

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:
PROTECTORS OF PARADISE PROTECTORS OF PARADISE

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 91,628

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

This request is for operating funds to start an Aloha 'Āina Ambassadors\ Program at Ka'ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections as well as continue educational outreach about environmental and cultural responsibility to students grades K-12 attending public schools on the Leeward Coast from Nānākuli to Mākaha.

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:
\$ 1,500

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

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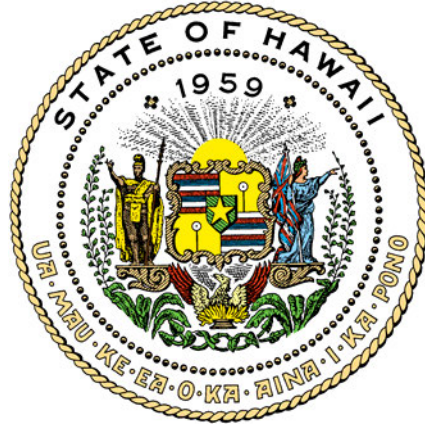


Authorized Signature

Stacie Sakauye, President
Name and Title

1/21/2022

Date Signed



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

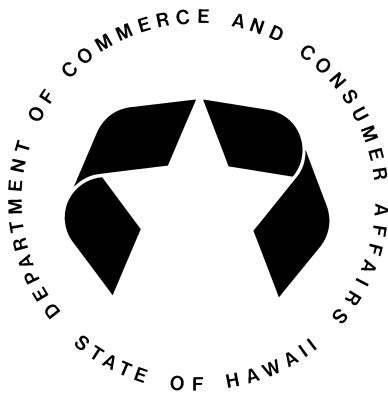
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was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 06/21/2016 ; that it is an existing nonprofit corporation; and that, as far as the records of this Department reveal, has complied with all of the provisions of the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, regulating 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 20, 2022

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs



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](#))
 - c) Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#))
 - d) Capital project details ([Link](#))
 - e) Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#))
- 7) Experience and Capability
- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Stacie Sakauye, President

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/21/2022

DATE

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)

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, 2021.

SEE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

2. Declaration Statement

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

SEE ATTACHED DECLARATION STATEMENT

3. Public Purpose

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to [Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#).

The grant shall be used for public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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;

Protectors of Paradise is a local 501(c)(3), grass roots organization, that was established in 2016 to protect our environment from increasing destruction and to create a platform for community members to collaborate and do so. Our mission is to ensure the conservation and protection of the land, ocean, community, and wildlife of Hawai'i from any abusive or harmful activities in order to preserve the beauty and our resources for future generations.

We currently hold a 5-year renewable volunteer curatorship agreement with the State and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the State Parks Division with management and maintenance of Mākua Beach and Keawa'ula Bay (also known as Yokahama Bay). We work closely with various State Legislators from the Leeward Coast to coordinate community service projects in their respective districts.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The goal of this program is to reduce harmful environmental behavior occurring on the Leeward coast, with a focus on a reduction in the amount littering, illegal dumping, wildlife harassment, beach driving, and desecration of cultural sites, as well as increase awareness and understanding of the importance of environmentally and culturally responsible behavior.

In order to reach our goals, Protectors of Paradise will continue our educational outreach to public school keiki grades K-12 along the Leeward Coast. We strongly believe that by instilling a sense of kuleana into the youth of our communities, we can create positive change and further impress upon them the need for responsible environmental and cultural behavior. Key components to our education include not only environmental lessons, such effects of litter on our beaches and beach driving, but also cultural information specific to the Leeward Coast ahupua'a. We will also focus on appropriate interaction with native wildlife, specifically the Hawaiian spinner dolphins. Protectors of Paradise worked with cultural practitioners and NOAA to create curriculum that can be adapted to reach different grade levels and we intend to continue to educate the keiki of the Leeward Coast communities.

