traffic Awareness Program (8 times/year)
5. Senior Safety Presentations (3 times/year)
6. Citizen Patrol/Neighborhood Security Watch Walks/Trainings (1 time/month)
7. 'Ohana Recruitment at Sheridan (1 time/year)
8. Homeless Concerns Meetings (2 times/year)

Site 1 Kalihi-Palama:

1. Annual Chief's Review (1 time/year)
2. Community Traffic Awareness Program (4 times/year)
3. Senior Safety Presentations (4 times/year)
4. Active Shooter Presentations (4 times/year)
5. Student Anti-Bullying and Violence Conference (2 times/year)
6. Citizen Patrol/Neighborhood Security Watch Walks/Trainings (1 time/month)
7. Homeless Concerns Meetings (2 times/year)

Site 2 Waipahu:

1. Annual Chief's Review (1 time/year)
2. Safety First Sign Waving (4 times/year)
3. Senior Safety Presentations (3 times/year)
4. Town Hall on Underage Drinking and Drug Use (1 time/year)
5. Student Anti-Bullying and Violence Conference (2 times/year)
6. Citizen Patrol/Neighborhood Security Watch Walks/Trainings (1 time/month)
7. Homeless Concerns Meetings (2 times/year)

Site 3 Ewa-Ewa Beach:

1. Annual Chief's Review (1 time/year)
2. Drive Safe 4 Ewa Holiday Traffic Awareness Campaign (6 times/holiday season)
3. Youth Patrol/Teen Rap Youth Mentoring (HPD officers doing safety presentations)
4. Bike Safety Program (at least 1 school/year)
5. Citizen Patrol/Neighborhood Security Watch Walks/Trainings (1 time/month)
6. Community Traffic Awareness Program (6 times/year)
7. Homeless Concerns Meetings (2 times/year)

Prevention/Intervention/Treatment

Community events are important in getting residents to participate in positive activities as a family. Events held at all Sites include:

- A tri-site Celebrate Safe Communities event
- Holiday Parades

Site 1/D1 Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan:

- Aloha No Na Kupuna (1 time/year)
- Youth Mentoring Outing (Washington and Central Middle School, 2 times/year)
- Happy Club (open daily, drop in services)
- Movie and a Message (2 times/year)
- Summer Feeding and School Supplies at Kukui Gardens (1 time/year)
- Cyberbullying presentation (4 times/year)

Site 1/D5 Kalihi-Palama:

- RAP Sessions (6 times/month, Sept through April; not December)
- Hearts in Action: Keiki Back-to-School Program (1 time/year)
- Late Night Basketball Program (1 time/week, June-July)

Site 2 Waipahu:

- RAP Sessions (5 times/month, Sept through April; not December)
- FBI Adopt-A-School Program (6 times/year, Oct through April)
- Na Alaka'i Youth Leadership Program (2 times/month, Oct through April)
- Thanksgiving Bingo Night (1 time/year)
- Waipahu Christmas Adopt-A-Family (1 time/year)
- Waipahu Christmas Carnival (1 time/year)

Site 3 Ewa-Ewa Beach:

- Jr. Bowling (6 weeks, 1 time/week, 10 students, 1 time/year, January-Feb)
- Jr. Golf (6 weeks, 2 times/week, 20 students, 1 time/year, March-April)
- Health and Fitness (3 times/week, 20 students, 2 times/year, May-June and Oct-Nov)
- Culinary Arts Summer Program (60 hours, 2 times/week, 25 students, 1 time/year, June-July)
- Ocean sports (approximately 50 youths, October, December, March and July)
- Keiki Kokua Kupuna (LIT youth adopt seniors in the community through the Ohana Food Distribution, 6 times/year)
- Adopt A School (Career Day, Read Aloud, Intramural)
- Malama Our Seniors Kupuna Health and Safety Fair (1 time/year, 2-3 mini followups throughout the year at Elderly Villages, etc.)
- Cyberbullying sessions at Ewa Makai and Ilima (4 times/year)
- Cyberbullying presentations for parents (2 times/year)

Neighborhood Restoration

Coalition building is important to Neighborhood Restoration. The following activities will be conducted in all sites:

- Steering Committees will meet monthly for capacity building exercises and to monitor ongoing projects.
- Neighborhood Board meetings.

Site 1/D1 Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan:

- Community Clean Ups (Scrubdown Chinatown, NeighborWorks, Project CLEAN, Adopt a Block, 4 times/year)

Site 1/D5 Kalihi-Palama:

- Community Clean Ups (graffiti paint-outs, Project CLEAN, Adopt-A-Block, Adopt-A-Stream, Make A Difference Day, 4 times/year)

Site 2 Waipahu:

- Community Clean Ups (graffiti paint outs, Pearl Harbor Bike Path Clean Up, Waipahu Beautification Day, Make A Difference Day, 4 times/year)
- Community Speak Out (1 time/year)
- English Second Language Classes (1 time/week, at various times throughout year)
- Computer Learning Center (3 times/week, throughout the school year)

Site 3 Ewa-Ewa Beach:

- Community Clean Ups (Make A Difference Day, Neighborhood Kokua Day, Shoreline Clean up, Kauhale Stewardship Project, 4 times/year)
- Speak out (1 time/year)

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

The Project is designed to produce these outcomes through the following process;

1. The Project in its entirety will be accountable and responsible to each Site Steering Committee, made up of volunteer community members.
2. The Project will be both evaluated internally and externally by subject matter experts in qualitative evaluation with the assistance of each Site Steering Committee volunteers and staff.
3. Additionally, participants in ongoing programs for each respective site will complete a pre/post evaluation of program. This will give staff the opportunity to improve the programs based on the needs of its recipients.
4. Satisfaction surveys will be conducted once a year to ensure that the broader stakeholders of the community have the opportunity to share their concerns and give input.

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 Project'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 that will be reported include the following:

of activities conducted within each site.

of participants served.

of pre/post program evaluations conducted as well as summary.

of satisfaction surveys conducted as well as summary.

III. Financial

Budget

1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.

See attached budget forms. Attachment VII.D

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2018.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	400,000.00

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2018.

The applicant is seeking funding from the following agencies for fiscal year 2018:

Hawaii Community Foundation (FLEX Grants Program), May 2018
State GIA, May 2018
Atherton Foundation, July 2018
WalMart Foundation (Sparks Community Program), TBA
HMSA Foundation, TBA

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.

The applicant has not applied for or anticipate applying for any state or federal tax credits.

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all government contracts and grants it has been and will be receiving for Project funding.

The applicant currently has a Sole Source contract with the City & County of Honolulu to support this Project.

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2017.

The applicants unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2017 is \$18,263.47.

IV. Experience and Capability

A. Necessary Skills and Experience

This Project utilizes subject matter experts who have staffed Weed and Seed Hawaii in multiple communities extending back to 2005.

The Project is governed by the Weed and Seed Hawaii Board of Directors which is comprised individuals who live or work in one of the respective sites. The Board of Directors meet at least once a month to discuss fiscal and management issues across the Project. The Board of Directors has 9 members and meets on average 5 hours per month for monthly board and project-related meetings and activities. It is estimated that 540 hours of Board support will be provided over the length of the Project at a rate of \$22.16 per hour resulting in a total Project in-kind contribution of \$11,966.40.

Each site is governed by a Steering Committee which consists of Weed and Seed Hawaii staff, individuals who live or work in the site, HPD Community Policing Officers and the U.S. Attorney (the Chief Federal law enforcement officer for the District of Hawaii). No other service provider has this type of law enforcement involvement.

Each Steering Committee is comprised of a minimum of 8 active members and is charged with designing the program for that site. The Steering Committees meet monthly to discuss issues in their community and make decisions and coordinate activities with Project partners. Each member participates on average 6-8 hours per month in monthly board and project related meetings and activities. It is estimated that 2,304 hours of advisory support will be provided over the length of the Project at a rate of \$22.16 per hour resulting in a total Project in-kind contribution of \$51,056.

Recognizing the necessity of community support and investment, each SC continually identifies area resources and partnerships, identifies and assesses potential participants, and promotes, organizes and manages its ongoing activities. Partners in the Project include, but are not limited to:

US Attorney Offices, District of Hawaii
Attorney General's Office, Community & Crime Prevention Branch
City & County of Honolulu Environmental Services
City & County of Honolulu Parks and Recreation
Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii
DCCA
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Hawaii Construction Alliance
Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters
Hawaii USA FCU

Hawaii Law Enforcement FCU
Hawaiian Electric Company
Hickam FCU
Honolulu Police Department (District 1, 3, 5, 8)
Lili'uokalani Trust
Little Caesars Pizza (Ewa Beach, Waipahu)
Matson's Ka Ipu Aina
Obun Hawaii
Target Stores
WalMart Stores
YMCA of Honolulu
Adult Friends for Youth
Arts District Merchant Association
Carole Kai Charities
Chinatown Business Community Association
Chinatown Improvement District
Dole Middle School
Farrington High School
Fern Elementary School
Friends of Chinatown
Hawaii Convention Center
Hawaii USA FCU
Kaewai Elementary School
Kalakaua Middle School
Kalihi/Chinatown Steering Committee
Kalihi Elementary School
Kalihi Kai Elementary School
Kekaulike Courtyard
Koolau Ballroom
Kukui Gardens
Lanakila Elementary School
Likelike Elementary School
Locations Foundation
McDonald's Corporate
PACT
Palama Settlement
Precision Sounds
Puuhale Elementary School
Susannah Wesley Community Center
Waena Apartments
Walgreens- Flagship
Bethel Chapel
Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii
Hawaii's Plantation Village
HCDCH
Honowai Elementary School

