

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

Type of Grant Request:

Operating  Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Db:  
Aloha Ilio Rescue

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$1,250,000

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

Aloha Ilio Rescue (AIR) is requesting funds to expand our facilities in order to try to meet the demand for spaying/neutering and rehoming stray, abandoned and unwanted dogs on the east side of the Island of Hawaii. Future development will include public resources such as an education center, secure after-hours intake kennels and a veterinary clinic. A retail shop and boarding kennels will ensure financial sustainability.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ 0  
Federal: \$ 0  
County: \$ 0  
Private/Other: \$ 0

Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5

Fiscal Years:  
\$ 0

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 85,000

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:

PO Box 492364  
City: Keaau State: HI Zip: 96749

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

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Daylynn Kyles

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President and founder

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State Tax ID#:  
[REDACTED]

  
Authorized Signature

Daylynn Kyles, President  
Name and Title

January 21, 2022  
Date Signed

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Submittal Checklist

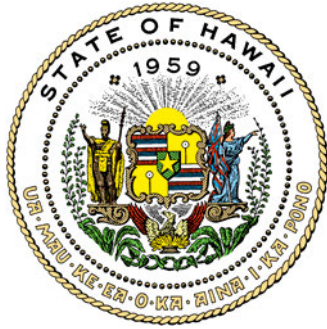
*The following items are required for submittal of the grant application. Please verify and check off that the items have been included in the application packet.*

- 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
  - b) Personnel salaries and wages N/A
  - c) Equipment and motor vehicles N/A
  - d) Capital project details
  - e) Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid N/A
- 7) Experience and Capability
- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Daylynn Kyles  
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

01-21-2022  
DATE



**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

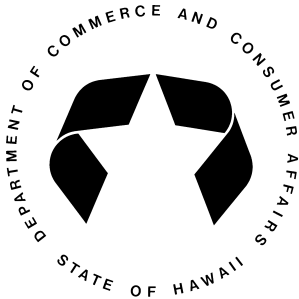
ALOHA ILIO RESCUE

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 06/01/2016 ; 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, 2022

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs



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## Application for Grants

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

### **I. Certification – Please attach immediately after cover page**

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

Please see Attachment 1

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

Please see Attachment 2.

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

Aloha 'Īlio Rescue is a non-profit agency that provides a much-needed and community-supported public service by spaying/neutering and rehoming stray, abandoned and owner-surrendered dogs and educating the public about the responsibilities of pet ownership.

### **II. Background and Summary**

**This section shall clearly and concisely summarize and highlight the contents of the request in such a way as to provide the State Legislature with a broad understanding of the request. Please include the following:**

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

Aloha 'Īlio Rescue (AIR) was founded in 2010 in response to the overpopulation of dogs in East Hawai'i and quickly became a trusted and valued resource for the Island of Hawai'i. Funded almost entirely by community support, the rescue has grown from rehoming less than 200 dogs/year to 650 dogs/year in 2021. We currently accomplish this work with a small team of dedicated staff, fosters and volunteers.

Aloha 'Īlio takes in stray and abandoned dogs, as well as those whose owners can no longer provide for them. Many of the dogs are brought directly to us, but some are transferred to us from Hawai'i County Animal Control, as part of our partnership with them to alleviate the overwhelming burden on their limited facilities in East Hawai'i.

All of the dogs that come through AIR are spayed or neutered, treated for parasites, and kept up to date on vaccines until they go to their new homes. Applicants for adopting our dogs are interviewed make sure they understand the commitment involved in dog ownership and to gain insight into their situation and lifestyle in order to match them with the dog best suited to their household. Adopters sign an agreement with us that if they

decide not to or cannot keep the dog, they will bring them back to us so that we can provide the dog with the best possible new situation.

AiR maintains a database of all dogs and families that we help, including medical procedures, medicines, vaccines and anti-parasitics given, forms signed by owners surrendering animals and by adopters, as well as summaries of communications with potential adopters.

AIR has garnered tremendous community trust in its 11 years of operation and is largely supported by community donations, though we have recently started to increase our operating funds by opening an online retail store that has been met with enthusiastic support.