In addition to education within the public schools, Protectors of Paradise will implement an outreach program conducted at Ka'ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections. This program will consist of Aloha 'Āina Ambassadors that will extend hospitality as well as education to those frequenting the park. Topics of education will be dependent on the encounter, and may include, but not be limited to, cultural information about the region, responsible park use, and appropriate wildlife interaction. A large part of this outreach will provide education to individuals attempting to swim with the Hawaiian spinner dolphins. Educational materials and other useful items, such as trash bags, may be distributed free of charge as see fit. The goal of this program is to be able to raise awareness and understanding amongst tourists, visitors, and other park users about the importance of environmentally and culturally responsible behavior, as well as enhance their experience at the State Park. A key component to this program is the curatorship agreement that Protectors of Paradise holds with the State and DLNR for Ka'ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections. This formal agreement allows Protectors of Paradise to specifically assist State Parks with the management of the park area, provide educational and interpretive programs in the park, including service projects based on educational curriculum and other materials, and install interpretive devices and displays.

All above efforts will be conducted in addition to our ongoing Leeward Coast clean-ups and stewardship efforts outlined in our curatorship agreement with the State and DLNR for Ka'ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections.

Our objectives to reach this goal are as follows:

- Work with the public schools on the Leeward Coast from Nānākuli to Mākaha to continue to provide education to the keiki of the communities
- Work with affiliates such as NOAA and cultural practitioners to continue to develop the curriculum and enhance our knowledge on cultural practices and mo'olelo
- Develop educational material (i.e., pamphlets, handouts, surveys, etc.)
- Utilize our social media platforms to spread awareness about environmental issues facing our communities as well as collaborate to develop solutions
- Collaborate with the local universities, colleges, and communities to recruit volunteers for the Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program
- Develop a training program for volunteer Aloha 'Āina Ambassadors
 - Utilize local cultural practitioners to provide training on kuleana, information about cultural sites, local mo'olelo
 - Utilize our partnership with NOAA to provide training on marine debris and appropriate wildlife interaction, specifically Hawaiian spinner dolphins
- Utilize our curatorship agreement with the State and DLNR for Ka'ena Point, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections
 - Assist State Parks with the management of the park area
 - Provide educational and interpretive programs in the park, including service projects based on educational curriculum and other materials
 - Install interpretive devices and displays
- Develop informational material and logo decals to be distributed to those who support our cause to raise awareness and promote positive change

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

The public purpose of this project is to assist in ensuring the conservation and protection of the land, ocean, community, and wildlife of Hawai'i from any abusive or harmful activities in order to preserve the beauty and our resources for future generations. Specifically, it is our goal to reach the youth and visitors of the Leeward Coast community to reduce harmful environmental behavior as an unclean environment often results in unhealthy communities. Nationally, there are numerous evidence-based studies documenting significant effects of an unsound physical environment (including toxins, pollutants, and other harmful environmental conditions) on children and adolescents' cognitive and socioemotional development.

The Leeward Coast is home to approximately 49,089 residents with a median household income of \$60,282 and 27% living below poverty level. Of these individuals, 86% are high school graduates and 10.3% carry a bachelor's degree or higher. This is in comparison to Honolulu, where the median household income is \$65,707 with only 11.6% of individuals living below poverty level and 88.5% high school graduates, but 36.4% carrying a bachelor's degree or higher. The sharp difference in data clearly shows the need for investments to be made into the Leeward Coast communities.

Furthermore, COVID-19 has negatively impacted the environmental health of the Leeward Coast. Social media has resulted in the Leeward Coast becoming a new "go-to" destination for many. The COVID-19 pandemic has only amplified the popularity of the area because of its remote location and the lack of enforcement due to its remoteness and limited resources and funding. The strain of the pandemic resulting in

loss of funding and resources has clearly taken a toll on the environment. Areas that we hoped would have “healed” during the Governor’s Emergency Proclamations and Stay at Home Orders saw more use than ever. Visitors that would have normally frequented other locations that were shut down due to the pandemic ventured to the Wai’anae Coast and began utilizing areas that are not developed or intended for heavy capacity. As a prime example, Protectors of Paradise noted a huge influx of tourism at Ka’ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa’ula Regions, especially during the start of the pandemic. Mākua, an area with no comfort stations or running water, saw a tremendous increase in use, resulting in the increase in illegal camping, littering, human defecation in the bushes, wildlife abuse, and desecration of the ‘āina and many important cultural sites. Likewise, Keawa’ula was experiencing a large increase in the amount traffic, thus resulting in gate closures because of limited resources. The loss of a park keeper due to budget deficits during the pandemic only increased the rubbish and abuse situation at both areas. On numerous occasions, Protectors of Paradise stepped in to provide these maintenance services (rubbish services, cleaning of the comfort stations, etc) in order to alleviate the abuse, especially on days when no care taker was budgeted. Along with the pandemic also came the limited ability to engage with park users and spread awareness. All these factors combined contribute to the justification of our proposed services.