Inspire Church
Leeward O'ahu Lions Club
Leeward Oahu Public Health Nursing Office
Lighthouse Outreach Church
McDonald's of Waipahu
Meridian Pacific dba Waipahu Town Center
New Hope Leeward
Oasis at Waipahu
'Olelo at Waipahu
Waipahu Community Association
Waipahu Community Coalition
Waipahu Elementary School
Waipahu Intermediate School
Waipahu High School
Waipahu Public Library
Waipahu Steering Committee
Waipahu Towers
Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii- Hale Pono Clubhouse
City Mill
Coral Creek Golf Course
DR Horton-Schuler Division
Ewa Beach Steering Committee
Ewa by Gentry Community Association
Ewa Makai Middle School
Gentry Homes, Inc.
Grace Pacific
HAM Produce & Seafood, Inc.
Haseko Development
Hawaii Community Foundation
Hawaii Gas
HFM Food Service
Hoakalei Country Club
Hoakalei Foundation
H&W Palama Meats
Ilima Intermediate School
James Campbell High School
Kaimiloa Elementary School
Keoneula Elementary School
Lions Club - Ewa Beach
Loco Moco - Ewa Beach
McDonalds - Ewa Beach
Obun Hawaii
Pearlridge Realty
Roy's Ko Olina
Tropics Fish Hawaii, LLC

The Weed and Seed staff has in the past (under the fiscal agencies of the YMCA of Honolulu and Empower Oahu) received funding to implement projects from the City & County of Honolulu for the periods 2009, 2012-2014, 2016, January 1 - March 31, 2017. State GIA funding was received for the period April 1 - December 31, 2017. Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. received a Sole Source Contract from the City & County of Honolulu for January 1 – October 31, 2018.

B. Facilities

Each site has provisions for community meeting and activity space along with office/desk space for administrative duties of the Weed and Seed Hawaii staff. The Executive Director has an office at the Ewa Beach Boys & Girls Club, Hale Pono Clubhouse in Ewa Beach. The Program Director has an office space at Waipahu Elementary School. Staff have access to other locations for meeting and program space.

In addition, while still fairly unique, more and more partners are recognizing the benefits of a “virtual office” allowing for the ability to work from anywhere. Each Weed and Seed Hawaii staff member has available portable telecommunications, wifi and computing capability.

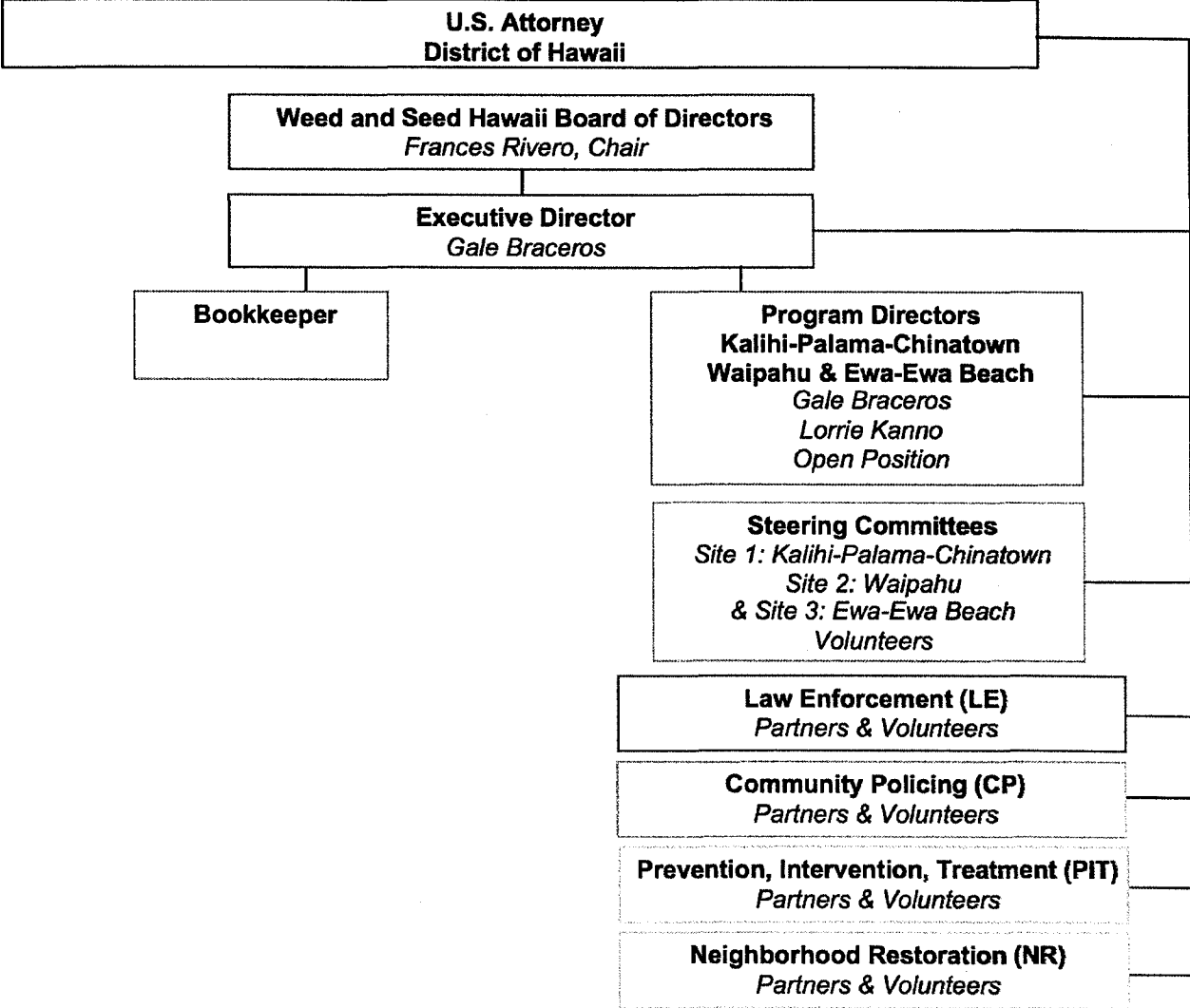
V. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

A. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

See attachments in section VII for descriptions of staff positions and resumes of key staff.

B. Organization Chart

Weed and Seed Hawaii Organizational Chart



C. Compensation

No officers or directors are compensated for their efforts. The annual salaries of the three highest paid employees are:

Program Directors (2) - \$61,920.00 and \$52,000.00 annually.
Executive Director (1) – \$70,800.00 annually.

VI. Other

A. Litigation

There is no pending litigation for which Weed and Seed Hawaii is a party to.

B. Licensure or Accreditation

Project staff possess certifications in Grassroots Leadership Development, Strategic Thinking and Planning, Community Capacity Development Certifications (U.S. DOJ), Gang Violence Awareness Certifications and other areas related to this project.

C. Federal and County Grants

The applicant has not applied for any Federal or County Grants since 2014.

D. Private Educational Institutions

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

E. Future Sustainability Plan

For this Project to be successful in the long-run, four objectives must be met:

1. By working across communities and sharing resources, benefits of scale, shared knowledge and increased cooperation maximizes opportunity for sustainability.
2. The project must convince funders that the strategies offered in the project benefit a wider area than simply the communities the project works in. Funders must understand that criminals often simply move around seeking the most vulnerable communities. The Project should be “county wide” in its scope and funding. Several funding opportunities have been identified and will be pursued. They include:

Hawaii Community Foundation (FLEX Grants Program), May 2018

Atherton Foundation, July 2018
WalMart Foundation (Sparks Community Program), TBA
HMSA Foundation, TBA
Individual Private Parties
In-Kind from Applicant
Agency fundraisers

3. The dynamic nature of each steering committee with its ever-changing volunteer membership requires project staff to provide the institutional memory and capacity needed to manage existing and develop new projects. Sites must continue to assist in identifying and developing proposals for funding which fit within the project's goals and objectives. Multiple funding opportunities have already been recognized.
4. The best way to extend the Weed and Seed Hawaii Project is to make sure that it is "marketed" throughout the communities it serves and beyond so that others may also monetarily and voluntarily contribute to the success of the Project.

Weed and Seed Hawaii staff members have the experience and capacity to make the Project the success it is. The Executive Director and Program Director bring 30 years of experience in the field.

Some of the strengths and resources that the Weed and Seed Hawaii staff bring are strong partnerships and interdependent cooperation, enhanced enforcement rules (Weed and Seed Courtroom), community driven projects and activities, strong relationships with community and youth, and commitment of police officers in their respective sites.

It is largely due to the ongoing efforts of its staff that community commitments have increased where stakeholders take an increasingly active role in clean up campaigns and community activities rather than passively relying on government or other entities to keep their neighborhoods safe and clean. In 2016, 7,924 volunteers logged 1,406 hours while in 2017, 9,835 volunteers logged 1,441.25 hours. In these two years, we have saved government millions of dollars through in-kind support.