## **2. The goals and objectives related to the request;**

The overarching goal is to better serve the East Hawai'i community by 1) expanding facility space in order to try to meet the need to home more dogs 2) providing education about responsible pet ownership, 3) providing secure after-hours intake kennels where people can bring stray or unwanted dogs 3) providing a safe space for people to interact with dogs, either with their own pet or for education or therapy purposes with the shelter dogs, and 4) facilitating veterinary care to an area in dire need of access to prompt veterinary services.

There are many more animals in need than we can currently accommodate. Our current facility is housed at the president and founder's residence, where the size of the property and residential nature of the neighborhood prohibit expansion. We have the opportunity to build a new facility on five acres near our current location. This land will be leased to us on a long-term basis by W.H. Shipman, LTD at an extremely favorable rate. We are seeking funding for the first phase, which will allow the expansion of our services, at least doubling our ability to intake dogs. In following phases, the facility will include an educational center, secure after-hours intake kennels, dog parks and walking trails, and a veterinary clinic.

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

East Hawai'i is currently the area least served by county animal control, as they do not have adequate facilities in place on this side on the island to intake and care for animals. They have only last year taken back the reins on animal control, after a disastrous contract awarded in 2020 to a no-kill sanctuary that took in less than a quarter of the number of animals sheltered in previous years. It fell to Aloha 'Īlio to take in much of the surplus of those abandoned, lost, hungry, scared, often breeding and even biting dogs. We now partner with county animal control, transferring in as many excess dogs as we can possibly handle, but there are many more that could use our help, as well as more applications for adopting dogs than we can currently accommodate.

Even now that the county has taken back the reins there is still no shelter on the east side of the island that one can deliver animals to after-hours and without a lengthy process of trying to reach someone to plead with them to accept the animal. We plan to install after-hours intake kennels—secure kennels that lock from the inside when closed so that people who must give up their dog or who find stray or abandoned dogs have somewhere to bring them—a capability that has not been available on the island since early 2020.

There is a dire need in our community for education regarding the spaying and neutering of pets, as well as how to humanely care for them. We believe that if we can reach enough of the upcoming generation, we can change the mindset that has created our current morass of animal overpopulation, neglect and abuse. To this end, we plan to build an education center in phase two, with a parking lot large enough to accommodate school buses. This will be a place where schools can bring classes on field trips to interact with the animals and gain perspectives on the responsibilities and rewards of compassionate pet ownership that they may not be exposed to in their home environments.

The education center will also host events that educate the broader community in a fun and engaging way. It will also facilitate partnerships with organizations that promote community mental health by providing a place where people with emotional challenges, especially veterans, first responders and at-risk youth can foster connections with animals to help relieve stressful emotional conditions such as PTSD. We have already started to form such partnerships, for example, with Mental Restorations Foundation, but it is not easy to accommodate such programs in our current limited facilities.

East Hawai'i is also vulnerable to multiple natural disasters. In addition to the hurricane hazard that affects most of the state, lower Puna is in lava flow hazard zone one, with some subdivisions, such as Leilani Estates, built directly on the East Rift Zone of Kīlauea Volcano and many others, including the town of Pāhoa, are downslope of the rift zone. During the 2018 eruption, in which fissures opened literally in people's yards in Leilani Estates, there was initially nowhere to house evacuees' pets, leading to many animals being abandoned, often in areas that were later inundated or surrounded by lava. We plan to design and build the education center to make it possible to quickly put up safe, portable kennels that can be used in case of natural disasters to temporarily house pets of displaced persons.

It is not possible to walk one's dog in many neighborhoods in East Hawai'i without fear of being attacked by loose, aggressive dogs and dogs are not allowed at county beach parks. In phase two, we plan to build walking trails and two off-leash parks (one exclusively for small dogs) to provide a safe place for people to walk and socialize their dogs. These will be landscaped in large part with native plants, non-invasive, shade-giving trees, ponds and benches. These will be open to the public, but on a membership basis, with a nominal fee. This will help ensure the safety of users as well as generate some income for the facility. The dog parks will also host dog obedience classes,

interactions with school groups and mental health therapy sessions. Other phase two features that will fund facility operations are a retail store and cafe, as well as boarding kennels.