Protectors of Paradise was very instrumental in the 2016 closure of Mākua Beach Park to overnight use due to environmental issues from campers. Prior to the closure, we were able to remove over 100,000 pounds of rubbish from Mākua, which we presented to the Administrator of Hawai’i State Parks. Based on our data and efforts, Mākua Beach was officially closed to overnight use as of October 23, 2016, and a restoration period was declared. By closing Mākua to overnight use, we have decreased the amount of rubbish and illegal dumping at Mākua by approximately 85% and reintroduced native plants which continue to perpetuate. We continue to work closely with DLNR to address illegal camping that occurs as well as other environmental issues along the Leeward Coast. All efforts have resulted in much cleaner and safer beaches for the Leeward Coast community to enjoy.

At Ka’ena Point State Park, Mākua Beach is extremely popular for visitors because of the Hawaiian spinner dolphins. However, because Mākua is now closed to overnight use, the Keawa’ula section of the State Park is being utilized much more. With the increase in use comes the natural increase in detrimental environmental behavior—from illegal dumping to beach driving resulting in the death of native plants, to wildlife harassment and desecration of cultural sites. With the current budget, DLNR officers are stretched extremely thin, with often only 1-2 officers spanning all the way from Ka’ena Point to Sand Island.

In November 2019, Protectors of Paradise met with Lieutenant Governor Dr. Josh Green and local representative Cedric Gates to discuss the issues facing Ka’ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa’ula sections. In doing so, we gained the support of the Lieutenant Governor and local representative to increase efforts to address the above issues. It was decided that an ad hoc committee involving key stakeholders, including Protector of Paradise, would be created to address concerns as expressed above and develop a strategic plan. Included in the plan was the need for education to the youth of the community and visitors alike. By educating our youth of the communities and creating an Aloha ‘Āina Ambassador Program for Ka’ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa’ula sections, we address environmental issues and create positive change in

attitude towards appropriate beach park use and behaviors, as well as instill a sense of pride and kuleana in our youth for the environment, resulting in positive outcomes and change. Because of the pandemic, efforts and funding that were slated to be allocated to this proposal were placed on pause. State GIA funding that was scheduled to be awarded to these efforts was reallocated to COVID-19 health and safety priorities. In the interim, Protectors of Paradise continued to operate with limited resources. However, now that the pandemic is evolving and we have found inovative ways to safely engage, the need is clearly here to refocus and also put priority into protecting the environment, specifically the abused Leeward Coast, before precious resources and wildlife that make Hawai'i so special are exhausted.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

The target population includes youth enrolled in public schools on the Leeward Coast from Nānākuli to Mākaha and visitors frequenting Ka'ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

The grant activity will take place on the Leeward Coast of O'ahu, encompassing Senate District 21, House District 43, and House District 44.

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;

Educational Outreach:

Protectors of Paradise will provide environmental education and interactive learning opportunities to students enrolled in public schools on the Leeward Coast from Nānākuli to Mākaha to increase environmental awareness, promote positive attitude changes towards environmental issues, and instill a sense of community pride in our youth to foster learning and growth. We will use the curriculum that was previously created with our partners at NOAA and cultural practitioners of the area as a base and modify the curriculum to meet the specific needs of our audience. All educational sessions will include a hands-on project that will be developed specifically to meet the needs of the class. Length of educational sessions will depend on grade level and teacher request. Tasks will include working with public schools to coordinate dates for educational sessions, working with affiliates such as NOAA and cultural practitioners to continue to develop and improve curriculum and enhance our knowledge on cultural practices and mo'olelo, developing educational material (i.e., pamphlets, handouts, surveys, etc.), presenting educational material to students.

Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program:

Protectors of Paradise will provide hospitality and environmental education to visitors at Ka'ena Point State Parks, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections, as allowed by our curatorship agreement with the State and DLNR for Ka'ena Point State Parks, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections. All outreach and hospitality provided will be strictly educational and informational—no actions will be that of enforcement. To create and implement this Aloha 'Āina Ambassador program, the following tasks will be performed: collaborate with local universities, colleges, and communities to recruit volunteers for the Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program, develop a training program for volunteer Aloha 'Āina Ambassadors, coordinate with local cultural practitioners to provide training on kuleana, information about cultural sites, local mo'olelo, coordinate with NOAA to provide training on marine debris and appropriate interaction with wildlife, specifically Hawaiian spinner dolphins, create educational and interpretive devices and displays as see fit, create distinguishing attire (i.e., shirts, hats) for the volunteers to wear to emphasize their presence. Aloha 'Āina Ambassadors will also mālama 'āina as see fit (e.g., rubbish removal, invasive plant removal, etc). Protectors of Paradise will create an interpretive sign for Mākua which focuses on the Hawaiian spinner dolphins.

Two program coordinators will be responsible for the proposed activity, one for each component: 1) educational outreach in public schools, and 2) Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program. Each will be responsible for the above tasks as described above and will participate in assisting each other in providing education either in the classroom or in the field at Ka'ena Point State Park, Mākua and Keawa'ula sections. They will also collaborate to develop informational material and logo decals to be distributed to those who support our cause, as well as utilize our social media platforms to spread awareness about environmental issues facing our communities and collaborate to develop solutions. The Administrative Manager will be responsible for overseeing the schedule and operation of the funding request.

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

July 2022 – September 2022:

- Reach out to public schools to coordinate education sessions
- Develop training program for volunteer Aloha 'Āina Ambassadors
- Develop informational material about the Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program
- Begin developing interpretive sign for Mākua for the Hawaiian spinner dolphins
- Submit Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program protocol to State Parks for comment and approval

September 2022 – December 2022:

- Begin recruitment of Aloha 'Āina Ambassadors
- Develop materials needed for Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program (educational pamphlets, satisfaction surveys, attire)
- Submit Hawaiian Spinner Dolphin interpretive sign to NOAA for comment

January 2023:

- Implement Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program at Ka'ena Point State Park, Mākuā and Keawa'ula sections

February 2023:

- Submit Hawaiian spinner dolphin interpretive sign to State Parks for comment and approval of signage and placement

March 2023:

- Order interpretive sign

April 2023:

- Install interpretive sign

Monthly starting October 2022:

- Educational sessions to public school students – goal 1 class per month
- Recruitment/training for Aloha 'Āina Ambassadors, as needed

Ongoing throughout entire grant period (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

- Improvement of curriculum, as see fit
- Training from cultural practitioners and NOAA, as see fit
- Utilize our social media platforms to raise awareness about environmental issues facing the Leeward Coastline

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

All grant activity will be reviewed and overseen by the Administrative Manager. Protectors of Paradise is in compliance with all county, state, and federal reporting requirements and laws applying to non-profits. Monthly reviews of activities will be conducted by the Board Members of Protectors of Paradise and progress will be reported as required by the grant. Recommendations for improvements will be made as necessary. The Administrative Manager will follow-up to ensure that all changes are implemented as intended to ensure a high level of quality activity.

Successful completion of grant activity is not dependent on any partnerships to set forth action plan but may include partnerships if viewed by Protectors of Paradise as beneficial to further success of proposed grant activity.

Monitoring results:

Educational outreach sessions in schools:

Protectors of Paradise will give written a standardized survey to all teachers and students grades 6-12. Students younger than 6^h grade will be given a verbal survey. These surveys will be used as a measure of satisfaction and efficacy.

Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program:

Protectors of Paradise will gather data for the following: 1) number of observed park rule infractions, and 2) number of individuals attempting to swim with the Hawaiian spinner dolphins. A period of observation time will be defined. This baseline data will be collected prior to the implementation of the Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program. The

same data will be collected after implementation of the Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program. For accurate comparison, the observation time will be consistent to that during baseline period. Brief surveys will also be given to individuals whom an ambassador provides information or hospitality to. These surveys will be used as a measure of satisfaction and efficacy.