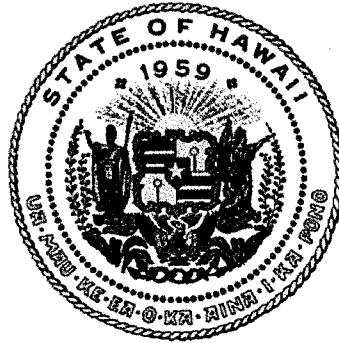
A project of this scope, with this level of community involvement invariably attracts community support. In addition to volunteer support, In-kind contributions received in the most recent year and are anticipated to be received in the next project year from the following:

US Attorney's Office, District of Hawaii
Attorney General's Office, Community & Crime Prevention Branch
City & County of Honolulu Environmental Services

City & County of Honolulu Parks and Recreation
Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii
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Kekaulike Courtyard
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McDonald's Corporate
PACT
Palama Settlement
Precision Sounds
Puuale Elementary School
Susannah Wesley Community Center
Waena Apartments
Walgreens - Flagship
Bethel Chapel
Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii
Hawaii's Plantation Village
HCDCH
Home Depot
Honowai Elementary School

Inspire Church
Leeward O'ahu Lions Club
Leeward O'ahu Public Health Nursing Office
Lighthouse Outreach Church
McDonald's of Waipahu
Meridian Pacific dba Waipahu Town Center
New Hope Leeward
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Waipahu Community Coalition
Waipahu Elementary School
Waipahu Intermediate School
Waipahu High School
Waipahu Public Library
Waipahu Steering Committee
Waipahu Towers
Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii - Hale Pono Clubhouse
City Mill
Coral Creek Golf Course
D.R. Horton-Schuler Division
Ewa Beach Steering Committee
Ewa by Gentry Community Association
Ewa Makai Middle School
Gentry Homes, Inc.
Grace Pacific
HAM Produce & Seafood, Inc.
Haseko Development
Hawaii Gas
HFM Food Service
Hoakalei Country Club
H&W Palama Meats
Ilima Intermediate School
James Campbell High School
Kaimiloa Elementary School
Keoneula Elementary School
Lions Club - Ewa Beach
Loco Moco - Ewa Beach
McDonald's - Ewa Beach
Obun Hawaii
Pearlridge Realty
Roy's at Ko Olina
Tropics Fish Hawaii, LLC

F. Certificate of Good Standing (If the Applicant is an Organization)



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

WEED & SEED HAWAII, INC.

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 10/10/2013 ; 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 05, 2018

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs



To check the authenticity of this certificate, please visit: <http://hbe.ehawaii.gov/documents/authenticate.html>
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VII. Attachments:

- a. **Project Position Descriptions**
- b. **Key Project Staff**
- c. **Budget Documents**
- d. **Declaration Statement of applicants for grants**
- e. **Letters of Support**

VII. a

Executive Director Job Description

REPORTS TO: Weed and Seed Hawaii Board of Directors

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Implement programs and projects, with moderate guidance, as determined by the Board.
- Assist with review and evaluation of development, operating and services plans for projects.
- Collaboratively design and develop new program initiatives and strategies to meet service provider and property management needs.
- Collaboratively develop tools to support capacity building and technical assistance. Provide technical assistance. Conduct trainings and workshops.
- Develop funding action recommendations. Monitor grants progress and compliance with performance and reporting requirements.
- Administer and monitor program action recommendations and consultant agreements.
- Prepare fundraising proposals. Manage and track grant related expenditures.
- Create and maintain relationships with grantor staff, advisory committee members, program funders, providers and other external partners.
- Identify and disseminate supportive housing models and related materials that reflect best practices and innovative approaches to meeting the needs of various stakeholders.
- Work collaboratively with communities to establish and attain strategic goals annually.
- Perform any other organization related duties or special projects as directed by the Board.
- Work related travel as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree, or advanced degree in related field strongly preferred. Additional experience may substitute for education.
- Minimum of 4 years' experience in finance, community development, support services or employment services, as relevant to program responsibilities. Additional education may substitute for experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Strong organizational, project management, interpersonal, research, and analytic skills.
- Strong computer skills. Demonstrated proficiency using Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Access and Outlook).
- Eagerness and ability to manage a diverse set of tasks.

- Skilled in facilitation, team building, forging collaborative partnerships, and developing and maintaining strong relationships within the community and in convening and engaging people from diverse groups and sectors.
- Able to work independently with minimal supervision, and be able to represent Weed and Seed Hawaii in public forums with a high level of professionalism.
- Familiarity with relevant state and local policy as well as financing mechanisms for operating and support services.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with professional staff, government agencies and community based organizations.
- Ability to realistically assess capacity and provide technical assistance on a group or individual basis.

Bookkeeper Job Description

REPORTS TO: Executive Director

SUMMARY: Working under the supervision of the Project Manager, the bookkeeper is responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the project financial records (general ledger).

Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Development of Financial system including chart of accounts, and Quickbooks system. Conducts all duties associated with bi-weekly accounts payable including: interacting with staff and vendors; processing invoices; expense coding; and data entry.
- Conducts all duties associated with accounts receivable including: preparing and submitting vouchers to city and state agencies and private funders; performing bank deposits; and tracking and following up on all accounts receivables.
- Conducts all duties associated with bi-weekly payroll, including inputting data to Paychex. Performs monthly bank reconciliations for bank accounts.
- Performs credit card reconciliations.
- Processes cash disbursements and assists in cash management. Assists in gathering required documents as backup to vouchers. Assists in 1099 preparation.
- Assists with preparing annual audit schedules. Assists with any government audit that may occur.
- Gathers all necessary financial reporting to federal, city and state agencies, as needed.

KEY ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:

This position works in close collaboration with Project Leadership and Staff

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Accounting degree (or an equivalent degree) with at least three years' accounting operations experience preferably with a nonprofit organization
- Good knowledge of standard accounting practices.
- Knowledge of QuickBooks and Microsoft Word and Excel are required.
- Must possess a keen attention to detail and a commitment to high quality work.
- Excellent organizational and follow-through skills, ability to multi-task, prioritize and work under deadlines.
- Solid communication (both verbal and written) skills.
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality and communicate in a professional manner with staff, funders and vendors.

- Ability to deal effectively with a variety of people and work in a team environment. Interest in community development a plus.

Weed and Seed Hawaii Program Director Job Description

REPORTS TO: Executive Director

SUMMARY: The Program Director is responsible for facilitating community-building initiatives designed to improve conditions in the Weed & Seed project neighborhoods. Success of the program will depend on the involvement of neighborhood residents, stakeholders and community institutions. The Program Director will need to demonstrate leadership skills result in volunteer participation in program activities. Grant funding is committed for 12 months for this position.

Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Network community residents and neighborhood based institutions to increase collaboration, relationship and community building and development and implementation of new initiatives that benefit the service area
- Increase connectivity of neighborhood residents to one another
- Network grassroots, community based non-profits and institutions to one another, creating opportunities for partnerships and collaboration
- Connect residents and institutions together to create positive comprehensive community change
- Implement a comprehensive network weaving model to increase resident engagement/involvement and connect residents to opportunities using an asset based approach
- Coordinate youth leadership programs and various neighborhood programs
- Develop programming and collaborative partnerships with all neighborhood based schools and education initiatives
- Assist in the planning, marketing and implementation of community based events, including: community clean-ups, etc.
- Develop volunteer leaders among neighborhood residents, stakeholders and community institutions
- Promote public relations and outreach campaigns
- Serve as liaison with participating organizations and stakeholders
- Submit required narrative and budget reports on a timely basis to ensure compliance with program guidelines
- Collect and compile necessary data and evaluation requests
- Develop program goals and measurable evaluation criteria
- Prepare small grant proposals with neighborhood groups and community institutions to assist in project development
- Attend block club meetings and recruit volunteers
- Conduct door-knocking and outreach campaigns
- Other duties as assigned

Gale Tsuyo Braceros
1726 Komo Mai Drive
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782
Home: 808-744-7610 Mobile: 808-232-6437

Experience: Weed and Seed Hawaii
January 1, 2017 to present
Position: Executive Director

Empower Oahu/Wahiawa CBDO
Weed & Seed Hawaii
February 2015- December 31, 2016
Position: Community Coordinator

YMCA of Honolulu
Leeward YMCA/Metro
Weed & Seed Hawaii
May 2, 2005 – February 2015
Position: Program Director

Duties: To coordinate opportunities for residents and businesses to work cooperatively in taking control of their neighborhoods for a cleaner, safer community that nurtures healthy family living and work environments. This effort includes developing collaborative, synergistic working relationships between social agencies, businesses, faith-based counsels, residents, and other community organizations. The focus is to facilitate positive community action, coordinate community communications, and serve as a liaison between the community, as a whole, and the Honolulu Police Department.

- To supervise and provide resources and assistance to part time program aide.
- Work with residents, businesses and service providers in the community to help identify problems and needs.
- Conduct community surveys in focus areas; collect data to identify the focus areas; establish a plan of action with sub-committees.
- Attend monthly Neighborhood Board Meetings, reporting upcoming events and answering any community concerns.
- Receive complaints and concerns, reporting illegal activities from the community to HPD for timely follow up.
- Attend Association meetings for 'Ewa/Ewa Beach area, conducting Weed & Seed presentations and providing basic training.
- Facilitate Weed & Seed Committee meetings (Neighborhood Restoration Committee, Economic Development Committee, Legislature Committee and Steering Committee).
- Participate in community events, providing resources and promoting active ties relating to Weed & Seed's strategies
- Facilitate and organize community events and projects with residents, businesses and service providers (Neighborhood Restoration Projects, Community Policing events and activities, Prevention, Intervention and Treatment events)
- Build active partnerships, in and out of the community, in support of community initiatives.
- Collect crime stats and monthly weeding activities from Weed & Seed Detail to include in monthly reports.
- Monitor all federal, state and city grants for assigned site.
- Provide support and training with Wahiawa CBDO's new hired staff

Accomplishments:

Nov. 2005 YMCA Group Work Training - Certificate of Completion
April 18, 2013 YMCA Introductions to Leading Others
April 2007 Community Capacity Development Offices (DOJ): Weed & Seed Honolulu chosen one of 8 Best Practice Weed & Seed site nationally
May 2007 Kapolei Outstanding Achievement Award (KOA) for Community Service-Organization

Domestic Violence/Dynamics of Family Violence
FAMR 133
Working with People, FAMR 296
Family Dynamics/Interviewing Difficult Families
SOSER 21

Kapiolani Community College
Certified Nursing Assistant 1975
Licensed Practical Nurse 1977

Waianae High School 1971-1975
High School Diploma

Training:

parents)

Child Abuse/Neglect
Second Step Program (Selected to attend training to develop parenting classes with

Drug Awareness/Recognizing the Problem
Working with Micronesians/Learning their culture
Federal Grant Application Training - 2007
Community Leadership Training- 2006
Helping Build Safer Communities- 2007
Community Capacity Builders Forum – 2009
Grassroots Leadership Development – 2009
Strategic Thinking and Planning – 2009

Conferences

Community Capacity Development Office (U.S. Department of Justice):
August 22-25, 2005 - Community building and sustainability

CCDO: March 27-30, 2006 - Strategy Development Training
NeighborWorks America - October 12 – 15, 2006
- Plant a Seed of Change and Grow a Better Neighborhood

NeighborWorks America - May 6-8, 2009
- Building Powerful Community Partnership
- Grassroots Leadership Development
- Strategic Thinking and Planning

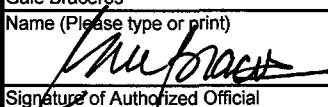
CCDO Implementation and Strategy Training - 2010
Community Leadership Institute- Neighbor Works Training - 2011
National Crime Prevention Council- Gang Violence Awareness Prevention Training -
October 2011

References can be provided upon request.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Applicant: Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.

