

**THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Type of Grant Request:

Operating Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: DbA:

Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 500,000

Brief Description of Request (Please attach word document to back of page if extra space is needed):

We are requesting funds to create the Kahikinui Cultural Center and Village Market. Funds requested are for improving existing infrastructure, and the construction of new structures to serve the community of Kahikinui as well as east Maui at large. Kahikinui is a part of the larger thruway for travelers coming through east Maui. This space would be a welcome addition in educating visitors of the area's unique cultural resources and ecology. Infrastructure improvements in this project would also greatly enhance watershed restoration efforts for the entire east Maui.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ _____

Federal: \$ _____

County: \$ _____

Private/Other: \$ _____

Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5 Fiscal Years:

\$ 100,000

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 5,000

New Service (Presently Does Not Exist): Existing Service (Presently in Operation):

Type of Business Entity:

- 501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporation
- Other Non Profit
- Other

Mailing Address:

HC1 Box 961

City:

State:

Zip:

Kula

HI

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Kaleo Cullen / President

1/17/2020

Authorized Signature

Name and Title

Date Signed

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Application Submittal Checklist

The following items are required for submittal of the grant application. Please verify and check off that the items have been included in the application packet.

- 1) Certificate of Good Standing (If the Applicant is an Organization)
- 2) Declaration Statement
- 3) Verify that grant shall be used for a public purpose
- 4) Background and Summary
- 5) Service Summary and Outcomes
- 6) Budget
 - a) Budget request by source of funds ([Link](#))
 - b) Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#))
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 - d) Capital project details ([Link](#))
 - e) Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#))
- 7) Experience and Capability
- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing



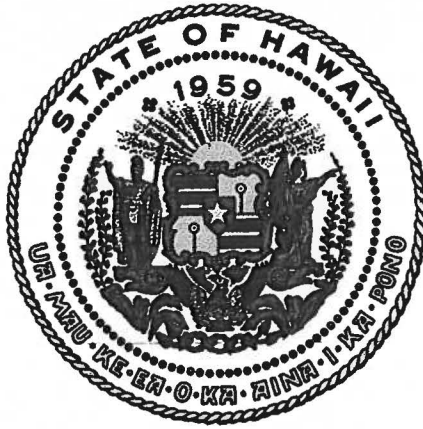
KALBO CULLEN / PRESIDENT

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

DATE

11/11/2020



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

KA `OHANA O KAHIKINUI, INC.

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 12/26/1995 ; 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 09, 2020

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs



**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISIED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant is awarded;
 - b) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
 - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
 - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant.

- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
 - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided.

- 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.

Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui, Inc.
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

(Signature)

(Date)

1/11/2020

Kaleo Cullen
(Typed Name)

President
(Title)

Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

HC1 Box 961 Kula, HI 96790

Verification of grant to be used for a public purpose

Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc. is requesting \$500,000 from the Grants in Aid Program. The funding will be used in the development of our cultural center and village market. This will be a much-needed rest stop for travelers commuting through east Maui. Data collected from neighbor organizations show metric of 1 million travelers annually. This project would also restore a significant portion of the areas dry forest, providing infrastructure to assist in further restoration efforts which benefits the public by providing habitat for native species; ensuring a sustainable source of cultural resources that can be used in public education programs, and to enhance economic opportunity for the local community. The addition of the water tank within this project would significantly improve the ability to fight fires within the moku of Kahikinui. Funds requested are for improving existing infrastructure, and the construction of new structures to serve the community of Kahikinui as well as east Maui at large.

Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

Kaleo Cullen

President

(Print name)

(Title)



1/11/2020

(Signature)

(Date)

Application for Grants

I. Certification – The following three documents are attached immediately after the cover page

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

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a certificate of good standing from the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2019.

Please find the attached Certificate of Good Standing for Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

2. Declaration Statement

Please find the attached Declaration Statement for Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

3. Public Purpose

Please find the attached Public Purpose Memo for Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

II. Background and Summary

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

In 1995, a non-profit community development corporation, Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc. (KOOK) was organized to provide Kahikinui residents resettling the community an entity to enter into legal agreements with the DHHL and other organizations, to accept tax deductible donations and grants, to operate community-owned subsidiary businesses and to be the vehicle for the "resettlement" process.

2. *Goals and objectives related to the request;*

Our primary goal is to create a facility that directly empowers our community through education and provides economic opportunity to our members. Our objective would be to create educational content and programs that raise awareness to the endangered native forest that surrounds our home; we would accomplish this by giving daily lectures and tours on the project grounds and offer monthly cultural workshops in lei making, traditional navigation, hula, la'au lapa'au, and other practices that rely on the forest for material. Education will include knowledge transfer regarding forest restoration techniques, and the site will serve as a base for restoration work trips. Collaborating with partner organizations like the Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership

(LHWRP) will improve capacity for knowledge exchange and increased community – led natural resource management.

3. *Describe the public purpose and need to be served;*

The public purpose embedded within this grant request is providing is to improve the current facilities at Hale Pili to accommodate educational & cultural workshops, as well as provide a space for our community to vend goods and na mea Hawaii created - from resources within our moku. Kahikinui is a major thruway connecting Hana to central Maui, and thousands of residents and visitors pass by daily en route to and from Hana. The site will provide a rest-stop for travelers transiting through east Maui to use sanitary rest rooms and purchase locally-provided drinks and snacks.