Evaluating results:

Results of all surveys will be evaluated to determine measure of satisfaction and efficacy of information provided. Furthermore, changes in baseline data as described above will be used to determine the efficacy of the Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program.

Improving results:

To improve results, surveys will include quality improvement type questions such as preferred method of information delivery, part of presentation most helpful, least helpful, etc., as well as comment/suggestion section. These responses will be reviewed, and suggestions used to help improve our program. We will also consistently meet with our volunteers regarding program improvement.

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.

The following measures of effectiveness will be reported to the State agency:

- Number of public schools from Nānākuli to Mākaha participating in educational outreach sessions
- Number of educational sessions performed
- Number of unduplicated students that received education
- Number of Aloha 'Āina Ambassador volunteers
- Number of Aloha 'Āina Ambassador encounters
- Statistics of Mālama 'Āina projects – e.g., pounds of rubbish/illegal dumping matter removed, area of invasive plants removed
- Results of surveys

IV. Financial

Budget

1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.
 - a. Budget request by source of funds (Link)
 - b. Personnel salaries and wages (Link)

- c. Equipment and motor vehicles (Link) *NOT APPLICABLE*
- d. Capital project details (Link) *NOT APPLICABLE*
- e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid (Link)

SEE ATTACHED

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2023.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$31,107	\$19,007	\$22,507	\$19,007	\$91,628

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

City and County of Honolulu Grant in Aid (GIA)

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.

Protectors of Paradise received a City and County of Honolulu Grant in Aid (GIA) for fiscal year 2020.

Protectors of Paradise was informed by State Representative Cedric Gates that the organization was intended to be awarded the State Grant in Aid for fiscal year 2021. Due to budget reallocations secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic, funds were reallocated to health and safety priorities, thus no funds were awarded to our organization.

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

\$1,500.00

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.

Since our establishment in 2016, Protectors of Paradise has been working diligently to help cleanup, restore and protect the Leeward Coast to create safe, healthy environments for community members and visitors alike to enjoy. Through organized volunteer beach cleanups, we have been able to remove thousands of pounds of rubbish from the Leeward Coast and help restore coastal areas to its native state. By performing educational outreach, we have been able to create a positive change in attitude towards appropriate beach park use and behaviors, helping spread awareness amongst members of the community. Protectors of Paradise has created a platform for the community to come together and collaborate efforts to create solutions on how to overcome detrimental environmental issues affecting the coastline. In turn, we are instilling a sense of pride for the environment into the Leeward Coast community, which has resulted in positive outcomes, especially amongst our youth.

Shortly after our formation in 2016, six students from Searider Productions at Wai'anae High School contacted our organization directly with the request to make a short documentary on environmental issues facing the Leeward Coast, specifically Mākua. Allowing the students to take the lead, they created an educational and inspirational documentary raising awareness of the environmental adversaries plaguing the Leeward Coast and communities, which showed how the communities can help overcome these obstacles. Creating this documentary with these six students was such an inspiration for our organization and solidified the need for us to continue our efforts to create, restore, and nourish the Leeward Coastline and ensure we do our best to foster positive environments for our future generations. Since then, multiple short documentaries have been made by Searider Production students within the past 3 years on current efforts at Mākua and Keawa'ula to help raise awareness within the younger generations.

Protectors of Paradise has first-hand experience tackling illegal dumping and marine debris, wildlife harassment, beach driving and cultural site desecration. Through our experiences, we can effectively educate others. In 2019 alone, Protectors of Paradise and our volunteers had removed over 900,000 pounds of debris from the Leeward Coastline, including loose rubbish, such as sanitary products, broken bottles, nails from the sand left by illegal pallet beach fires, illegal dumping matter, such as roofing material, tires, refrigerators, household appliances, marine debris, such as derelict fishing nets, and other bulk rubbish from abandoned homeless camps, such as broken pop-up tents, propane tanks, couches, etc. We have also removed more than 100 derelict cars from the Leeward Coastline since our founding. To date, we have removed over 1 million pounds of rubbish from the Leeward Coastline. We are recognized by NOAA as a Dolphin SMART Program and have received education and training from NOAA regarding the Hawaiian spinner dolphins and collaborate with NOAA to perform educational outreach to beachgoers at Mākua who intend to swim with the dolphins. Our founder and two board members serve as the Aha Moku Representatives of Mākua, Kahanahāiki, and Keawa'ula.

