

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

Type of Grant Request:

Operating Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Dba: Ko'olau Watershed Foundation

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 941,050

Brief Description of Request (Please attach word document to back of page if extra space is needed):
All direct costs will go toward arborist services for hazard albizia tree removal along Manoa stream starting from Waakaua Place and ending at Manoa District Park. Based on preliminary surveys, there are 57 hazard albizia trees that would require removal by a certified arborist. Based on previous removal experience, hazard trees are on average of \$10,000 to \$20,000 per tree, depending on various factors that include but are not limited to: threatening any infrastructure such as roadways, powerlines, etc. Approximately \$15,000 per hazard tree x 57 trees = \$855,000. Overhead at a 10% deminimis rate is allocated for general and continued support for the Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership maintenance as well as KWF and KMWP facilities expenses (e.g. electric, internet, software, etc.).

Amount of Other Funds Available:	Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5 Fiscal Years:
State: \$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>116,224.32</u>
Federal: \$ <u>0.00</u>	Unrestricted Assets:
County: \$ <u>74,000</u>	\$ <u>39,591.95</u>
Private/Other: \$ <u>0.00</u>	

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

Type of Business Entity:	Mailing Address: 2674 Waimano Home Rd.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporation	City: Pearl City State: HI Zip: 96782
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Non Profit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application	
Name: John-Carl Watson	Title: Administrator
Email: watson@koolauwatershed.org	Phone: (808) 456-8456

Federal Tax ID#: [REDACTED]	State Tax ID#: [REDACTED]
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John-Carl Watson, Administrator

1/19/2024

Authorized Signature

Name and Title

Date Signed



STATE OF HAWAII
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF VENDOR COMPLIANCE

This document presents the compliance status of the vendor identified below on the issue date with respect to certificates required from the Hawaii Department of Taxation (DOTAX), the Internal Revenue Service, the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

Vendor Name: `OHU`OHU KO`OLAU, INC.

DBA/Trade Name: KO'OLAU WATERSHED FOUNDATION

Issue Date: 01/17/2024

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: [REDACTED]

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX9461

UI#: No record

DCCA FILE#: 211913

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

Form	Department(s)	Status
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Compliant
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Compliant
COGS	Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Exempt
LIR27	Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations	Compliant

Status Legend:

Status	Description
Exempt	The entity is exempt from this requirement
Compliant	The entity is compliant with this requirement or the entity is in agreement with agency and actively working towards compliance
Pending	A status determination has not yet been made
Submitted	The entity has applied for the certificate but it is awaiting approval
Not Compliant	The entity is not in compliance with the requirement and should contact the issuing agency for more information

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) Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (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

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JOHN-CARL WATSON, ADMINISTRATOR

1/19/2024

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

DATE

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


The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

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

Ko'olau Watershed Foundation
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

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Date: 2024.01.19 12:35:26 -10'00' 1/19/2024
(Signature) (Date)

John-Carl Watson Administrator
(Typed Name) (Title)

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. Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate from the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2023.

See page following the cover page.

2. Declaration Statement

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

See page after HCE Certificate.

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](#).

Ko‘olau Watershed Foundation will utilize this grant for a public purpose.

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;

‘Oahu ‘Oahu Ko‘olau Inc., DBA: Ko‘olau Watershed Foundation (KWF) functions as the non-profit arm of the Ko‘olau Mountains Watershed Partnership (KMWP) and serves the communities of Oahu by protecting our most valuable resource—fresh water. This is done through conservation actions conducted by KMWP staff across the most important watersheds on the island. The Ko‘olau Mountains provide an estimated 364 million gallons of fresh water per day. A University of Hawai‘i study calculated that services provided by the forests that cover this range (water recharge, water quality, climate control, biodiversity, and cultural, aesthetic, recreational, and commercial values) have a net present value of \$7.4

- \$14 billion. Half of that amount is attributed to the forest's contribution to ground and surface water quality and quantity.

KWF supports capacity building by raising KMWP's profile and supporting fieldwork within the functioning conservation area of the partnership, allowing KMWP to leverage staff time for greater impact. KWF was founded and granted 501(c)(3) status on 4/29/2005.