The project's restoration component, infrastructure installation, and improved facilities to transfer of knowledge between the Kahikinui community and LHWRP addresses many of Hawaii's Sustainable Development Goals, as outlined below:

- The scope of this project encourages Good Health and Well-Being by connecting people to practices that encourage spiritual well-being and healthy outdoor activity.
- Quality Education is provided through partnerships with schools and Universities, who already participate in volunteer programs on-site.
- Decent Work and Economic Growth are addressed by expanding skill development for professional careers such as natural resource management and conservation, crafts and woodworking, Hawaiian language and education, farming, and ranching.
- Reduced Inequality is addressed by partnering with LHWRP and Maui contractors to share knowledge in restoration methodology, research, construction, outreach, safety, business, and other skill sets that will inspire and empower local residents.
- Sustainable Cities and Communities are expanded by demonstrating the success of this pilot community within DHHL that created a paradigm for self-determined development and natural resource management. By expanding economic opportunity and native forest cover, the Kahikinui community can grow and invite settlement from Hawaiian families desiring a sustainable, rural lifestyle.
- Climate Action is significantly addressed by planting 10,000 native seedlings and creating a native seed farm to further provide on-site propagation. These seedlings will bolster economic opportunity for Kahikinui residents and substantially contribute to carbon sequestration and forest resilience.
- Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions are supported by demonstrating the potential for collaboration between a variety of organizations, residents, visitors, and community members that can improve understanding. In addition, many community events, educational and cultural programs, and engagement with visitors will broaden

understanding between Hawaiian people, the Maui community and the numerous visitors to Maui from around the world.

- Partnerships for the Goals is exemplified by working with the nine public and private landowners with LHWRP's alliance formed to accomplish regional restoration across over 45,000 acres. The collaboration between KOOK and LHWRP will strengthen relationships and improve opportunity for expanding already existing programs with local schools, agencies, Universities, community groups, and cultural practitioners.

This project inherently serves the public in a variety of ways, as it is based in decades of thoughtful planning, trial projects, research, development of standard practices for natural resource management, and community engagement that have resulted in a holistic approach for each of the components of the project proposed here.

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

The Kahikinui Kuleana Homestead Program created 104 lots. Approximately 75 homesteaders have accepted the leases of 10-20 acres each in the mid-elevation levels between 2,000-4,000 feet. About 13 families currently reside on the property full time and 20 homes have been constructed. The target population is the community of Hawaiian families resettling the off-grid, sustainable community at Kahikinui. This project would create much-needed economic opportunity and employment in this remote area of Maui. The lack of economic opportunity is a great barrier for many wishing to transition residence to such a remote location on Maui. The watershed forest restoration component benefits Maui residents by preserving unique native biodiversity, offering resilience against threats such as wildfire, climate change, and diseases such as rapid 'Ohi'a death. These forests contain native species and cultural resources of global significance, and offer opportunity for research, education, ecotourism, carbon sequestration, and economic diversity. The freshwater the restored forests offer will support agriculture, fire response, ranching, and domestic use for the Kahikinui community, which is founded in a vision of sustainability and self-reliance. However, the impacts this project will have on our local community, youth, and visitors to the island is far-reaching.

5. *Describe the geographic coverage.*

Kahikinui is a moku on the southern slope of Haleakala, spanning 22,900 acres under the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. The site is home to a wide array of unique and diverse ecology from mauka to makai. Kahikinui is one of the largest intact traditional land district in the Hawaiian homes inventory located between 'Ulupalakua and Kaupo. Historically the district includes nine ahupua'a: Auwahi, Luala'ilua, Alena, Kipapa, Nakaohu, Nakaaha, Mahamenui, Manawainui, and Waiopae. Kahikinui contains southeast Maui's last remnant koa and 'ohi'a forest, with less than 10% of native forest cover remaining. Decades of

unmanaged cattle grazing, pressure from wild populations of goats, deer, and pigs, wildfire, and invasive plant and insect species have reduced the forest to a fraction of its former extents. However, the forests of Kahikinui are at the heart of a landscape-level restoration area that is reversing that trend and demonstrating the potential for returning degraded pasture lands to diverse native habitat. This project has components within three areas of the moku: 1) Hale Pili will provide a base for restoration and education operations; 2) a native seed farm at the upper extents of the community where trees will provide locally sources seeds to propagate and restore over 4,500 acres of fenced watershed forest; and 3) the 4,500 fenced watershed restoration area where 10,000 native seedlings will be planted as part of a landscape-level restoration effort.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

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

KOOK will finalize the site plans, design, and priorities for the improvements at Hale Pili. The organization will develop a position description and selection of a project manager to oversee the construction and contracting, to coordinate the logistics, access, surveys, safety, and cultural sensitivity for the project. Specific deliverables include:

1. KOOK will fiscally manage and oversee the project, including contracts, purchases, and reporting. KOOK Board of directors shall meet monthly and discuss pertinent task and current project phases, offering support and insights on how to better ensure project success.
2. KOOK will entrust a project manager to track and monitor project goals and objectives, submit monthly reports containing receipts and invoices of monthly project purchases, hours worked, and progress completed. KOOK project manager shall give daily safety briefing and monitor daily project task with contractors, vendors, and volunteers.
3. KOOK will improve existing infrastructure by placing gravel in parking area, beautifying restroom area (currently porta potties), stabilizing and restoring rock walls, replacing roof on the dilapidated existing hale pili.
4. KOOK will oversee installation of fencing with gated access around 16 acres surrounding Hale Pili to exclude wild animals
5. KOOK will oversee construction of a walk-on container viewing platform for education programs and construct a 32x32 Hale Ike education center
6. KOOK will install water tanks for irrigation and fire response and complete a fire prevention and mitigation plan
 7. KOOK will work with LHWRP to complete a contract at PCSU for establishing a native seed farm and for restoration work in the mauka portions of the DHHL parcel at Kahikinui.
 8. LHWRP will complete a fenced seed farm encompassing 1-5 acres according to KOOK site selection and plant native seedlings. These

seedlings will be from regionally sourced native seed stock to maintain genetic integrity of the restoration efforts and remaining habitat.

9. LHWRP will work with KOOK and community volunteers to conduct planning, site preparation, seed collection, propagation, and **out-planting** of 10,000 native seedlings within the 4,500 acre existing watershed restoration area.
10. LHWRP will report to KOOK data on costs, species and number of seedlings planted, species and number of invasive species controlled, acres planted, and next steps with corresponding maps.
11. LHWRP will work with KOOK to **out-plant**, irrigate, and mulch native seedlings as needed to provide native gardens and additional regional seed sources at Hale Pili, as well as to design educational signs for the gardens and education center.
12. KOOK will provide final report with photos and maps documenting all project completion, costs, volunteer participation, and other data requested by the funding agency.

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

Timeline for primary project actions, with responsible party noted:

Timeframe	Action	Responsible-party
Prior to funding award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organize vendors & contractors and establish project schedule establish roles responsibilities and outline project goals. • Permitting & design approval: establish 3rd party planning for environmental survey & cultural impact statement • Establish volunteer work schedule to assist contractors during construction • Develop position description for project manager • Finalize location of seed farm and prioritized mauka restoration areas for planting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK • KOOK • KOOK • KOOK • KOOK - LHWRP
Funds received - 2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin construction. Concrete forms and structural foundations prepared for concrete. Earth moving and ground work prep. • Fencing contractors install 16-acre perimeter fence and gates to secure Hale Pili and seed farm sites. • Collect native seeds from Kahikinui region for propagation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK • KOOK • KOOK - LHWRP
1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order supplies and construction material to be delivered. Concrete, lumber, and fence supplies onsite. Pour concrete • Begin native seedling propagation and continue seed collection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK • KOOK - LHWRP
2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing construction • Initiate planning for mauka plantings and LHWRP-KOOK knowledge exchange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK • KOOK - LHWRP
2-4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish electrical and plumbing phase of project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK
4-6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of water tanks on-site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK
6-8 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing, plumbing, electrical inspection, site visit with community leadership and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK
8-10 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting and interior finish work • Site beautification and landscaping • Landscape-level planting, seed farm planting, and irrigation. Fire plan design and implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK • KOOK - LHWRP • KOOK - LHWRP
10-12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking and site signage installation. Solar system installation. Site security installation and testing. • Community blessing, site training and familiarization, restoration and volunteer report preparation & project management report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOOK • KOOK - LHWRP

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

KOOK and LHWRP have worked with DHHL and partners since 2003 to develop plans for restoring Kahikinui's forest and developing a community-based approach to restoration. During that time, restoration methods have been tested and honed, staff training and safety protocols have been refined, outreach materials and approaches have been developed, data collection and monitoring techniques have been integrated, and culturally appropriate restoration and outreach practices have been designed. LHWRP will share best management practices, safety and certification protocols, and other practices required to oversee and execute a successful landscape-level restoration program. By the end of the grant period, KOOK will have capacity to more independently manage their native forests and oversee educational programs, workshops, visitor industry engagement, and sustainable resource utilization. This will reduce the reliance on partners such as LHWRP over time, and instead offer opportunity for self-sufficient resource management, economic opportunity and expanded opportunities to community and visitors over time.

To ensure safe and efficient execution of funds, KOOK will appoint a project manager who will oversee daily operations of project and work together to complete all necessary work and supplies need to accomplish work, as well as organize vendors and contractors to complete work to meet project goals and deadlines. The project manager will collect data on work performed and document volunteer program participation. KOOK will meet regularly with DHHL, LHWRP, and contractors to share progress and adjust timeline or approach if needed.

LHWRP will be contracted through the University of Hawaii's Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit, who oversees fiscal management, insurance, safety and training protocols, and oversees the general execution of LHWRP's role as a contractor. LHWRP will track seedlings propagated and planted, site preparation and invasive species controlled, volunteer participation and safety protocol. Maps will be provided at the end of the project documenting area planted, seed farm location and composition of native species, and native plantings at Hale Pili. LHWRP will report to KOOK as directed, via quarterly or other periodic reports.