In addition, Protectors of Paradise works closely with our affiliates at NOAA to create marine debris and wildlife curriculum based on national standards, as well as the Konohiki of Wai'anae and other local practitioners for cultural mo'olelo and training. All curriculum is reviewed by an educator with a master's degree in early education.

Most recently, Protectors of Paradise has been working with Congressman Kai Kahele in regards to Ka'ena Point State Park – Mākua and Keawa'ula regions. We met with Congressman Kahele at Mākua and Keawa'ula to familiarize him our current efforts and longterm visions for the State Park, as well as to support him and Congressman Ed Case in their efforts to establish Ka'ena Point State Park as a National Heritage Area. If designated a National Heritage Area, our organization will serve as a key community stakeholder for the area based on our current efforts and our formal Curatorship Agreement with the State and DLNR for Ka'ena Point State Parks, Mākua and Keawa'ula region.

Our Board Members have an amazingly strong and unwaivering passion for our mission to ensure the conservation and protection of the environment and community from any abusive or harmful activities in order to preserve the beauty and our resources for future generations. We have been able to create a solid platform for the community to come together to overcome the environmental adversity and volunteer to make a significant difference in our communities. We have a growing following of > 5,000 members on our social media platforms, many from the Leeward Coast. We serve as a public resource to help raise environmental awareness in the community, inspire change, and assist the State in cleaning up communities. Our efforts have been featured in the local news, Star Advertiser, OC 16, 'Ōlelo, local radio talk shows, VICE TV and several magazines, including FLUX Magazine, Hawai'i Business Magazine, Mokulele Inflight Magazine, and The Guardian.

Although a small, grass roots, local organization, Protectors of Paradise has shown its ability to create sustainable, positive working relationships. With the work we have done on the Leeward Coast, we have been able to maintain relationships with local, state, and federal stakeholders. These stakeholders include our State Representatives and Senator, Congressmen, City Council Member, the Wai'anae Konohiki, Aha Moku Advisory Committee and representatives, Department of Parks and Recreation, Hawai'i State Parks, Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), Department of Defense (DoD), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Our experiences in the field give us the proficiency to be able to successfully implement projects as we have laid out for this grant activity. The proposed goals and objectives align directly with our mission, and we are enthusiastic and passionate to achieve all our ambitions.

Related projects/contracts:

- City and County of Honolulu, Grant in Aid (GIA) FY 2020
- Curatorship Agreement with the State and DLNR for Ka'ena Point State Parks, Mākua and Keawa'ula region

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.

Protectors of Paradise will not require any facilities for the implementation of this grant activity. If space is required for meetings or workshops, Protectors of Paradise will work with partners to secure available space, as we have done so successfully in the past.

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.

All grant activity will be reviewed and overseen by the Administrative Manager, who currently is the President of Protectors of Paradise. The Administrative Manager will also support planning and coordination of all grant activity, including publicity and recruitment to programs, keeping updated records, organizing substantiating documentation, and creating reports to be submitted, as requested, to the State Agency through which grant funds are appropriated. Monthly reviews of activities will be conducted by the Board Members of Protectors of Paradise and progress will be reported by the Administrative Manager, as required by the grant. Recommendations for improvements will be made as necessary. The Administrative Manager will follow-up to ensure that all changes are implemented as intended to ensure a high level of quality activity.

The Founder of Protectors of Paradise will be the Program Coordinator for the Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program. The Program Coordinator will meet monthly with the Board of Directors to review grant activity progress and make any modifications necessary to successfully achieve all proposed grant activity.

A Director of Protectors of Paradise will be the Program Coordinator for the educational outreach performed in public schools. The Program Coordinator will meet monthly with the Board of Directors to review grant activity progress and make any modifications necessary to successfully achieve all proposed grant activity.