In the final phase of the project, we will provide the community with a veterinary clinic that provides routine as well as 24-hour emergency care. There is currently a shortage of veterinary care in East Hawai'i, with people having to schedule appointments months in advance. Most problematic is the scarcity of emergency, especially after-hours care.

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

AIR primarily serves East Hawai'i communities, especially in the Puna and South Hilo Districts. This area has some of the highest rates of people living below poverty level in the nation. The Puna district has also been, for many years, the fastest growing district in the county, in large part due to the availability of relatively inexpensive land. Many families struggle to make ends meet and can easily become overwhelmed by the cost of caring for pets, especially with the cost of veterinary care. This often results in abandonment. AIR provides a safe place for these families to bring their pets, where they can be assured that the dog will be well cared for and rehomed in a timely and thoughtful manner with families that can better provide for them.

As the homeless population in East Hawai'i grows, many more homeless people now have canine companions that are often in need of spaying/neutering, other medical services and appropriate food. The AIR team routinely interacts with this sector of the community, providing spay/neuter services, medical care and food. We also fulfill numerous requests from humanitarian organizations such as Hope Services and Neighborhood Place of Puna to assist with medical services, temporary housing or rehoming for dogs from homeless, low income or domestic violence situations.

AIR also serves the needs of individuals and families needing the unique companionship and bonding experience of having a dog appropriate to their lifestyle and situation and feel good about helping a rescued animal instead of supporting dog breeders. More and more of these people are moving to island, and our education programs will increase the number of residents of this mindset. We do, however, in response to the overwhelming number of animals available for adoption, also ship dogs to adopters throughout the state and occasionally to adopters or facilities in the continental U.S.

#### **5. Describe the geographic coverage.**

We expect that the majority of our intakes, as well as patrons of our education center, dog parks and trails, and veterinary services will continue to be primarily from East Hawai'i. We will, however, serve the entire Island of Hawai'i, and our adoption services will continue to serve the island as well as the nation.

### **III. Service Summary and Outcomes**

**The Service Summary shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant’s approach to the request. The applicant shall clearly and concisely specify the results, outcomes, and measures of effectiveness from this request. The applicant shall:**

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

In order to expand AIR’s capacity to serve the community, we plan to build a new facility on 5 acres in Kea’au. The facility will eventually include an education center, dog parks and walking trails, and a 24-hour veterinary clinic.

We are requesting funding for the first phase of the project, which will result in a facility that will markedly increase our current capacity to intake and adopt out dogs.

The first phase includes finalizing the design and plans and obtaining permits for the entire, long-range project. With permits in place, we will begin on phase one construction, including preparing the site and constructing open-air, covered kennels attached to a modest operations building and an office.

The second phase will include after-hours intake kennels, an education center, dog parks and walking trails.

The final phase of the project will be to provide the community with a veterinary clinic. Ideally, we would enter into an agreement with a commercial entity, such as Veterinary Centers of America, which operates numerous clinics in the U.S., including six on O’ahu. We would provide the clinic space in exchange for reduced rates on our routine spaying/neutering needs. Otherwise, we would seek funding to build and staff the clinic ourselves.

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

Year 1/Phase 1 (we are requesting funding for this phase):

Quarter 1: Finalize plans and permits, including plans and permits for all phases of the project.

Quarter 2: Ground clearing and leveling for building and parking lot space. Begin pouring foundation for kennels.

Quarter 3: Build kennel area and main structure.

Quarter 4: Finish construction, including electric and plumbing work.



Phase 2: Build after-hours intake kennels, education center, cafe/shop, boarding kennels, dog park and walking trails.

Phase 3: Build veterinary clinic or enter into agreement with private entity to host veterinary clinic on AIR facility grounds.