4. *List the measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency).*

DHHL will receive quarterly reports from KOOK that include collective effort and progress, maps, and photos as well as a financial report. DHHL will meet with KOOK following report submittal to discuss challenges, successes, and next steps.

Metrics included in the reports will include: expenditures, volunteer participation, fire plan recommendations created, outreach materials created, number and species of seedlings planted, number and species of seeds collected, number and species of invasive species controlled, maps and photos of progress and work completed, and any other significant project-related data. In addition, success will be determined by KOOK in terms of capacity developed to implement independent land management efforts.



Image of recovering native forest within LHWRP just east of Kahikinui where restoration has been underway for 5 years. This demonstrates the potential for native habitat recovery when vision, collaboration, skill, and good will are combined.

IV. Financial

Budget

1. The applicant has submitted a budget utilizing the following budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.

- a. Budget request by source of funds
- b. Personnel salaries and wages
- c. Equipment and motor vehicles
- d. Capital project details
- e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid

2. Below are anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2021. The bulk of funding will be required in Quarter 1 to initiate contracts and secure materials for fencing, site improvements, plant propagation and site preparation.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$300,000	100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$500,000

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2021.

KOOK will be seeking a Department of Hawaiian homes Regional Plan Priority Project grant of \$100,000 in 2021.

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

Not applicable

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2021 for program funding.

KOOK received a \$100,000 grant from the State of Hawaii, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a fog drip capture project. Remaining funds: \$100,000 to expire December 31, 2020

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2019.

Currently KOOK has \$5,000 in unrestricted funds in our accounts.

KOOK's Budget forms follow.

V. Experience and Capability

1. Necessary Skills and Experience

Applicant: Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Not Applicable			\$ -	
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JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

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

Period: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Applicant: Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED

TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2018-2019	FY: 2019-2020	FY:2020-2021	FY:2020-2021	FY:2021-2022	FY:2022-2023
PLANS			\$ 53,000			
LAND ACQUISITION			\$ -			
DESIGN			\$ -			
CONSTRUCTION			\$422,000			
EQUIPMENT			\$ 25,000			
TOTAL:			\$500,000			

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: \$500,000 in GIA funds requested will be used to renovate and improve Hale Iki, Hale Pili and the surrounding area to create a hub for educational/cultural workshops and an economic center for the Kahikinui community. It will also provide funds to conduct landscape scale forest restoration and create a seed farm so that native seeds can be collected, propagated and native seedlings can be outplanted to further the sustainability of the restoration activities spearheaded by the community.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.

Contracts Total: 100,000

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S. / State / Haw / Hon / Kau / Mau)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Regional Plan Priority Project: Fog Drip Capture	6/20/18-12/31/20	Department of Hawaiian Home Lands	State	100,000
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The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the request. State your experience and appropriateness for providing the service proposed in this application. The applicant shall also provide a listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.

The 2011 DHHL Kahikinui Community Regional Plan (https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Kahikinui_RP_110711.pdf) outlines that Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui was established in 1992 by native Hawaiian beneficiaries residing on Maui who were frustrated by the growing numbers of beneficiaries on waiting lists, the lack of timely and sufficient Departmental funding, and the resultant increasing length of time to receive homestead awards. Guided by a well-respected kupuna, Apoliona Day, a handful of motivated, grassroots, native Hawaiian beneficiaries began their work at Kahikinui. Several of the residents that comprise the KOOK board are among those referenced above, demonstrating years of dedication to that vision and experience developing strategies for off-grid living. KOOK remains dedicated to furthering resettlement and sovereign control of the access, resources, and management of their community. We also recognize the power of collaboration and partnership, as evidenced by the success in achieving landscape-level native forest restoration, fire planning, community development, funding for independent road construction, fresh water system development via fog drip, and many other examples of collaborative management and thoughtful, long-term vision for a lifestyle based simultaneously in independence and aloha.

KOOK's board is composed of volunteers with a broad range of skills sets, ranging from grant management to heavy equipment operation to natural resource management to education. These complimentary skill sets provide the diligence, experience, and integrity required to implement projects as complex as those referenced here. Careful selection of partners, contractors, and volunteers further expands the group's capacity and ability to affect significant, meaningful change to better the Kahikinui community. In 2019, KOOK secured a grant from the Laurence H. Dorcy Foundation to work with LHWRP to implement restoration at Kahikinui. A grant was also secured from Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in 2019 to work in partnership with LHWRP and Dr. Jim Juvik to install a fog drip capture system to provide fresh water for domestic, agricultural, and fire response. These grants required significant fiscal management, collaboration with scientists, contractors, construction crews, and partners to plan, initiate and complete. Kahikinui residents and KOOK board members have been working collaboratively with LHWRP to develop and implement native habitat restoration, to facilitate access and planning for contractors such as fence builders and ungulate removal experts, and to partner on management plans, funding proposals, and other efforts. KOOK worked with LHWRP and the Hui O Wa'a Kaulua and a navigator and scientist at the Imi Loa Institute to study an archaeological site connected to traditional Polynesian navigation. LHWRP and KOOK have engaged with many student groups and community partners in

efforts to educate others about the rich natural and cultural history of the region by offering volunteer work days. KOOK worked with LHWRP and Division of Forestry and Wildlife staff to upgrade fences protecting isolated populations of rare native species and to survey for rare native invertebrates. Several extremely rare native plants have been rediscovered, propagated, and reintroduced through collaborations with partners to conduct planning, natural resource management, and education together. Most recently, a leeward Haleakala fire task force was formed to help keep KOOK and DHHL active in their efforts to plan for, mitigate, and respond to wildfires that frequent the region.