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	191,920			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	25,181			
3. Fringe Benefits	11,516			
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	228,617			
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space	8,000			
5. Training	10,000			
6. Office Supplies	5,000			
7. Telecommunication	5,400			
8. Utilities				
9. Contractual Services: HPD Overtime	48,000			
10. Contractual Services: Human Resources	3,000			
11. Contractual Services: Evaluation	15,000			
12. Community Activity Supplies	20,000			
13. Mileage/Parking	7,983			
14. Marketing	24,000			
15. Transportation	5,000			
16. Indirect	20,000			
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	171,383			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL				
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	400,000			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	400,000	Gale Braceros	808-689-4182	
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print)	Phone	
(c) Total County Funds Requested			1/19/2018	
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official	Date	
TOTAL BUDGET	400,000	Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. Executive Director Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Applicant: Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
Executive Director	1	\$70,800.00	100.00%	\$ 70,800.00
Program Director	1	\$61,920.00	100.00%	\$ 61,920.00
Program Director	1	\$52,000.00	100.00%	\$ 52,000.00
Bookkeeper	1	\$7,200.00	100.00%	\$ 7,200.00
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TOTAL:				191,920.00

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Applicant: Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
none			\$ -	
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			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:			\$ -	
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
none			\$ -	
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TOTAL:			\$ -	
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Applicant: Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.

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: 2016-2017	FY: 2017-2018	FY:2018-2019	FY:2018-2019	FY:2019-2020	FY:2020-2021
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.

Contracts Total: 150,000

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S. / State / Haw / Hon / Kau / Mau)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Sole Source Contract (pending)	1/1/18-10/31/18	City & County of Hnl	Hon	150,000
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**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.
- 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.

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.

Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.
(Typed Name)  1/19/2018
(Signature)  (Date)
Gale T. Braceros Executive Director
(Typed Name) (Title)

January 18, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Senate Ways and Means Committee

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii


My name is Florence Nakakuni and I live in Honolulu and worked in downtown Honolulu until my retirement last year.

I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for the 7 ½ year that I served as U.S. Attorney for Hawaii and I have continued my involvement because I have seen the difference they have made and I wish to continue my association with them. I support the submission of this grand-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the communities in Chinatown-Kalihi-Palama; Waipahu; and Ewa-Ewa Beach. Weed and Seed started in 1998 and this is its 20th year of partnering with private and public organizations including elementary, middle and high schools and other governmental partners, and work with and within the community.

Weed and Seed's 2 staff members work very closely with and provide logistical and organizational support to the Honolulu Police Department's Community Policing Teams in these areas. Of course, they have worked with Community Policing Officers in other HPD Districts as well, including Wahiawa and Kailua. As you know, the HPD Community Policing Teams have many programs and I am personally familiar with Weed and Seed's active involvement working with HPD in safety and security programs and presentations for kupuna; National Night Out in August; Celebrate Safe Communities in November in partnership with Leeward Community College at their campus; the "Shop with a Cop" and other fun programs during the holidays; community clean-ups; mentoring programs for children of all ages; after school and summer programs including a culinary summer school program at Campbell High School that has been led by a chef from Roy's Restaurant; anti-bullying, bike safety, and many other programs for students in all Weed and Seed Sites. I have always wanted Weed and Seed to be present in other areas of the community but they have limited resources. I believe there was a time when they had 4 full-time staff members—an executive director and a program director for each of the 3 sites. I am impressed that the current staff of 2 continue to be involved with the communities, and with other partners, advocate for and support the community's needs for safety and security at home and in the community. They work very hard—nights, many weekends which is when activities frequently take place.

This grant-in-aid will help as Weed and Seed continues to implement the four core strategies—law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization—as a comprehensive program to improve the quality of life. Please support Weed and Seed's GIA application so that we can continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Florence Nakakuni

246 Halemaumau Street

Honolulu, HI 96821

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Frances Rivero and I live in Ewa Beach for more than fifty years. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for more than 12 years and believe in its mission and support its efforts for the betterment of the community.


Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organization, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug related crimes in communities such as Ewa, Ewa Beach, Waipahu, Kalihi Palama and Chinatown.

As a resident of Ewa Beach, demographic studies have shown a huge decrease in crime and truancy in the Ewa/Ewa Beach community. With Weed and Seeds coordinated efforts and partnership with law enforcement, there is a welcoming "Aloha" atmosphere with the community since inception of the program. Schools, after school youth programs, businesses and community groups alike reaps benefits from programs that keeps youth and families engaged in a positive and safe environment. It is an important organization tool and community resource which needs to be continued.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid, it will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program that will ensure community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Frances Rivero
Community Resident
Ewa Beach Hawaii 96706



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KEONE'ULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
91-970 KAILEOLEA DRIVE
EWA BEACH, HAWAII 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

RE: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Paul Taga and I am currently the principal of Keone'ula Elementary School in Ewa Beach, but I also served as principal of Waipahu Elementary School from 2006 to 2015. I have been involved with Weed and Seed as a volunteer, a partner, and advocate for the past 13 years, and believe wholeheartedly in the positive change this organization has created in our communities.


Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in our community. It is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I support Weed and Seed because I have personally witnessed how this effort has made a difference in people's lives not only here in Ewa Beach, but also in Waipahu. I believe it would be a tremendous hardship for these communities to lose the much needed support and services that Weed and Seed provides, and the progress that has been made to empower people in these areas would be lost.

For many years Weed and Seed Hawaii has had to balance the hard work they do in each community with constant efforts to seek funding from a variety of sources to continue its operations. With your support of this GIA application Weed and Seed Hawaii will be able to continue their efforts in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach uninterrupted.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Paul S. Taga
Principal



First Hawaiian Bank

Ward Branch

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

Dear Senator Dela Cruz & Representative Luke,

My name is Anna M. Kobashigawa and I am the branch manager at First Hawaiian Bank's Ward Branch. I have been an active member of Weed and Seed since 2012.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa community.

I have personally seen improvement in the Ewa Beach community as a result of Weed & Seed's neighborhood restoration and clean ups. The condition of the neighborhood impacts the behavior of residents. Well maintained public area hold residents to a higher standard and builds community pride.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

Anna M. Kobashigawa
Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager
Ph (808) 593-9948
Fax (808) 593-9045
Email: akobashigawa@fhb.com



McDonald's

Ewa Beach

91-919 Fort Weaver Road

Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Richard Quiamzon and I am a resident, business member, and a Ewa Weed and Seed steering committee member since 2005.

I support Weed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid and Seed because I have seen firsthand the positive changes Weed and Seed has made in Ewa Beach. Weed and Seed works with the community, and they are the link to resources, partnerships and most of all with law enforcement. We work together to look for solutions and how we all can contribute to keep our community a safer place to live, work and play.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Richard Quiamzon
GM, McDonald's Ewa Beach
91-919 Fort Weaver Road
Ewa Beach, HI 96706



January 18, 2018

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GRANT-IN-AID REQUEST FOR PROJECT WEED AND SEED HAWAII

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz and Luke:

I am Debbie Luning, Community Relations Director for Gentry Homes and a member of the Ewa Weed and Seed Steering Committee. I am also a Board member for Weed & Seed Hawaii. I am writing this letter in **strong support** of the grant-in-aid request submitted by Weed & Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii.

As the developer of a residential community within a Weed and Seed Hawaii site, Gentry is very supportive of continued funding for the Weed and Seed program. We have been active participants in the collaborative effort involving law enforcement, citizens, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, community groups and private businesses (such as ours) and are pleased that Ewa is undergoing a positive transformation. Violent and drug-related crimes have been reduced substantially, large drug dealers have been "weeded out" and "seeding" programs have been implemented for families and youth. These programs include youth activities, such as bowling and junior golf, ocean sports, summer culinary arts classes, health and fitness programs, art classes and more. An annual Kupuna Health and Safety Fair sponsored by Ewa Weed and Seed has been a popular event for Ewa/Ewa Beach seniors. Ewa Weed and Seed also established a nonprofit community based development organization which has offered small business training classes and financial literacy classes for the community.

The Weed and Seed program is working. We need to continue the efforts to restore neighborhoods and the families that live within, and I urge your support of this GIA request.

Sincerely,

GENTRY HOMES, LTD.



Debra M. A. Luning
Director of Governmental Affairs and
Community Relations



HASEKO DEVELOPMENT, INC.