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

We have formed a committee to coordinate, oversee and monitor the construction project. The committee consists of:

- The board of directors will head the committee, guiding planning and making sure that the project stays on track financially and true to the vision that will best serve the community.
- Terrence Lundy: Project manager; over 30 years of construction and project management experience; oversees all aspects of the construction, with the assistance of:
  - Chad Heard-Glass: facilities and infrastructure manager at HPM Building Supply
  - Robert Alameda: sourcing and community liaison

We will have regular committee meetings to ensure that all aspects of the project are proceeding according to plan and to make sure any potential issues are identified and dealt with as soon as they arise. Organizational and monitoring software, such as Trace, integrated with communication software such as Slack, will be used between meetings to make sure that work is proceeding within budget and on time and to provide reporting to the State.

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

For construction, the measure of effectiveness will be that work proceeds on schedule and within budget. Once the facility is operational, the measure of effectiveness of phase one operations will be the increase in the number of dogs that are spayed/neutered, assisted with medical needs and homed, as evidenced by statistics extracted from our database.

**IV. Financial**

**Budget**

- **The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.**
  - a. Budget request by source of funds – Attached
  - b. Personnel salaries and wages – Not applicable
  - c. Equipment and motor vehicles – Not applicable
  - d. Capital project details - Attached
  - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid – Not applicable
  
- The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2023.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
50,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	1,250,000

- **The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2023.**

We have no pending applications for other sources of funding at this time.

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 2023 for program funding.**

No ongoing contracts or grants

6. **The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2021.**

\$85,000

## **V. Experience and Capability**

### **1. Necessary Skills and Experience**

**The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the request. State your experience and appropriateness for providing the service proposed in this application. The applicant shall also provide a listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.**

Aloha ʻĪlio Rescue has been in operation since 2010, growing in scale from helping less than 200 dogs/year to 650 dogs in 2021.

### **2. Facilities**

**The applicant shall provide a description of its facilities and demonstrate its adequacy in relation to the request. If facilities are not presently available, describe plans to secure facilities.**

Current facilities are at the private residence of the president and founder in Keaʻau. Attached to the home are:

- covered kennel area
- indoor kennel area for small dogs
- laundry room, meds storage, dog food preparation area

additionally, there are:

- Office building containing the business office, staff break room, kitchen and bathroom; dog food and transport crate storage
- 4 fenced dog exercise areas, one with small pond

The proposed facility will have all the above, and, in phase 1, covered kennel area will approximately triple.

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

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

**The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern and proposed service capacity appropriate for the viability of the request. The applicant shall provide the qualifications and experience of personnel for the request and shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction relative to the request.**

Aloha 'Īlio Rescue's governing body is its board of directors. The board is responsible for overseeing AIR's programs and activities. In addition to president Daylynn Kyles, the board consists of:

- Kristina Kanani Henricks, PhD, DVM, MS: formerly the lead veterinarian at the Hawai'i Island Humane Society for 11 years, currently the owner of Good Karma Spay and Neuter Clinic in Hilo, where she provides affordable spay/neuter services in order to stem animal overpopulation in East Hawai'i.
- Jane Wiedlin is a well-known musician and life-long animal advocate whose celebrity enhances her opportunities for fundraising
- Julie Kron and Kerry Willocks are successful local business owners.
- Michelle Lee is a retired non-profit administrator.

Daylynn Kyles has 12 years of experience running Aloha 'Īlio Rescue. Her love of dogs and knowledge of dog handling started with training dogs when she was 12 years old. She has run dog clubs throughout the state and on the continental U.S. In the course of running AIR, she has hired and managed numerous staff, always finding personnel that are dedicated to animal welfare and to providing individuals and families with the perfect canine companion. She has trained her staff to be extremely competent at their jobs. She has also built a network of dedicated and loyal fosters and volunteers. Daylynn has also enacted novel educational experiences for East Hawai'i schoolchildren, for example, her "guinea pig program", in which she took an over-abundance of guinea pigs from local shelters and put them in classrooms, providing all the materials and education needed for their compassionate care. The program ran for two years before being interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Born and raised in East Hawai'i, she understands the community's needs and can provide a vision for a facility that is uniquely suited to local needs. She has built relationships with local governance, humanitarian organizations and other animal rescue organizations so that everyone can work together in partnerships to best serve the community. Daylynn's deep roots in East Hawai'i allow her to engage with the people best suited to the tasks involved in accomplishing the construction of the new facility.