Since 2020, KMWP staff have provided albizia-related education and outreach to communities across the Ko'olau, training citizens and empowering them to establish Rapid Albizia Death (RAD) hui—community-based albizia control teams. These groups work to address existing and encroaching albizia populations in their neighborhoods. RAD members are provided with training on tree & hazard identification, as well as removal techniques. Project staff then collaborate with this hui to coordinate removal efforts and track impacts. KWF and KMWP also produce educational mailers, PSAs, and host an albizia resources page on their website. In addition to addressing this dangerous invasive tree in an urban setting, RAD efforts also generate support for watershed conservation actions and serve as an effective way to inform the public about invasive species removal in general.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

BACKGROUND ON ALBIZIA AND HAZARDS

Albizia (Falcataria falcata) was introduced to Hawai'i as part of early forestry efforts in 1917. It is one of the fastest-growing trees in the world, with a growth rate of up to 15 ft/year eventually reaching over 100 feet tall. Since it is a pioneer species—an organism that is the first to colonize newly created environments or disturbed habitats (including urban landscapes). Due to its rapid growth rate the wood is brittle, making it prone to suddenly shedding limbs and complete structural failure. This translates to the tree dropping limbs and/or the trunk breaking without cause or warning. Both scenarios present immediate danger to the life and health of people that live in their shadow. Additionally, it poses an equal threat to critical infrastructure. As such, albizia poses a major threat to the State as a whole.

This tree costs utility companies millions of dollars annually in repairs and maintenance, as branches frequently damage electrical lines and block roadways. During tropical storms and high wind events, albizia can easily exacerbate damage to local communities. This was made evident during Hurricane Iselle in 2014 when hundreds of large albizia trees completely cut off access and utilities to the rural community of Puna (**Figure 1**). First responders could not use the roads for weeks and residents were without power for months.



Figure 1: Downed power lines and blocked roads are common examples of damage that albizia can inflict on infrastructure. Photo Credit: Hawaii Tribune Herald.

From a scientific perspective this species is considered a habitat modifying organism—a species that creates new habitat, alters resource availability, and modifies physical environmental conditions. Albizia achieves this through altering the understory light profile and nitrogen levels within the soil. The longer the trees remain unchecked, the greater the risk of native vegetation being negatively affected by both dense shade and the recruitment of other low-light, nitrogen-loving invasive species like mule’s foot fern and miconia.

On O’ahu, albizia is not being addressed to the degree necessary to prevent the spread of this species through urban and agricultural landscapes (**Figure 2**). Trees are rapidly establishing along major thoroughfares, urban stream corridors, and on residential/agricultural properties. Approximately 20,000 acres are considered infested with albizia on O’ahu. Community members often cannot identify young albizia before it’s too late - due to the rapid growth of these trees, they quickly become a prohibitively financial burden for individual property owners to remove, allowing many to reach sizes that are hazardous to their surroundings.