Below are statements of qualifications for the proposed staff:

Administrative Manager – Stacie Sakauye

Stacie Sakauye is the President and a director for Protectors of Paradise. She uses her 10+ years of experience from being a health care provider and managing health care clinics to conduct the administrative work necessary to fulfill all requirements for successful completion of grants and projects. She has been responsible for the administrative duties of Protectors of Paradise since their founding in 2016, including

grant writing, contract execution and compliance, and overseeing project coordination and execution.

Program Coordinator – Aloha ‘Āina Ambassador Program – Micah Doane

Micah Doane was born and raised on the island of O‘ahu. He is a descendant of the Nāiwi ‘Ohana of Mākua. As a young boy, he was deeply inspired by his granduncle Ivanhoe Nāiwi, who was born and raised in Mākua and passed down his passion and love for the ‘āina. Micah has very fond memories of family time spent in Mākua with his grandmother Elizabeth Nāiwi and granduncle Ivanhoe. After seeing the increasing desecration of the Leeward Coast over the years, Micah founded Protectors of Paradise to create a platform for communities to come together and overcome environmental adversaries.

Micah graduated from Kamehameha Schools and went on to receive his bachelor’s in psychology from the University of Hawai‘i, Hilo. He has experience working in the Hawai‘i public school system as a substitute teacher and skills trainer. He currently organizes and leads all events and activities for Protectors of Paradise. He is also the media spokesperson for the organization. Micah is the Aha Moku Representative of Mākua and works closely with the Konohiki of Wai‘anae and Aha Moku Advisory Council on issues facing the Leeward Coast. He also leads Wai‘anae community meetings for the Aha Moku Advisory Council regarding pressing issues at Ka‘ena Point State Park, Mākua/Keawa‘ula regions, such as creating cultural protocol for Special Use Permits for the area.

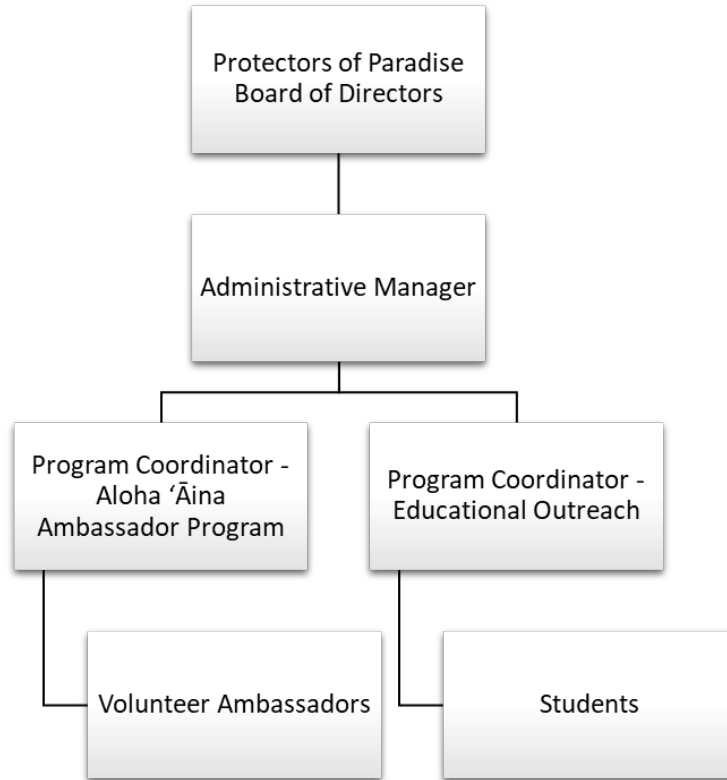
Program Coordinator – Educational Outreach – Jonathan Doane

Jonathan Doane is a native of Hawai‘i, born and raised on O‘ahu. Part of his passion and love for Hawaiian culture and language sprouted from his upbringing in a Hawaiian Christian church and going to Mākua, Wai‘anae with his Nāiwi ‘Ohana. Jonathan took advantage of learning Hawaiian culture and language as a student at Kamehameha Schools, which led him to continue his education at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo and then UH Manoa, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies. He has experience working in the Hawai‘i public school system as a substitute teacher and skills trainer.