Tiffany Perreira is a veterinary technician and has worked in this field for almost 10 years. She has worked at AIR since 2019. She has an amazing connection with the animals, which translates to the best possible care for their well-being. She performs wellness checks, parasite prevention and minor medical services on intakes. She also manages the kennels, which includes supervising the kennel technicians and, along with the president, makes decisions about intakes (as there is nowhere nearly enough capacity to take all the requests for owner surrendered dogs). She has great communication skills, enabling her to train and supervise kennel technicians to a high level of competence in a short time.

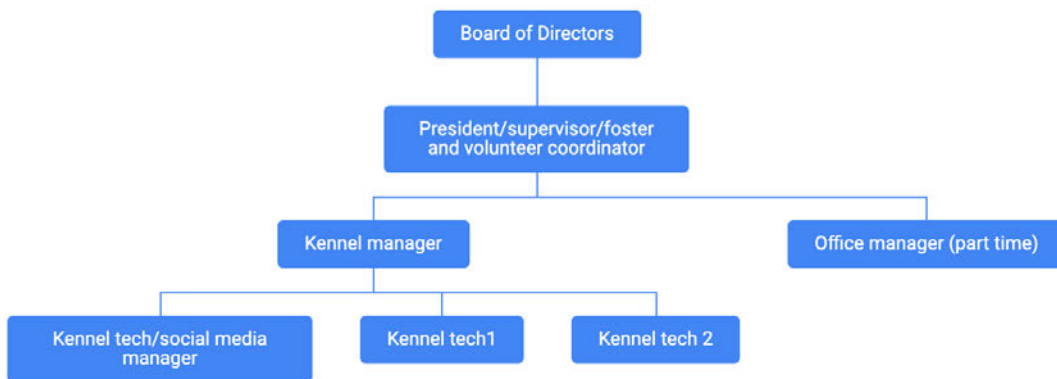
Mustafa Koprucu is university-educated in Information Technology. In addition to helping care for dogs in the kennels and matching dogs with prospective adopters, he provides technical services, including web site development and social media management. This provides invaluable outreach, essential to the success of AIR's rehoming and fundraising efforts.

Donna Cornwell has an extensive background in office administration and performs this task for AIR part-time.

Two part-time kennel technicians take care of the dogs' needs and interact with the public in the course of adoptions.

## 2. Organization Chart

**The applicant shall illustrate the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision.**



### 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.

- 1) President/supervisor/foster and volunteer coordinator - \$38,400
- 2) Veterinary Technician/Kennel Manager - \$30,720
- 3) Kennel Technician/Web Designer/Social Media Manager - \$27,840

## 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 2022-23 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:**

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2022-23, but**
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.**

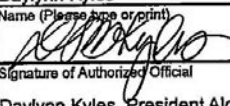
The majority of our operating expenses are covered by community support. Our fundraising efforts are ongoing, as well as sales from our web-based store. In phase two, a cafe/store and boarding kennels will be added to increase our operating budget.





**BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS**  
 Period: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

App Aloha 'Ilio Rescue

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
<b>A. PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>				
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>				
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>E. CAPITAL</b>	1,250,000			
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>				
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	1,250,000	Daylynn Kyles	808 936 7955	
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print)	Phone	
(c) Total County Funds Requested			January 21 2022	
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official	Date	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	Daylynn Kyles, President Aloha 'Ilio Rescue Name and Title (Please type or print)		

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS**

Period: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Applicant: Aloha Ilio Rescue

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: 2020-2021	FY: 2021-2022	FY:2022-2023	FY:2022-2023	FY:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025
PLANS			35000			
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN			15000			
CONSTRUCTION			1200000			
EQUIPMENT						
<b>TOTAL:</b>			1,250,000			
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b> Plans and designs categories include the cost of engineering, plans and acquiring permits for the long-range plan, while construction request is only for Phase 1						