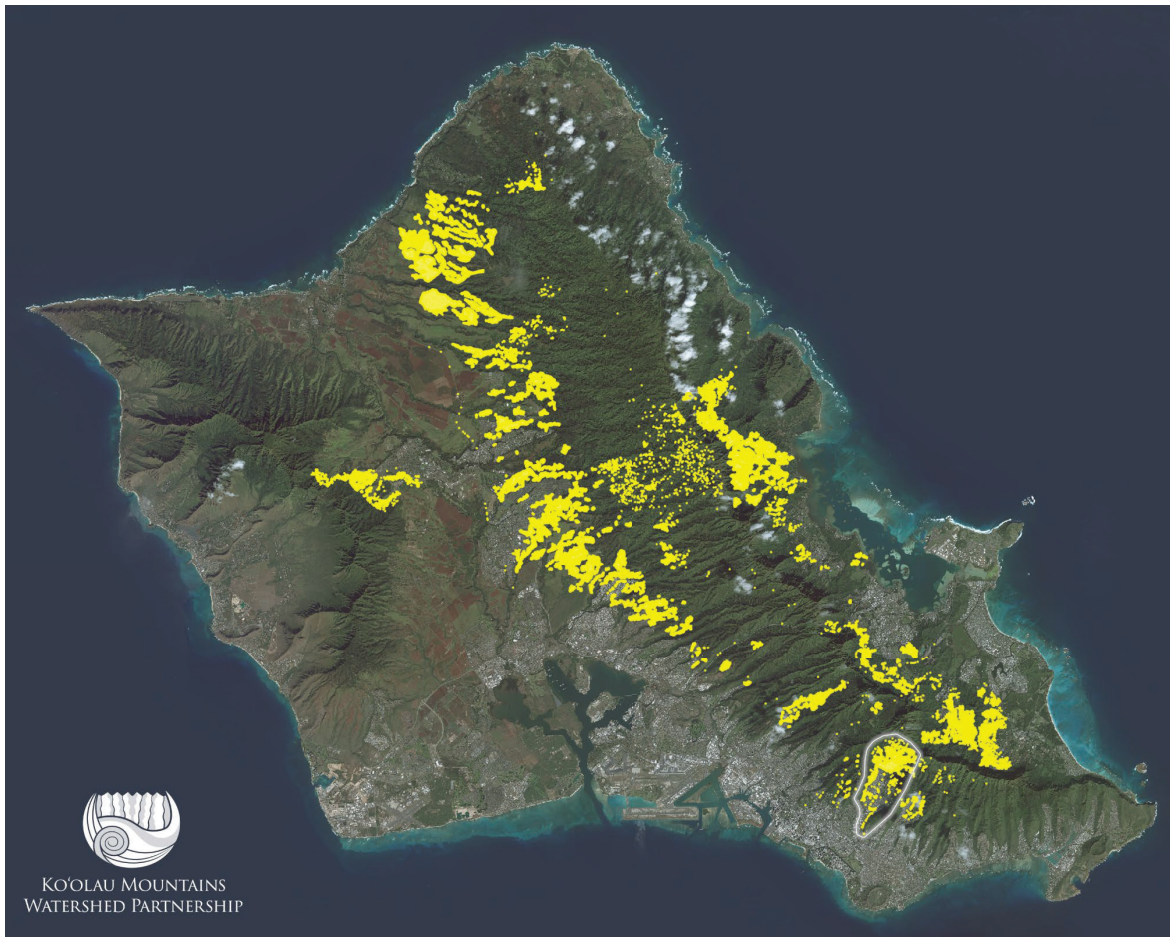


Figure 2: Areas of albizia-dominate canopy (in yellow) on O’ahu that indicate a heavy infestation. Note the highlighted invasion in the back of Mānoa Valley.

With the finalization of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council’s (HISC) strategic plan for albizia management in 2018, initiatives through the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS), and recent outreach by the KMWP and KWF, there is an increased focus on albizia related projects. RAD efforts in Mānoa, being the pilot community for KMWP’s albizia outreach program, are the longest running. KMWP has collaborated with the local non-profit Mālama Mānoa (MM) to coordinate presentations, workshops, and RAD Hui workdays to address albizia along Mānoa Stream. Currently, the Mānoa RAD Hui conducts an annual sweep where participants identify and remove albizia seedlings along Mānoa stream (**Figure 3**). All adjacent homeowners are notified of the workday and sign an access permission form in support of these activities. To-date over 2,400 albizia trees have been removed from the stream, preventing future hazards..



Figure 3: Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Month Community Hero Awardee and Mānoa RAD hui member, Scott Snyder, removing albizia seedlings at the most recent Mānoa Stream sweep with KMWP on 11/11/23.

REMOVAL OF HAZARD ALBIZIA FROM MANOA STREAM

The long-term vision for Mānoa Stream is to locally eradicate albizia, thereby increasing public safety and community resilience. A goal to help achieve this vision is the removal of hazardous albizia from the Mānoa Stream corridor. Hazard trees are taller than 15 feet and grow within 1.5 times their height from

public infrastructure/private structures (e.g. roads, power lines, homes, etc.). Using this standard, 57 hazard trees have been identified in the stream. These trees, which are found along a 1.1-mile section of a residential portion of the stream, have been mapped by KMWP, with assistance from the Mānoa RAD Hui. In this application we are seeking funding to contract certified and insured arborists to remove all identified hazard trees from this corridor with permission from property owners, to be obtained by KMWP staff. Finally, annual Mānoa RAD Hui surveys will eradicate any seedlings to ensure no seedlings grow to replace these hazard trees.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

The project focuses on addressing negative impacts to communities caused by albizia and will tackle compounding issues using an approach with simple, long-term sustainability. This project directly contributes to advancing the 10-year forest action plan, the Hawaii Strategic Plan for Albizia Management, and is in alignment with the goals of the State of Hawai'i—Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program. This proposal addresses the need to increase community resilience by removing hazard trees that pose risks to schools, homes, and critical infrastructure (**Figure 4**).



Figure 4: Debris, composed mostly of albizia, left over from the 2004 flood event in Mānoa.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

The target population to be served is the Mānoa Valley community—to include the businesses, schools, and other public institutions that are located in the valley. There are over 48,000 residents living in Mānoa that will benefit from flood risk mitigation as well as over 20,000 faculty, staff, and students that rely on the infrastructure of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

The 57 mapped hazard trees along 1.1 miles of the stream (**Figure 5**), starting from Waakaua Place and ending at Mānoa District Park, negatively impact approximately 41 property owners, four City and County of Honolulu land parcel TMKs, and one State of Hawai'i parcel TMK.