LHWRP has been selected as a contractor based on their history as a partner to DHHL and KOOK in developing and implementing landscape-level restoration techniques at Kahikinui and across the landscape. LHWRP has been working with DHHL and KOOK to implement restoration of regional watershed forests from Makawao to Kaupo since 2003, and assists in offering technical advice, leveraging funds, and engaging partners in the exciting and important watershed restoration efforts at Kahikinui. Contractors and other vendors will be selected based on experience and demonstrated completion of comparable projects.

2. Facilities

The primary site where efforts will take place is at Hale Pili, located at mile marker 23 on Piilani Highway. The current infrastructure consists of two structures that are in disrepair. Improvements made to the facilities would replace failing roof structures and provide much needed improvements to better accommodate community in events and meetings. Imbedded in our request is our education center "Hale Ike" that would provide visitors a center to learn about the region's unique ecology and cultural resources. The request also includes much-needed fencing repair and replacement to enhance site security and keep animals out of the space, which is requisite before beginning restoration of the dry forest surrounding the 16 acres of the licensed space, as well as the seed farm. The water tank within the project area would also improve our community's ability to combat fires within our district. Hale Pili is usually the fire command center for Maui Fire Department during fire emergency within the area. Facility improvements would allow for greater visitor attraction and retention providing economic opportunity and employment via programs within the project site, such as the Hale Pili vending program.

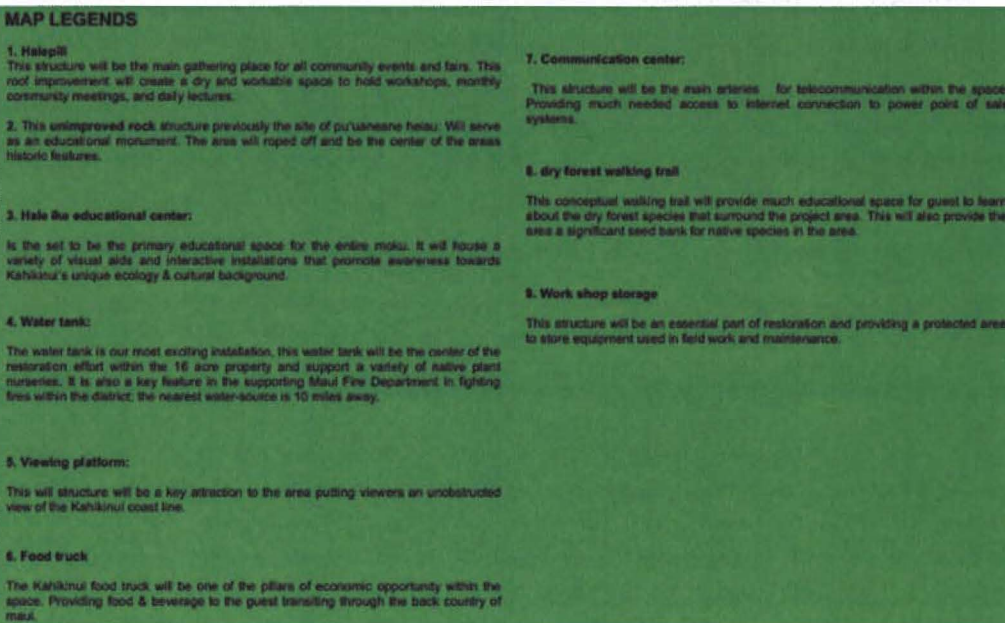
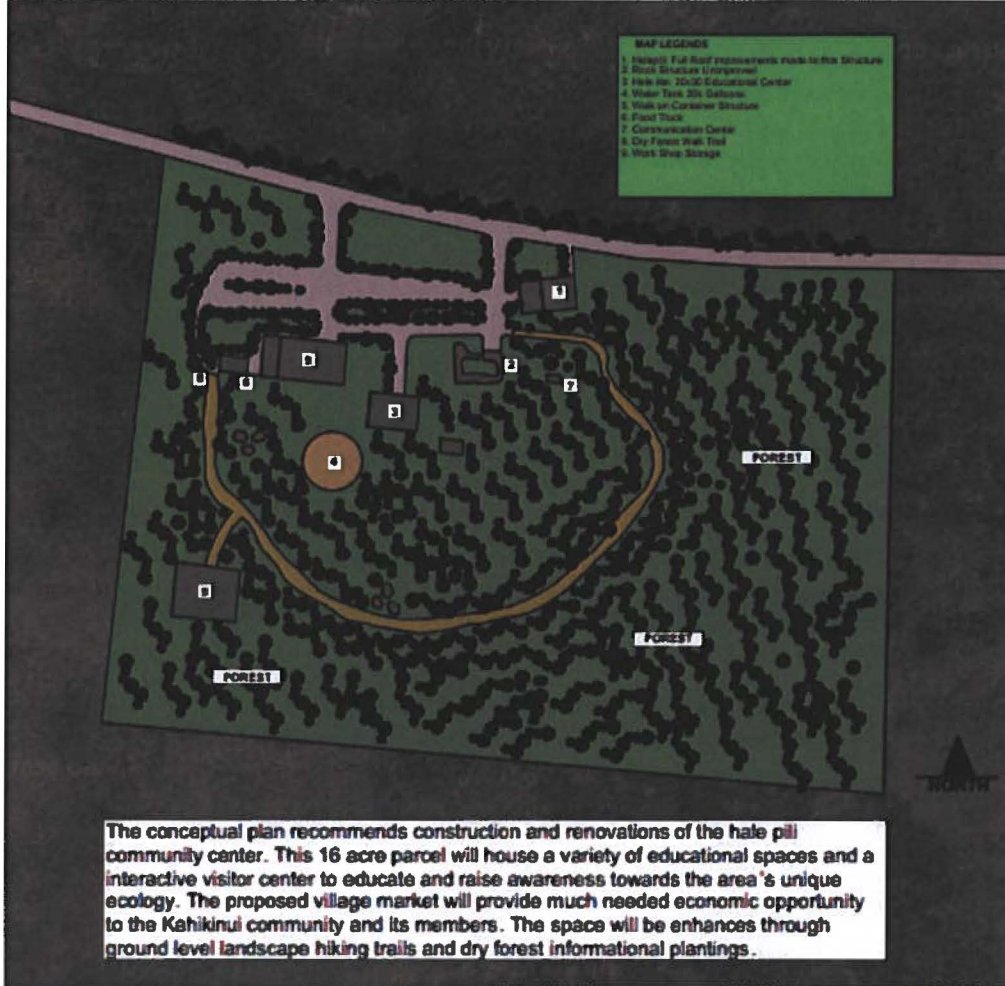
The restoration program to plant 10,000 native seedlings will take place in the 4,500-acre fenced area at 4,500 feet elevation managed by KOOK and LHWRP. Two platforms are located at backcountry camp sites to provide a safe landing site for helicopter access and enclosed shelter for volunteers to have a dry space to cook and sleep during overnight work trips. These sites will be used to base the mauka forest restoration work trips. A series of recent site plans, maps, and images are below.