Currently, Jonathan is a firefighter in the Honolulu Fire Department, call-in substitute teacher, as well as the treasurer and a director for Protectors of Paradise. He assists Micah in organizing and leading events and activities for Protectors of Paradise. Because of his work in the public school system, Jonathan is the point of contact for activities relating to student outreach and education. He is also the Aha Moku Representative of Kahanahāiki and works closely with the Konohiki of Wai‘anae and Aha Moku Advisory Council on issues facing the Leeward Coast.

2. Organization Chart

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



3. Compensation

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

Currently, Protectors of Paradise does not have any paid employees. All officers/directors are uncompensated and strictly volunteer.

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.

There is no active or pending litigation against Protectors of Paradise or its Board of Directors.

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.

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

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.

If Protectors of Paradise receives funding for fiscal year 2022-23, but not thereafter, Protectors of Paradise intends to be fully capable of supporting itself and programs implemented through diverse fundraising strategies. Protectors of Paradise is comprised of a dedicated and motivated team of volunteer board of directors, as well as support from thousands of followers. We have gained the support and trust of local, state, and federal stakeholders who all believe in our mission and provide aid for us to continue our efforts to serve the community. As a strong team, we will be able to leverage the support required to successfully execute the above plan.

Our Board of Directors are committed to ensuring that Protectors of Paradise will be able to continue all efforts far beyond the grant period. We will continue to apply for a variety of funding and create partnerships that will help us network and expand our capabilities. Being a newer organization, it has been difficult to obtain funding. However, we have been able to demonstrate that despite the lack of funds, we are still dedicated to creating a positive change in our environment and inspiring our communities to create change for the better. We have also demonstrated that we are responsible in utilizing funds granted to us and have either met or exceeded 100% of all deliverables as contracted, as well as has been compliant with all reporting. Protectors of Paradise has created strong working relationships with influential leaders in the community, as well as partnerships with other like-minded organizations, learning from our experiences and ever striving to improve our own approaches. Although a young organization, Protectors of Paradise has a significant amount of experience to ensure the activities proposed will be carried forth successfully and be able to sustain such outcome beyond the grant period. With the support from the State Grant in Aid, Protectors of Paradise will fulfill everything we have proposed efficiently and successfully to provide the most benefit to our youth and communities.

**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

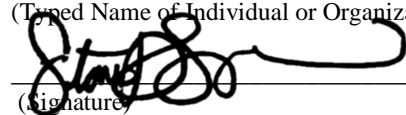
- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant is awarded;
 - b) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
 - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
 - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant.
- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
 - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided.
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
 - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

PROTECTORS OF PARADISE

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



(Signature)

1/21/2022

(Date)

Stacie Sakauye

President

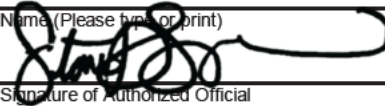
(Typed Name)

(Title)

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Applicant: PROTECTORS OF PARADISE

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	70,625			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments (7.65%)	5,403			
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	76,028			
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Insurance (gen liability, TDI, workcomp)	7,500			
2. Travel/gas	1,500			
3. Educational outreach material	1,000			
4. Aloha 'Āina Ambassador material	1,500			
5. Aloha 'Āina Ambassador volunteer training	300			
6. Interpretive signage	3,500			
7. Office supplies	300			
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	15,600			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0			
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0			
E. CAPITAL	0			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	91,628			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	91,628	Stacie Sakauye 808-554-9371		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0			
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	0	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	91,628	Stacie Sakauye, President		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Applicant: PROTECTORS OF PARADISE

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
Administrative Manager	0.25	\$10,625.00	100.00%	\$ 10,625.00
Program Coordinator - Aloha 'Āina Ambassador Program	0.5	\$30,000.00	100.00%	\$ 30,000.00
Program Coordinator - Educational Outreach	0.5	\$30,000.00	100.00%	\$ 30,000.00
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TOTAL:				70,625.00

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Applicant: PROTECTORS OF PARADISE

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

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

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Applicant: PROTECTORS OF PARADISE

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						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:						
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: NOT APPLICABLE						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: PROTECTORS OF PARADISE

Contracts Total: -

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
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