

**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:

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ _____

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

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ _____

Federal: \$ _____

County: \$ _____

Private/Other: \$ _____

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

\$ _____

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ _____

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:

City: State: Zip:

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

Name: Title:

Email: Phone:

Federal Tax ID#:

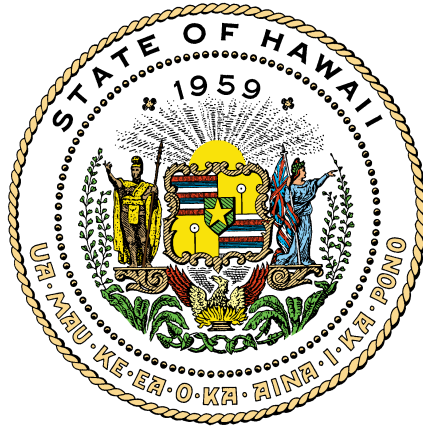
State Tax ID#

Nathan Thompson

Authorized Signature

Name and Title

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

POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 09/13/1973 ; 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 10, 2023

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

NAINOA THOMPSON, PRESIDENT
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

JANUARY 14, 2023
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, 2022.

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](#).

If awarded State Grant-in-Aid, the Polynesian Voyaging Society will use funding toward a public purpose as explained in **Section II. Background and Summary, Question 3** below. Funds would help ensure success of the Moananuiākea Voyage, designed to inspire, illuminate and ignite the next generation of 10 million Navigators and their voyages by circumnavigating the Pacific Ocean, beginning in our home islands of Hawaii and covering 41,000 miles, 46 countries/archipelagoes and 345 ports.

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;

Founded in 1973 on a legacy of Pacific Ocean exploration, the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) perpetuates the art and science of traditional Polynesian voyaging and the spirit of exploration through experiential educational programs that inspire students

and their communities to respect and care for themselves, one another, and their natural and cultural environments.

For nearly 50 years, PVS has engaged communities to advocate for our culture and environment, forming new relationships and partnerships. From Hōkūle‘a’s launch in 1975 to the multi-year Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage in 2014, PVS has increased the depth of knowledge, understanding, and application of values and perspectives grounded in culture and Mālama Honua (caring for Earth) across multiple generations. What began in 1973 as a scientific experiment to build a replica of a traditional voyaging canoe for a one-time sail to Tahiti, has become an important catalyst for a generation of cultural renewal and a symbol of the richness of Hawaiian culture and of a seafaring heritage which links together all the peoples of Polynesia.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The overall goal of this request is to perpetuate PVS’ legacy in support of the evolution of the next voyage, Moananuiākea, designed to spark a global understanding of what First People throughout the world have long understood: to endure on this planet, we must understand natural systems and use them to help us live sustainably. By the end of the voyage in 2026, we seek to inspire, educate and elevate a new generation of 10 million Navigators who can lead many bold voyages throughout the Earth with the mindset, preparation and courage to face the coming storms and resilience to meet challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Main objectives of this voyage include:

1. In tandem with partners, share what we learn while voyaging;
2. Improve learning opportunities for communities by bolstering public and private institutions using culturally based forms of learning; and
3. Develop more diverse and immersive learning opportunities.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

To nurture communities and the leadership critical to foster living well on our islands, we must undertake voyages of discovery, while learning from our cultural heritage and strengthening learning by integrating voyaging experiences into quality education. In order to do so, PVS must sustain, perpetuate and expand the traditional art of Polynesian voyaging and the spirit of exploration by recruiting and training individuals who can carry on the practice. By assuming a leadership role in ocean policy matters, we share our voyaging values to enhance stewardship of our ocean resources, as well as support the growing voyaging ohana and play an active role in youth leadership development through crew training values and experiences.

PVS focuses on three (3) categories: Voyaging, Organizational Strengthening (establishing human resource capacity and partner network commitment), and Wa'a Honua (the virtual, third canoe. The immersive platform that allows infinite extensions of the wa'a at sea).

Through **voyaging**, including at-sea training, preparation, and planning, we expect to demonstrate the extent to which the canoes and our crewmembers are prepared to voyage both through preparation sails and the number of active crew members.