Image of conceptual site plan detail for Hale Pili, showing native gardens for educational programs.

HALE PILI COMMUNITY CENTER & VILLAGE MARKET

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Map and legend of the site plan overview for Hale Pili.



Image of platform where shelter for basing mauka planting efforts is placed.

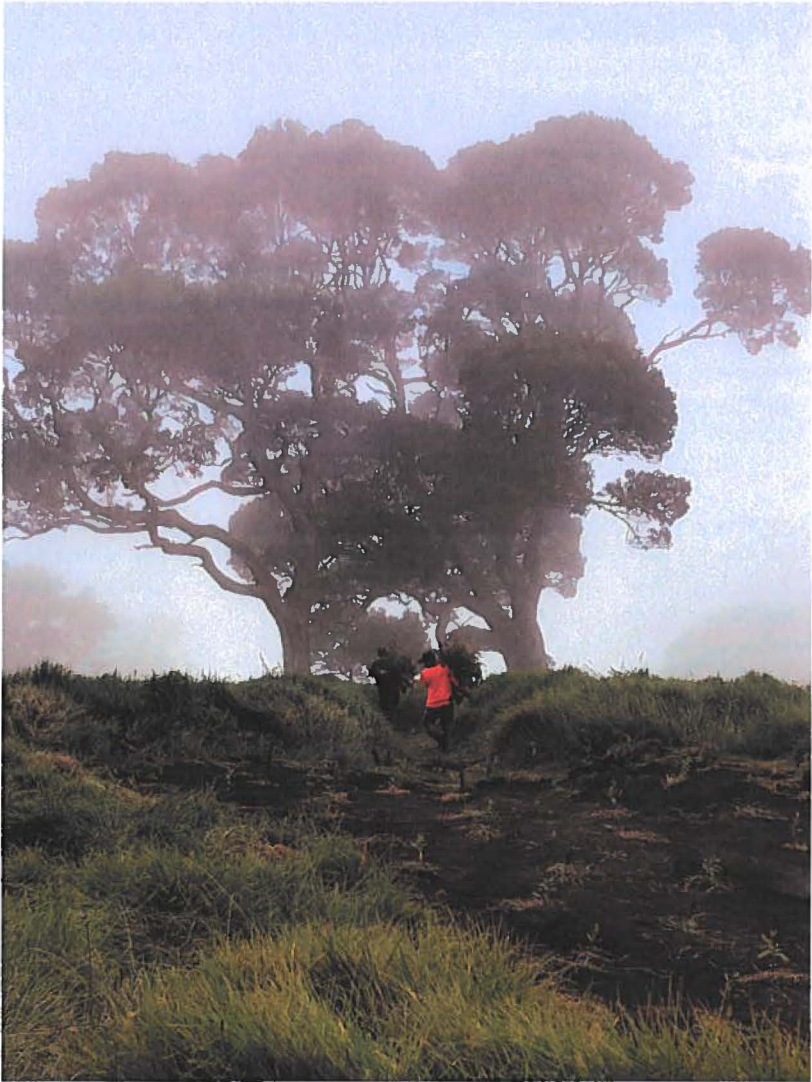
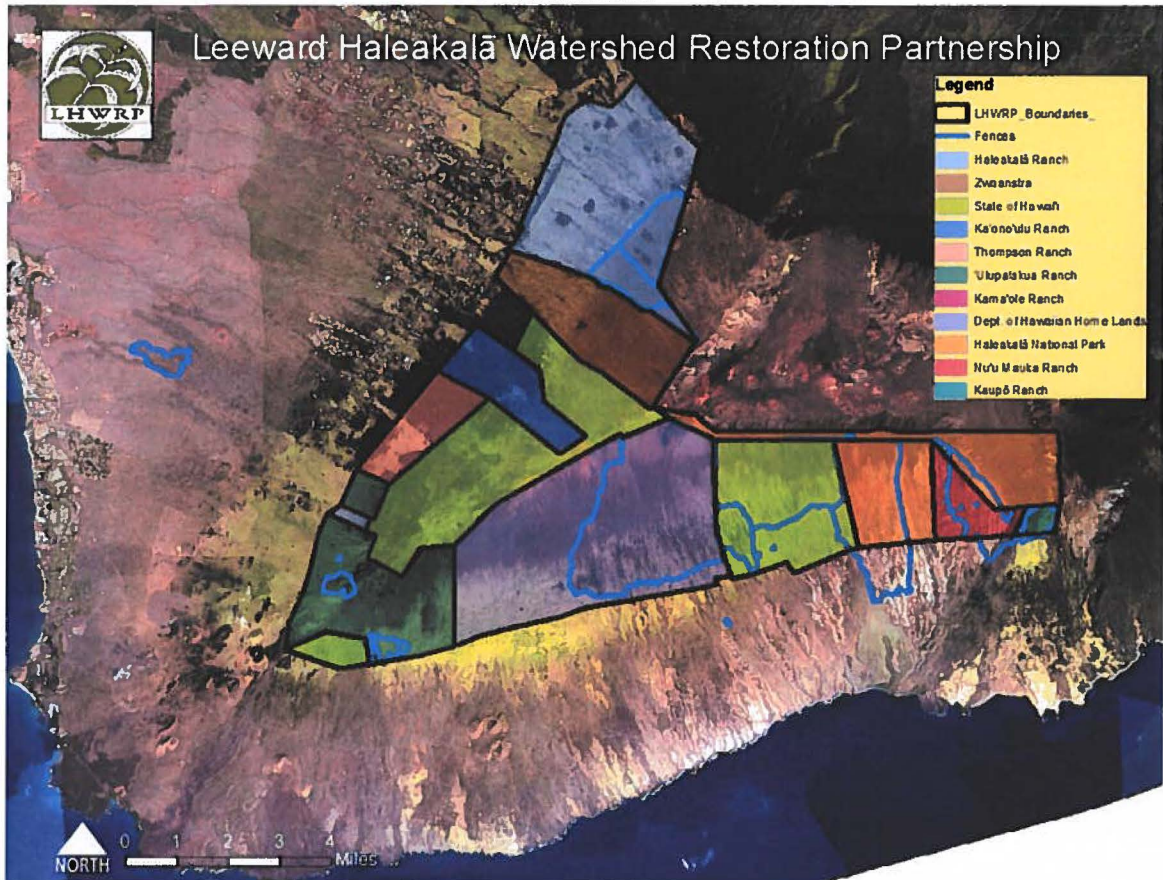


Image of volunteer planting trip at Kahikinui with LHWRP and Kahikinui residents.



Map of LHWRP showing 45,375 acre boundaries in black with fenced restoration areas shown in blue. Kahikinui is at the heart of this landscape-level restoration effort, shown in light grey and labeled Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in the legend.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