January 19, 2018

The Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Grant Application for Project Weed and Seed Hawai'i

My name is Sharene Saito Tam and I am the Vice President for Haseko Development, Inc. in 'Ewa Beach. My company and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for more than a decade. I am writing to ask for your support of Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the 'Ewa/'Ewa Beach community.


This collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce both violent and drug-related crimes, as well as inspire community pride. I have seen the benefits of this effort in my community. The truancy rate at area schools has fallen significantly since Weed and Seed came to 'Ewa Beach. Weed and Seed officers help residents and students organize citizen patrols to walk neighborhood streets, and their partnerships with community members has helped to paint out graffiti and clean up neighborhood parks. In addition, officers provide valuable life skills and job training via "seeding" efforts such as the summer culinary arts program. By having Weed and Seed officers working hand in hand with residents, students and businesses, residents are inspired to work together to keep our community safe.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Mahalo,


Sharene Saito Tam
Vice President
Haseko Development, Inc.

January 18, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman House Finance Committee

Re: Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Maile Kanemaru and I am the retired Director of Weed and Seed. I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the last 20 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawaii Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the three communities of Waipahu, Ewa/ Ewa Beach, and Kalihi/Palama Chinatown/Keeamoku street.

Weed and Seed has been the bridge between law enforcement and community stakeholders. Through the weed and Seed activities and events, the police officers and residents have become partners in working together in planning and implementing strategies in keeping their community safe. Businesses, schools and churches have also been involved.

Stakeholders take an active role in clean up campaigns and community activities and events rather than rely only on government funds to keep their neighborhoods safe and clean. Most of the properties for clean ups and graffiti paint outs were government properties. Stakeholders have also leveraged funds for various prevention programs for youth in the community such as culinary arts classes, sports activities and junior community policing.

The Weed and Seed program certainly has great value to this community. I urge you to please provide the needed financial support.

Sincerely

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Maile Kanemaru.

Maile Kanemaru, Retired

Director, Weed and Seed



January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Darryl Shinogi and I am the Executive Chef at Roy's at Ko'Olina. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 5 years.


I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa-Ewa Beach community.

I was asked to be a guest instructor for the Weed and Seed's Culinary Arts Summer Program. I was very impressed with this program, how the Officers interacted with the students. With the hard work of Gale Braceros, Program Director this program is at no cost to the students. This program not only teaches the students how to prepare economic meals, it gives them a great feeling of accomplishing something that they can take home to help their parents. When I was asked to be the permanent instructor it was an immediate YES, this year it will be my 5th year and Ewa Weed and Seed's 15th year offering this program. I am very honor to be part of this awesome program, to see students taking interest in cooking, interacting with Officers and most of all keeping busing and staying out of trouble.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Darryl Shinogi
Executive Chef
Roy's Ko'Olina

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

Aloha, my name is Malia-Ann Ikeda and I have been a resident of Ewa Beach for twenty five years. I have seen many changes in the Ewa-Ewa Beach area during this time and feel that partnerships have been integral to keep the community a safe place where we can live, work, and play.

About five years ago I formed a partnership with Weed and Seed when I worked at an elementary school in Ewa Beach. The coordinator and Community Policing Team were always willing to participate in school functions and events. I wanted to be more involved and the opportunity presented itself. I have now served as a Weed and Seed Steering Committee Member for the past three years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this GIA (grant-in-aid) because I have seen firsthand the impact it has on the Ewa Beach community. This grant will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed: Law Enforcement, Community Policing, Prevention/Intervention/Treatment, and Neighborhood Revitalization. Some of the programs in the Ewa Beach community include:

- Speed control measures/Drive Safe Campaign
- Career Day/Read Aloud with area elementary schools
- Kupuna Resource Fair
- Youth Programs (sports, RAP sessions, keiki ID, Bicycle/Skateboard Safety, Culinary Arts)
- Citizen Patrol Walks/Neighborhood Security Watch
- Speak Out Session
- Community Clean Ups

I kindly ask for your consideration with Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to support this integral program in our community.

Very Respectfully,



Malia-Ann Ikeda
91-1186 Kuhaimoana Place
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-4502

January 17, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

RE: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for
Project Weed and Seed Hawaii Department of Education

Dear Senator Donovan Dela Cruz:

Aloha my name is Dee Gettle (White) and I am a resident for 34 years and work in the Ewa/Ewa Beach community for 27 years. I have been involved in Weed and Seed for 11 years.


I am writing to ask for your continuous support for the grant proposal to the Weed and Seed whom has made a significant difference in my community in the following ways:

- 1) Truancy sweep and stopping illegal activities in our community parks. It helps to make it a safe environment for Day Care Providers and families to take their children to the community parks to enjoy
- 2) Continuing in educating students in both elementary and high school.
- 3) Weed and Seed supports our JPO program with all our safety campaigns by helping us educating, showing awareness and the importance of safety to the public. Example: Click It Ticket, Drive Safe 4 Ewa and Don't Drink & Drive.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention, intervention, treatment and neighborhood revitalization as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Dee Gettle (White)
P.O Box 2402
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Diane Tabangay. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for over 10 years, through my work as youth programs executive for the YMCA of Honolulu.


I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I know firsthand of the effectiveness of Weed and Seed's work in communities that are greatly impacted by youth at risk and other crime related challenges.

Weed and Seed Hawai'i is an asset to communities such as Ewa/Ewa Beach, Kalihi and Waipahu as the coordinating and intermediary entity that brings stakeholders together to address real concerns with effective strategies. Without Weed and Seed Hawai'i this much needed community building and uniting of efforts would not happen.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Diane Tabangay
1441 Pali Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Telephone: 808-541-5470



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
James Campbell High School
91-980 North Road
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
(808)305-3600

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Suzanne Niitani and I am Vice Principal at James Campbell High School and previously at Keone'ula Elementary School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 4 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.


At James Campbell High School, we have partnered with Weed and Seed Hawai'i to conduct truancy sweeps in the Ewa Beach neighborhood to ensure students are in school to obtain an education to better themselves and the community. Weed and Seed Hawai'i also participates in various school activities and classroom presentations when support is needed.

At Keone'ula Elementary School, Weed and Seed Hawai'i has been very supportive in various school activities from Career Fair, Community Real Aloud, Annual Fitness Night and School Fairs. Weed and Seed presence and open communication with students and families help to build a stronger and positive community.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Suzanne Niitani, Vice Principal



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EWA MAKAI MIDDLE SCHOOL
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January 17, 2018

Attention: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

Aloha Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I, Kim Sanders, principal at Ewa Makai Middle School recommend Weed and Seed for this Grant to continue their excellent work with our students and staff. We have been working with Weed and Seed since the beginning of the school 7 years ago. I support Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach Community.

Weed and Seed Hawaii has been instrumental in keeping our students safe and off the streets. Their programs in Ewa Beach have supported positive engagement and collaboration in making our schools and community safe for everyone. Their program gives our students outstanding role models and training in making good choices. They have also supported our intramural programs and interact with our students through out the school year.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed Hawaii through law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life in Ewa Beach and Oahu.

We trust that you will support this incredible program by approving the Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.'s GIA application to continue the awesome work and efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

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Kim Sanders
Principal, Ewa Makai Middle School

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Marc Nishimitsu and I am a counselor at Ewa Makai. I have been involved with Weed and Seed, Ewa/Ewa Beach for 6 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc's submission for the Grant In Aid because I have seen the impact that the Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa/Ewa Beach community.


Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because they are instrumental in fostering a safe and cohesive community. They facilitate the safety and well-being of our youth, our parks and beaches in addition to the concerns and needs of individual schools in the Ewa/Ewa Beach area. They have developed positive relationships with at-risk and GT youth through refereeing all of our intramural basketball, volleyball and kickball games. They make time to participate in beach clean-up and many Ewa community events. The Weed and Seed officers along with coordinator Gale Bracerros are there reaching out to the community to show us that they care and educating others on how we can be a more cohesive, community by making thoughtful choices. We appreciate their efforts to support our students and staff by speaking at our school wide assemblies to improve the behaviors of our students beyond the walls of Ewa Makai Middle. In addition Weed and Seed Officer Roland Pagan and Officer Gordan Gomes have been really supportive regarding our Bike and Skate helmet Safety initiative. They coordinated efforts with Queens Neuro Trauma Center and arranged for 300 bike and skate helmets and stickers to be distributed and fitted properly after leading a school wide bike and helmet safety assembly with HPD Bike Detail and Honolulu Bike Detail. We really appreciate how much they do for our community not to mention presenting citizenship awards at our 8th Grade graduation or helping us with our campus evacuation and safety procedures.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support the request for the Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. Grant-in-Aid application.

Sincerely,


Marc Nishimitsu
91-6291 Kapolei Parkway
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Vanessa Ching and I am the Student Activity Coordinator at Ewa Makai. I have been involved with Weed and Seed, Ewa/Ewa Beach for eight years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc's submission for the Grant In Aid because I have seen the impact that the Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa/Ewa Beach community.


Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because they truly care about our community, the safety and well-being of our youth, our parks and beaches in addition to the concerns and needs of individual schools in the Ewa/Ewa Beach area. For example, my job requires me to plan school-wide events including events with community members and parents. They are always friendly and able to do whatever they can to support our school. They have developed lasting relationships with at-risk and GT youth through refereeing all of our intramural basketball, volleyball and kickball games. Whenever my student government attends a beach clean-up or community event, the Weed and Seed officers along with coordinator Gale Braceros are there reaching out to the community to show us that they care and educating others on how we can be a more cohesive, community by making thoughtful choices. We appreciate their efforts to support our students and staff by speaking at our school wide assemblies to improve the behaviors of our students beyond the walls of Ewa Makai Middle. In addition Weed and Seed Officer Roland Pagan and Officer Gordan Gomes have been really supportive regarding our Bike and Skate helmet Safety initiative. They coordinated efforts with Queens Neuro Trauma Center and arranged for 300 bike and skate helmets and stickers to be distributed and fitted properly after leading a school wide bike and helmet safety assembly with HPD Bike Detail and Honolulu Bike Detail. We really appreciate how much they do for our community not to mention presenting citizenship awards at our 8th Grade graduation or helping us with our campus evacuation and safety procedures.