Through **Wa'a Honua** and coordination with education and technology partners, we expect to have an accessible trove of PVS' rich history and resources, highlighting activities, partnerships, and outcomes. This will be measured by social media metrics as a means to understanding engagement; the number of in-person and virtual engagements; and the number, quality, and/or geographic distribution of goals set; partner support; and action taken over the course of the voyage. Related to PVS' **organizational strengthening**, PVS will demonstrate internal progress on improving efficiency within its operating systems and structure, both administratively and programmatically; and provide updates on internal resources and its strategic financial reporting.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

Through the magnetism of Hōkūle'a and Hikianalia, PVS continues to connect people of all ages and backgrounds, inspire hope, and compel action; contributing to strengthening cultural understanding and practices both in Hawaii and afar. Open to all, the canoes are active and tangible opportunities to practice our culture and values that are fundamental to this ancestral place.

Over the last two years, PVS' focused on developing opportunities to elevate voices aiming to protect our oceans and inspire the next generation of navigators/leaders. This work includes aligning knowledge, projects, and programs/activities with education partners. It also focused on clarifying our vision and purpose for the virtual learning community, creating a more streamline approach to accessibility as we position ourselves for the next ambitious voyage and the learning opportunities that will come with it.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Although headquartered on Oahu, PVS is able to serve worldwide geographic regions through multimedia and virtual information sharing, bringing attention to the mission of the Voyage and cultural history and values of Hawaii. This effort brings communities closer to experiencing and practicing Hawaiian culture, understanding the history of Voyaging in the Pacific and connecting the metaphor of the canoe that represents our island Earth.

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;

State Grant-in-Aid funds would help ensure success of the Moananuiākea Voyage. Over the next 3.5 years, this voyage will circumnavigate the Pacific Ocean beginning in our home islands of Hawaii and covering 41,000 miles, 46 countries/archipelagoes and 345 ports. Through Moananuiākea, we will ensure a lasting voyaging legacy that will continue for another 50 years and beyond, accomplishing our vision for a thriving future for Hawaii, the Pacific and the world by educating a new generation of Navigators who make good choices for a better future. Funds would be used to support voyaging (logistics, travel, and the necessary maintenance and repair to support a successful voyage) and Wa'a Honua (staff time, communication, media and management to establish and support this platform), as well as all other related costs.

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

Initially scheduled to launch in 2022, the Moananuiākea Voyage's circumnavigation of the Pacific Ocean was postponed due to continuing uncertainties caused by the global pandemic. Now slated to commence in summer 2023, the initial leg of the voyage is anticipated to be completed in December 2024.

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

The programmatic efforts from the Voyage will be measured by the following:

- The number, quality and/or geographic distribution of goals set. Impact will be measured using the engagement numbers generated through real-time data analytics as proxies that can provide us background on user engagement, qualitative feedback and geographic distribution.
- Partner Support. Wa'a Honua and organizational strengthening incorporate a significant amount of internal planning and piloting that requires a broad range of engagement (extensive vs. discrete, informal vs. formal, one-on-one vs. small-large group discussions and collaboration) that will be reported.
- Actions taken over the course of the voyage. Data and measures related to participant counts, activities, and accomplishments in the realm of traditional ocean voyaging will be measured by staff and crew members

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.

PVS will report quarterly progress of the Moananuiākea Voyage, including engagement numbers, partner engagement and data regarding participant counts, activities and accomplishments as measured by staff and crew members.

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)
 - d. Capital project details (Link)
 - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid (Link)

See attached Budget forms.

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2024.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$500,000

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2024.

To date, \$287,500 has been committed to the initial leg of the voyage. Polynesian Voyaging Society will seek additional funding from private sources in 2023 to complete funding for this phase of the voyage.

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 2024 for program funding.

Not applicable

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2022.

PVS' balance of unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2022 is \$658,683.97.

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.

Our Polynesian voyaging canoes Hōkūle‘a and Hikianalia are built in the tradition of ancient Hawaiian *wa‘a kaulua* (double-hulled voyaging canoe). Launched March 8, 1975, Hōkūle‘a (“Star of Gladness”) helped spark a revival of Hawaiian culture and wayfinding and is the iconic symbol of the Worldwide Voyage. Her newer sister vessel Hikianalia, was launched September 15, 2012, and combines the latest ecological technology with the heritage of the voyaging tradition. While the vessels feature separate sail plans during the Worldwide Voyage, they began and will conclude the voyage side-by-side.