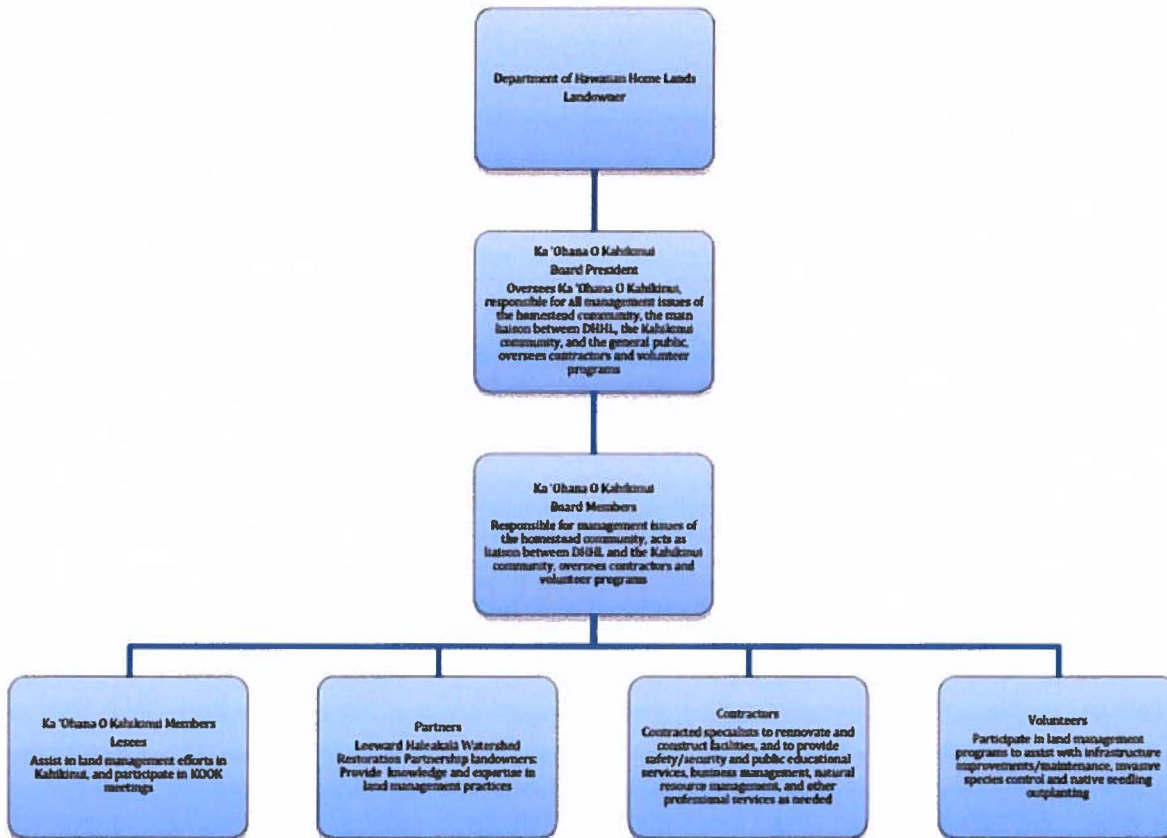
1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

KOOK will select a qualified project manager to oversee the selection of contractors. This person will maintain a presence on-site daily to provide access for contractors and to ensure activities are completed as planned. Contractors will be selected according to all State and funder requirements. KOOK will work with LHWRP's experienced staff, employed by the University of Hawaii's Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit (PCSU). LHWRP staff are trained in restoration methods, helicopter safety, invasive species management, and other best management practices for safely implementing remote restoration efforts as well as community outreach and education programs. Administration of the grant will be handled by the landowner DHHL, KOOK, and PCSU.

2. Organization Chart

Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui is a community-run organization representing the lessees of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands at Kahikinui. KOOK's organization chart follows.

**Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc.
Organization Chart**



3. Compensation

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

KOOK does not financially compensate its board members and does not offer employment opportunities. Project deliverables will be executed by experienced contractors.

VII. Other

1. Litigation

The applicant shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgement. If applicable, please explain.

Not Applicable

2. Licensure or Accreditation

The applicant shall specify any special qualifications, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation that the applicant possesses relevant to this request.

Not Applicable

3. Private Educational Institutions

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution. Please see [Article X, Section 1, of the State Constitution](#) for the relevance of this question.

Not applicable.

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2020-21 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2020-21, but
This program has been reviewed in similar form by multiple government, private, and community partners, and is deemed necessary and beneficial for the local community and for Maui and Hawai'i's Hawaiian and collective community, unique and imperiled natural resources, and locally-based economic legacy. Should this program not be selected for funding at this time, it will be modified as needed and submitted to other potential funding sources. Should partial funding be provide, additional funds will be sought to complete the program as proposed.
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.
This program is the significant expansion of a long-term, perpetual natural resource management program aimed at creating a sustainable, resilient, economically diverse, thriving community at Kahikinui. It is also part of a larger vision to restore Maui's native ecosystems and return fresh water, biodiversity, cultural connection, and economic opportunity to rural communities. Funding for this program and its subsequent versions is needed in the long-term. A project of this scale and importance could be funded through ecotourism, donations, fundraisers, value added products, workshops, retreats etc. as determined by KOOK. A variety of funding sources will be required to continue this program's success and long-term management. KOOK will continue to work with LHWRP and partners to

expand capacity for independent management, fundraising, and implementation of the projects proposed herein. Tremendous planning, community partner inquiries, data collection from visitor industry pilot programs, and LHWRP restoration efforts and fundraising efforts have demonstrated the community desire for and support of this program. The outreach efforts at Hale Pili, developing carbon credit programs, increased funding to support fresh water security, address climate change, inequality, and educational programs all have the potential to produce significant and diverse sources of funding. The support garnered by engaging community in meaningful stewardship and demonstrating the opportunity for and successful implementation of holistic, collaborative, community-based natural resource management programs will offer continued economic opportunity for Kahikinui residents over time. The restoration of the mauka forests are supported by a diverse group of partners that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding and worked since 2003 to protect and restore nearly 18,000 of LHWRP's 45,000 acres, demonstrating the collective support and long-term investment in Kahikinui's vision for sustainability.