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I urge you to support the request for the Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. Grant-in-Aid application.

Sincerely,


Vanessa Ching
Hawaii State Teacher of the Year, 2018
91-6291 Kapolei Parkway
Ewa Beach, HI 96706



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LEEWARD DISTRICT
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EWA BEACH, HAWAII 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Megan Rigos and I am a middle school counselor at Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 3 years.


I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

Issues in the community often parallel with concerns in schools, however too often we address these topics in isolation. Weed and Seed has provided a bridge between the community and school and in turn provides consistency, resources, and supports to address these issues. I have worked closely with Weed & Seed on many levels. Firstly, Weed and Seed has worked directly with our students, across multiple days, to address the impact that criminal behavior has on the community and individual. They have extended this support to provide education to whole families, as well. Their expertise on law enforcement provide an element that is visibly more impacting than what the school can provide on it's own. Secondly, their support to "seed" positive social services is evident and valuable; Weed and Seed has partnered with our school on a variety of campaigns and clubs. I found that their presence during Ewa Makai's bike safety campaign and Intramural sports provided a positive connection between individual safety and being part of a community in whole. When young students, especially emerging teenagers, can make positive connections with law enforcement, respect begins in bud. This is vastly changing the opinions that youth have of law enforcement; instead of fearing or distrusting them, youth begin to identify law enforcement as a positive aspect of the community. This may contribute to monumental changes in our communities and naturally increase safety and reduce crime. I find Project Weed and Seed valuable and hope that we can continue to work with them to support our students, families, and community at large.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Megan Rigos
92-1297 Panana Street
Kapolei, HI 96707

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Chad Mahoe and I am a counselor at Ewa Makai. I have been involved with Weed and Seed, Ewa/Ewa Beach for seven years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc's submission for the Grant In Aid because I have seen the impact that the Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa/Ewa Beach community.


Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because they truly care about our community, the safety and well-being of our youth, our parks and beaches in addition to the concerns and needs of individual schools in the Ewa/Ewa Beach area. They have developed lasting relationships with at-risk and GT youth through refereeing all of our intramural basketball, volleyball and kickball games. Whenever our student volunteers attend a beach clean-up or community event, the Weed and Seed officers along with coordinator Gale Braceros are there reaching out to the community to show us that they care and educating others on how we can be a more cohesive, community by making thoughtful choices. We appreciate their efforts to support our students and staff by speaking at our school wide assemblies to improve the behaviors of our students beyond the walls of Ewa Makai Middle. We really appreciate their guidance and mentorship when dealing with lawful procedures when fostering a more positive behavior in the community businesses and establishments. They have also been valuable guest speakers and presenters to both our students and parents regarding internet safety and bullying issues with meaningful messages and content. They have become an integral part of our Ewa Makai family.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support the request for the Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. Grant-in-Aid application.

Sincerely,


Chad Mahoe
School Counselor, Ewa Makai Middle
91-6291 Kapolei Parkway
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Paul Varquez and I am a security attendant at Ewa Makai. I have been involved with Weed and Seed, Ewa/Ewa Beach for seven years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc's submission for the Grant In Aid because I have seen the impact that the Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa/Ewa Beach community.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because they truly care about our community, the safety and well-being of our youth, our parks and beaches in addition to the concerns and needs of individual schools in the Ewa/Ewa Beach area. They have developed lasting relationships with at-risk and GT youth through refereeing all of our intramural basketball, volleyball and kickball games. Whenever our student volunteers attend a beach clean-up or community event, the Weed and Seed officers along with coordinator Gale Braceros are there reaching out to the community to show us that they care and educating others on how we can be a more cohesive, community by making thoughtful choices. We appreciate their efforts to support our students and staff by speaking at our school wide assemblies to improve the behaviors of our students beyond the walls of Ewa Makai Middle. We really appreciate their guidance and mentorship when dealing with lawful procedures when fostering a more positive behavior in the community businesses and establishments.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support the request for the Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. Grant-in-Aid application.

Sincerely,



Paul Varquez
Security Attendant, Ewa Makai Middle
91-6291 Kapolei Parkway
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Reese and I am a student at Ewa Makai. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the schoolwide community.

They help us with evacuations, making the students feel more relaxed and comfortable. They also help us with refereeing during our school's sports intramurals. The weed and seed program also helps with beach cleanups and donating free helmets school wide during bike safety.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Reese Martin

91-629 Kapolei Pkwy Ewa Beach, HI 96706 United States

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Talia C. and I am a student at Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

I support Weed and Seed because they help us run and referee intramurals, which is a big help and to make intramurals possible here at EMMS. They also help with sign waving so we can promote an event and spread the word. It also helps us have more people at events and help out with donations. Weed and Seed also does beach cleanups to save the environment and marine life. This way, the beach remains clean and sea animals stay alive.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

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Talia C.
91-6291 Kapolei Parkway, Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Taya Hallstone and I am a 7th grade leadership representative in Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.


I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

I support weed and seed because they not only support and help out our community but they help our school. They do wave signing to show awareness for safe driving, coach our intramurals, and do beach clean ups. We appreciate all they do for our school and community. Working with them in my 8th grade year would be an honor.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Taya Hallstone
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Sharey and I am the 7th grade president in Ewa Makai. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

Weed and Seed has helped our school with most of our major events. Although I've been attending this school for one year, I noticed how involved Weed and Seed was with our school. They helped with sign waving, reffing intramurals, beach clean ups, and evacuation drills. We deeply appreciate Weed and Seed and we'd like to thank you for all that you've done for us.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

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Sharey Romero
91-629 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

Aloha my name is Shay Phillips and I am an leadership representative in the 8th grade . I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 2 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

I support Weed and Seed , because they not only care about the students at Ewa Makai but they also care about all of the people in the Ewa Beach community . It is always appreciated when they always take time out of their busy days to come assist and educate Ewa Makai the significance of keeping each other safe , help collaborate with beach cleanups , referee our intramural games , and also come help us with sign waving in front of our school . The Weed and Seed organization is an essential part in our community and our school that forms the enjoyable place it is today .

Weed and Seed is a very important tool and community resource , that needs to be continued . The continued support that you will give will guarantee the community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens , that will work toward to build a strong, safe , healthy , stabilized community .

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely



Shay Phillips
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy,
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Rylee Lapilio-Bajet and I am a student at Ewa Makai in Leadership. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for my seventh grade year. Weed and Seed has prompt me to be more cautious and show my appreciation to the law enforcement officers and prosecutors that help protect us all.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the schools community, and the people of Ewa district. The Weed and Seed program has brought together participants from both sides of the program.

The reason I support Weed and Seed is because I feel that they exceed in the job of preventing violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity throughout the community. I appreciate the work that they do to help our schools intramurals and safety drills. It would be an honor to continue to have them volunteer for other school activities and maybe get to know more about the Weed and Seed program in eighth grade!!

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Rylee Lapilio-Bajet
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Kyra Hallstone and I am the 8th grade student body secretary as well as a 8th grade leadership representative at Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 2 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because they not only care about my fellow peers and I but they also care for the well being of my school and community in Ewa Beach. They take time out of their busy schedules to come help and teach Ewa Makai the importance of keeping each other safe, referee our intramural games, help with beach cleanups, and come and help us with sign waving. Weed and Seed is a vital part of our school and community that makes it the happy and enjoyable place it is today. This letter can't even explain how much I appreciate Weed and Seed.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Kyra Hallstone

91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is McKenzie Fagin and I am the 8th Grade President & 8th Grade Leadership Representative at Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 2 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community

Not only has Weed and Seed Hawai'i impacted communities across the island, but it has helped students keep a vision of what a role model is. Without them, we wouldn't be able to continue doing intramurals, beach cleanups, sign waving, etc. They've taught us how to foster positivity within the classroom, school, and community. Weed and Seed Hawai'i has been there for our school through hardships, such as giving our school helmets for students who ride bicycles from and to school. They have also allowed us to inform our community about the safety of no texting while driving by sign-waving, as it has impacted communities greatly. Without Weed and Seed, we wouldn't be the community we are today, one o'hana.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



McKenzie Fagin
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January 19, 2018

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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Christie Jiang and I am a 8th grade Leadership representative at Ewa Makai. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 2 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because they care so much about my fellow peers and I, and also care for my school and community in Ewa Beach. They always take time out of their busy schedules to come help and teach Ewa Makai the importance of keeping each other safe, they referee our intramural games, help with beach cleanups, and always come and help us with sign waving. Without Weed and Seed, our school and community would not be the place it is today. Words cannot even express how much I appreciate Weed and Seed. They are truly stewards of our community.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Christie Jiang
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Sophia C., and I am a student in Ewa Makai's Leadership program. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa community.

The officers act as positive role models for both adults living in the community, and our school's students. Whether they help to encourage safe driving by aiding us in sign waving, participating in beach clean ups, or even acting as the referees for our various intramural sports, these people help students to see that there is more to their role in the community than just arresting and giving out tickets. As a scorer for the intramural sports (volleyball, basketball, kickball), I have seen how much the officers care about us and try to keep us safe; they take time from their daily lives and their jobs just to be there to support us. In my eyes, the true meaning of success is by getting involved in your community, and that is just what these officers do.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

Sophia Coloma

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91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Chariel and I am the 7th grade secretary in Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa/Ewa Beach community.