The PVS Learning Center is the education portal which brings learners to the Voyage and the Voyage to our learnings. The Learning Center features a wealth of accessible Mālama Honua curricula, lesson plans, and learning tools that continue to grow as we use the Voyage to connect with a global community of educators. This “living library” teaches and inspires people to take care of the diverse natural and cultural gifts that sustain us, creating global relationships and discovering the wonders of this precious place we call home.

PVS will leverage 50 years of successful experience in ocean exploration, education and community partnerships to plan, build community and prepare for the next Voyage, Moananuiākea.

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.

PVS is currently housed in the University of Hawaii's Honolulu Community College – Marine Education and Training Center (METC). PVS rents two rooms with METC for administrative and classroom training purposes. METC is officially recognized as ADA compliant, as required by all State buildings. PVS also has a satellite office located in the American Savings Bank Office Building at the Liliha Shopping Center. The facility includes office space, a shared meeting space and an operating elevator.

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.

Nainoa Thompson, President of PVS and *pwo* navigator is leading this effort. Inspired by his kūpuna, he has dedicated his life to exploring the deep meaning of voyaging. As a recognized leader, Nainoa is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Unsung Hero of Compassion and the NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sonja Swenson-Rogers has been the **PVS Communications Director** since 2016. With over 20 years of public relations and communications expertise from various industries, she joined PVS to oversee traditional media outreach and digital communications, community engagement and multimedia storytelling - local to international.

Lehua Kamalu is an **apprentice navigator and Voyaging Director** responsible for planning and executing the physical sail plan. In this intense growth stage for PVS leading up to the Moananuiākea Voyage, our volunteer board of directors is also providing active leadership to strengthen the organization, expand its staff, and build the social and financial capital required to launch it all.

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.

See attached 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.

President	\$155,948
Director of Communications	\$108,800
Director of Voyaging	\$90,000

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 2023-24 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2023-24, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

PVS' funding is the convergence of a variety of streams, including contributions from foundations, organizations and the public to support its mission. Independently, PVS generates revenue through special events, campaigns and retail sales of logo merchandise to generate revenue and engage the community in relevant ways. We anticipate sustaining programs and future voyages through these funding streams beyond the grant period, while growing in-kind donations from education partner commitments and volunteers.

This one-time request for State Grant-in-Aid will ensure PVS has the bandwidth to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives of the Moananuiākea Voyage for this first leg of the journey.

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


The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

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

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

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

Polynesian Voyaging Society
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)


 January 14, 2023
(Signature) (Date)

Nainoa Thompson President
(Typed Name) (Title)

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant: Polynesian Voyaging Society

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	\$0	\$0		\$712,500
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	\$0	\$0		\$0
3. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0		\$0
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	\$0	\$0		\$712,500
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Insurance	\$123,000	\$0		\$0
2. Sailing Expenses	\$86,000	\$0		\$0
3. Repair/Maint/Supplies for Sail	\$232,000	\$0		\$0
4. Satellite Communications	\$59,000	\$0		\$0
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	\$500,000	\$0		\$0
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$0	\$0		\$0
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	\$0	\$0		\$0
E. CAPITAL	\$0	\$0		\$0
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$712,500
SOURCES OF FUNDING	Budget Prepared By:			
(a) Total State Funds Requested	\$500,000	Polynesian Voyaging Society		808-842-1101
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	\$0	Name (Please type or print)		Phone
(c) Total County Funds Requested	\$0			January 14, 2023
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	\$712,500	Signature of Authorized Official		Date
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,212,500	Nainoa Thompson, President		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

Note: To date, \$287,500 has been committed toward the estimated \$1.5M budget.

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant: Polynesian Voyaging Society

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
Not Applicable				\$ -
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TOTAL:				
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant: Polynesian Voyaging Society

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			\$ -	
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			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant: Polynesian Voyaging Society

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED - Not Applicable						
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: 2021-2022	FY: 2022-2023	FY:2023-2024	FY:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:						
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Polynesian Voyaging Society

Contracts Total: -

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

Organization chart 2022