I support Weed and Seed due to all of the effort and hard work put into benefiting our community. On various occasions, Weed and Seed has been there to support us and contribute something to the activity. Their endless positivity and overflowing kindness allows students and teachers to easily build strong relationships with them. The comforting presence they possess lets everyone feel relaxed and at ease with them. Events such as intramurals and the mass evacuation drill really helped ensure our safety. Everyone here really appreciates all that you do for our entertainment, safety, and education. They are amazing role models for all the students, displaying their love for the community and those who who are in it. Weed and Seed is such a positive influence for all. It truly shows how much they care for everyone and will always lend a helping hand whenever needed.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

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Chariel Medeiros
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Maegan Lourine Rosario and I am the 8th Grade Student Body Treasurer at Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 2 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i because they truly care about the students in our school and in the Ewa Beach community as well. Often times when we need their help for school-wide intramurals, they take time out of their schedule to ensure that we can have fun and stay safe at the same time. Additionally, Weed and Seed has helped us with beach clean ups, school evacuations, and even raising awareness about driving safely. Weed and Seed has helped Ewa Makai Middle School become the school it is today, and we admire the endless support they have given us. All in all, I cannot express the gratitude I have for Weed and Seed, as they have continuously been stewards of our school and community.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

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Maegan Lourine Rosario
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Alena Bolosan and I am an Eighth Grade Leadership Student Body Representative in Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i because I feel that they have had a major impact on Ewa Makai. Their partnership has helped support my school in many ways through contributing their time to sign wave in order to promote safe driving, evacuation drills, beach cleanups, and sports intramurals. Weed and Seed Hawaii's positive contributions and effort foster pono within Ewa Makai and strong everlasting relationships within students as well as the teachers. I have felt more empowered and inspired to become a better leader because of Weed and Seed's hard work and dedication put towards nurturing a healthy, happy, and safe aina to better improve significant lives like mines.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Alena Bolosan
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy,
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Kaila Pacardo and I am the 8th Grade Vice President in Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 2 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

I support Weed and Seed because it has taught me to be a better role model for my community. I have been included in the Ewa Beach sign waving for the past two years and it has motivated me to share with my peers that it's important to be safe. They are super friendly and do whatever they can do to support our school. They have made lasting relationships with all the students and staff through refereeing all of our intramural basketball, volleyball and kickball games. Weed and seed are always there to keep us safe, by helping with our evacuations to even coming to our school to giving a presentation about how cyberbullying can be prevented. We appreciate how thoughtful they are to our community and we take full advantage of the opportunities they give.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Kaila Pacardo
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is William Tsang and I am in the 7th grade and I am in the Leadership program. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.


I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Makai Middle community.

(Explain why you support Weed & Seed)

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed & Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life. I support Weed & Seed because of all the helpful things brought to our school by their Weed & Seed officers. They have taught us the many dangers of cyberbullying, stranger danger, bullying, and out downs. They help us during evacuations by such when they help hold the traffic so that we may cross safely. The Weed & Seed officers have helped us during intramurals and served as referees during games. They helped out the Leadership Program with beach cleanups and have helped us wave signs to alert those who drive, to drive with aloha. Overall, the Weed & Seed have made our school a better place to learn and stay.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


William Tsang
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Gyson Quizon and I am in 7th grade and I am in the leadership program. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I've seen the impact Weed and Seed Inc. has and had on our school, jobs, and communities.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life. I've been able to see how amazing and helpful the Weed and Seed company is for our amazing school. For instance, for so many times, the company has refereed for our intramurals at our school. The officers at Weed & Seed have taught us the many dangers of internet surfing, bullying, cyberbullying, and stranger danger. Another one of the countless things they do for us, is that they help with the emergency drills that take place at our school. They help by stopping traffic, checking for any potential dangers, and they make sure everyone is accounted for. Last but not least, another deed they do for our school from the gigantic list of what they do for us, is that they are so helpful for the leadership program and support us in so many ways. For example, they have helped in beach clean ups and have previously helped in our Mc fundraiser for the school.

Overall, I just want to say that each and everyone of those participants are truly amazing and since they have supported us and our community, we should support them. So please support Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our wonderful community.

Sincerely,


Gyson Quizon
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Jezmond Kalaola and I am a leadership representative. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 2 years.


I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

I support Weed and Seed, because they are not only able to inspire the students at Ewa Makai, but also the Ewa Beach Community. They are able to take time out of their busy schedule to support and educate Ewa Makai of many important factors. These important factors include showing us how to keep each other safe by talking to us, giving out rewards to students who really stood out during the year, and helping us sign wave in front of our school. By doing all of this, they are able to make positive change in the community and in the hearts of our students at Ewa Makai as well.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Jezmond Kalaola
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Mya Habon- Godding and I am a Leadership representative at Ewa Makai Middle School. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 1 year.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa Beach community.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i because they care about the students very much. For example, they help our referee our games for intramurals, raise awareness for safe driving, foster positive attitude towards students to help them become comfortable in school, and many more! I am grateful for this program and what they do to contribute to this community and help us thrive.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

Mya Habon- Godding
91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy,
Ewa Beach, HI 96706





STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KAIMILOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
91-1028 KAUNOLU STREET
EWA BEACH, HAWAII 96706

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Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Shely Chang and I work in Ewa Beach at Kaimiloa Elementary. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for over 12 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on our school projects, initiatives, and in our community.

Ewa Beach Weed and Seed is always there to support Kaimiloa's initiatives. They have participated in our annual college and career day for the past 11 years. They come out to our evening and special events when we need support. They have addressed our community and student safety concerns countless of times since I've been at Kaimiloa. Our Weed and Seed is a great resource to our school and our community.

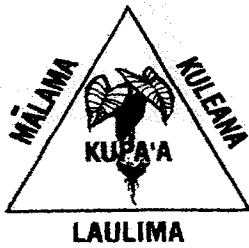
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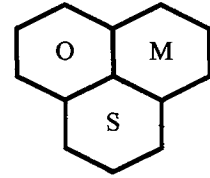
Sincerely,

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Shely Chang
School Counselor
Kaimiloa Elementary School
91-1028 Kaunolu Street
Ewa Beach, HI 96706



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January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed

My name is Hercules Huihui and I have been a resident of Waipahu for 25 years. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Waipahu since its inception in 2000.

I am requesting your support for the submission of the proposal by Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. to support the collaboration the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because I have seen firsthand how it has benefited our community. When there was drug dealing happening in the Pupu area, I worked closely with the Weed & Seed officers to shut down the drug lab kitty corner to my home. Since then, I have continued to volunteer my time in the community by serving on various community boards. I am currently the Chair of the Steering Committee, an advisory board to the Waipahu Weed & Seed site.

Weed and Seed is an important community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important project will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support the request for the Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s Grant-in-Aid. We need Weed & Seed to continue to help our most needy communities.

Sincerely,

HERCULES HUIHUI VISTA
Communities In Schools Hawaii Inc.
94-366 Pupupani St. Suite 304
Waipahu, HI. 96797
808-677-0888 Cell: 808-389-7993

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is John Kauwenaole and I reside in Waipahu. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 20 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Kalihi and Waipahu community.

In 1997, as a Sergeant with the Honolulu Police Department, I headed up the first Weed & Seed Team in Hawaii and know what Weed & Seed can do in the community.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



John W. Kauwenaole
94-763 Kaaka St.
Waipahu, HI 96797

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Albert Somera and I work in Waipahu. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 3 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Waipahu community.

Weed and Seed Hawaii has been very involved mentoring our youth who will be future leaders serving the Waipahu community.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Sergeant Albert Somera
Honolulu Police Department
1100 Waimano Home Road
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Kaipō Paiva and I live in Royal Kunia in Waipahu. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 8 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Waipahu community.

I am a community policing officer with the Honolulu Police Department and have been working with Weed & Seed for 8 wonderful years. I have seen the positive impact that Weed & Seed has had on the Waipahu community. So much that I moved to Waipahu from Aiea. I have been working in partnership with Weed & Seed for 8 years doing mentorship in Waipahu Elementary School, Honowai Elementary School, Waipahu Intermediate School and Waipahu High School. The mentorship enabled the police department and the Waipahu community to have a stronger relationship and trust. Because of the newly invigorated relationship there is more peace in the community. Where there were once gangs and violence now there are talks of solution within the community. This all would not have been possible without the connections that Weed & Seed created with the Honolulu Police Department and the Waipahu Community.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Officer Kaipō Paiva
District 3 Community Policing Team
Resident: 94-1028 Kalulu Loop
Waipahu HI. 96797

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed

My name is Gale Mejia and I am a member of the Waipahu Steering Committee. I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past ten years.

I am requesting your support for the submission of the proposal by Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. to support the collaboration the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

Weed and Seed has made a significant difference in the Waipahu community in the following ways:

- 1) Providing the RAP program at Waipahu and Honowai Elementary Schools that help students make good decisions.
- 2) Mentoring high school students at Waipahu High School through the Na Alaka'i student club to reach out to fellow students in need.
- 3) Supporting safe communities through community policing groups.
- 4) Supporting beautification events that engage community members, both young and old, to take pride in our community.
- 5) Providing consultation and manpower to support family-oriented events such as the annual Christmas Carnival and Song Festival at the Waipahu Town Center, as well as the Town Hall on Underage Drinking and Drug Use and 'Ohana Bingo Night.

Weed and Seed is an important community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

Your continued support of this important project will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work to improve their communities to be a safe place to live and raise their families.

I urge you to support the request for the Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. Grant-in-Aid.

Best regards,



Gale Mejia
91-544 Huleia Place
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed

My name is Susan Moniz, a resident of Waipahu and a member of the Waipahu Steering Committee. I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past twelve years.

I am requesting your support for the submission of the proposal by Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. to support the collaboration the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.


Weed and Seed has made a significant difference in my community in the following ways:

- 1) Reduced the truancy in public schools. The Weed and Seed officers show a genuine concern for the children by their visibility and hands-on training of the youth.
- 2) Gave under-privileged adults from our diverse community consisting of Micronesian, Chuukese, Samoan, Tongan, Filipino, etc. a chance to attend Computer and Sewing Center classes thereby improving their family's lives and finding ways to be a productive member of the community.
- 3) After the **Weeding**, Weed and Seed sustained, through its maintenance and diligence, a positive, safe community through graffiti paint out and community clean ups.

Weed and Seed is an important community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support the request for the Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. Grant-in-Aid.

Sincerely,


Susan P. Moniz
94-534 Awamoi Street
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January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

Aloha! My name is Barbara Tom and I am a retired Registered Nurse. I have been involved with Weed and Seed for 16 years and currently serve on its Steering Committee.

I am requesting your support for the submission of the proposal by Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. to support the collaboration the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because they have been a key component to reducing crime rates in Waipahu. Their approach of attacking crime through prevention via education in the schools and community is one that I am personally involved with as a volunteer.

The Waipahu Safe Haven Computer Center was created as a way for students to complete their homework with assistance from volunteer tutors in the community. Its creation was supported by Weed & Seed through collaboration with Waipahu Community Coalition, Parents and Children Together, Hoomaka Hou Learning Center, the DOE's ESL Leeward District, Americorp/Vista, and the community members. It is housed in a Weed & Seed office in the community in the Pupuole area. In addition to student education, the center also provides education for limited English speaking adults through adult education as well as digital literacy in hopes of getting them jobs. Additionally, it also provides limited English speaking women with the opportunity to improve their economic situation through learning how to sew. These innovative approaches to prevention in the community are all helping to decrease the crime rate as it provides education to an extremely needy population.

Weed and Seed is an important community resource that needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important project will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support the request for the Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. Grant-in-Aid.

Sincerely,



Barbara Tom RN
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January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed

My name is Kelli Buenconsejo. I am a Public Health Nurse and the Chair of the Waipahu Community Coalition.

- I am an avid supporter of Weed and Seed, because I have seen the improvement in my community through decreased crime and increased community awareness of illegal activities. They have realized that crime prevention must start at a younger age and they work with elementary, intermediate and high school students to combat and prevent substance abuse, truancy and gang involvement. They've organized graffiti paint outs and participated in beautification projects. They've assisted in creating neighborhood security watches in the most at-risk neighborhoods and have empowered the residents to report illegal activities promptly.
- They work with the 6th graders at Waipahu and Honowai Elementary for their "Real and Powerful Sessions" educating the students about juvenile laws, substance abuse and illicit activity and help to empower the students to make safer choices as they age.
- They were instrumental in hosting the first meeting in Waipahu to discuss how the community can support the state and federal government concerning prison re-entry into the community.
- They were instrumental in hosting the first discussions regarding the over representation of Polynesian youth in the Juvenile Justice System. This led to the creation of the Civil Citation program which was implemented in Kalihi to divert first time offenders into a culturally based program instead of into the Juvenile Justice System.
- They are an integral part of the Waipahu Community Coalition and help to provide safe, healthy, drug-free activities for the residents of Waipahu. It is a pleasure working with such dedicated professionals to improve Waipahu and I look forward to working with them in future projects.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed in our community.

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed

My name is Rochelle Kalili, a former resident of Waipahu and former member of the Waipahu Steering Committee. I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past nine years.


As a parent of 6 children and 4 grandchildren who once lived in Waipahu, my first priority is the safety of my family. Unfortunately, my former home of 20 years, Waipahu, has the stigma of being a bad place to live. While I acknowledge that there are criminal and drug issues, I also know that Waipahu is a safer place to live and work **because of Weed and Seed**. Through Weed and Seed, we have a team of officers who are designated to work hand in hand with the community to solve problems. In fact, just three years ago, they arrested some people for prostitution near where I used to live and recently, arrested two people for distributing crystal meth near a park where children play.

As a parent-community facilitator at an area elementary school, I have seen the improvement in the way our students/children relate to police officers. In the past, many of our children viewed officers as aggressive people who only caused harm to their 'ohana. Through the partnerships that the Weed & Seed officers have created, **it has changed their views**. They now see police officers as people who are looking out for their best interests; people they can trust. Weed and Seed has educated individuals on how drugs and other negative influences ruin families and community. **Weed and Seed has empowered residents to take back their community**. The residents are no longer afraid to call 9-1-1 to ask for help. As the saying goes, "Ohana means no one is left behind." I believe that because of Weed and Seed, no one in Waipahu is left behind.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed in our community.

Sincerely,


Rochelle Kalili
85-203 McArthur Street
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Shaunna Okuda and I am a member of Site I Weed and Seed and work in the site. I have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for 7 years.

I support Weed and Seed because as the chairperson of the Site I- Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan Steering Committee, I have had the good fortune of being able to see firsthand how Weed and Seed has been in our community. Resident and businesses are willing to join citizen patrol groups, and are more willing to talk about what is going on in the community. Weed and Seed has been involved in our community by coordinating events, and providing programs in our schools. They build relationships between law enforcement and the community to work together. They are the in between person who help fill in the gap.

I support Weed & Seed because I've seen how a community takes pride by supporting community clean ups, citizen patrol groups, helping their neighbors and being concerned in how they can help make the community that they live in safe. I've seen police officers talk to the children and

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Shaunna Okuda
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January 18, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii


My name is Lee Stack and I serve as the President of the Chinatown Improvement District. I have also served on the Site One Steering Committee for Weed and Seed Hawaii for the past two years. Our Organization supports this community-based effort to improve enforcement, intervention, and revitalization efforts and activities in our communities.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen their efforts and impact in the Chinatown community. Working with law enforcement on clean ups, patrols, and other activities has helped to create a working dialogue and partnership. The community policing team has participated in our Taste of Chinatown event working with keiki on activities as well as gathering keiki ID prints. These activities, along with other intervention and enforcement activities are helping to forge a stronger more engaged community.

This grant-in-aid will help to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Lee Stack
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Honolulu, HI 96837

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed Hawaii

My name is Vernon Viernes and I as a social worker with Liliuokalani Trust. have been involved with Weed and Seed Hawaii for nearly 10 years.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s submission of this grant-in-aid because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had in the communities of Waipahu, Ewa, Kalihi and Honolulu as well as influence and become role models for other districts and ahupuaa.

Weed and Seed's influence in and intent with communities goes back decades. The original intent to "weed" out the negative and destructive influences and "seed" positive, nurturing influences is still the foundation of all they do. Their collaborative work with community, particularly, HPD have made for safer and nurturing environments for the keiki of those particular districts. The relationships built through Weed and Seed have also helped to bring a sense of lokahi, unity and sense of place for many of the residents who live and work in the districts they serve. The staff of Weed and Seed have remained loyal and committed to their communities even when they were able to get paid due to funding not being available. One of the most recent influences was evident January 17, 2018, in the Onipaa Kakou march to commemorate the Overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, as HPD officers from District 5, Kalihi, marched alongside and helped malama the march. These officers have come to see the value and importance of being present and seen supporting community events and activities.

This grant-in-aid will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,



Vernon Viernes MSW
Liliuokalani Trust
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Hon., HI 96817



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January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed

Aloha! My name is Mavis Tasaka and I am the principal for Dole Middle School. Weed and Seed has been supporting the Honolulu Police Department with support at our school for the past 7 years.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community and seeded the community with positive activities and education.

Weed and Seed and the Honolulu Police Department have been offering services such as a youth mentoring program, anti-bullying presentations and juvenile law presentations to our students over the past 7 years. We are grateful to have this program at our school as we feel it is important for our students to be educated on issues such as bullying, drugs, gangs, and juvenile laws.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed in our community.

Sincerely,

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Mavis Tasaka
Principal
Dole Middle School



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November 13, 2017

January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed


Aloha! My name is Bert Carter and I am the principal for Kaewai Elementary School. Weed and Seed has been supporting the Honolulu Police Department with a youth mentoring program at our school for the past 7 years.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community and seeded the community with positive activities and education.

Weed and Seed and the Honolulu Police Department have been offering the Real And Powerful (RAP) program to our fifth grade students for the past 7 years. This youth mentoring program challenges our students to make better choices and to take responsibility for their actions. We are grateful to have this program at our school as we feel it is important for our students to be educated on issues such as bullying, self-identity, drugs, gangs, and juvenile laws. Our students have also benefitted from the educational outings that they have been involved in as it has provided them with a greater appreciation for our community and island home.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed in our community.

Sincerely,


Bert Carter
Principal
Kaewai Elementary School



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January 19, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman Senate Ways and Means Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chairman, House Finance Committee

Re: Grant Application from Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc. for Project Weed and Seed

Aloha! My name is Arnie Kikkawa and I am the principal of Puuhale Elementary School. Weed and Seed has been supporting the Honolulu Police Department with a youth mentoring program at our school for the past 4 years.

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Weed and Seed and the Honolulu Police Department have been offering the Real And Powerful (RAP) program to our fifth grade students for the past 4 years. This youth mentoring program challenges our students to make better choices and to take responsibility for their actions. We are grateful to have this program at our school as we feel it is important for our students to be educated on issues such as bullying, self-identity, drugs, gangs, and juvenile laws. Our students have also benefitted from the educational outings that they have been involved in as it has provided them with a greater appreciation for our community and island home.

Please support Weed and Seed Hawai`i, Inc.'s GIA application to continue Weed and Seed in our community.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Arnie Kikkawa.

Arnie Kikkawa
Principal