Manoa Stream Hazard Albizia

Projection: NAD83 UTM Zone 4N
Basemap: USGS OAHU DRG
Vector Data: KMWP
Scale: 1:8,000
Map Production Date: 01/17/2024

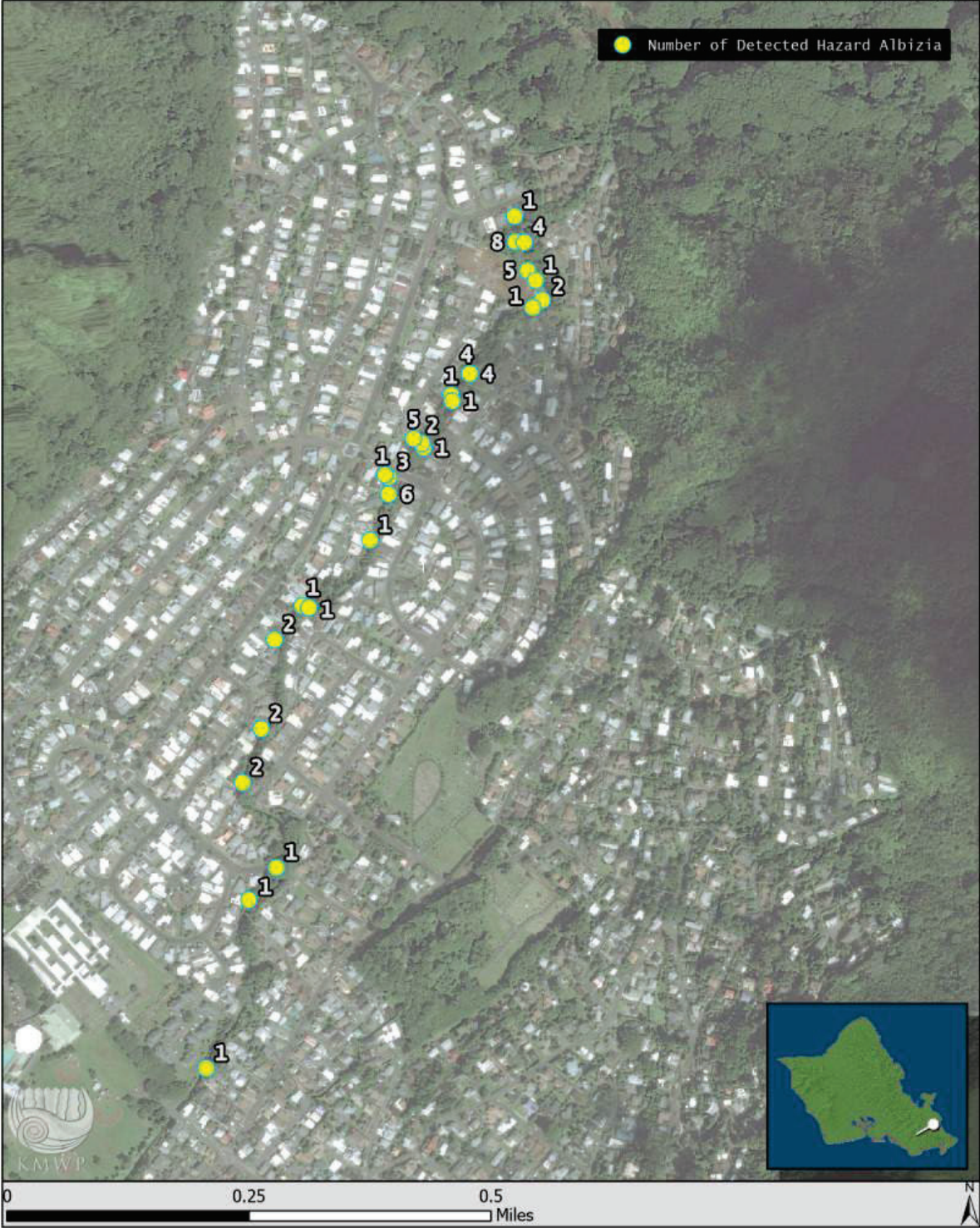


Figure 5: The geographic extent of the proposed project. The numeral next to each point represents the total number of hazard trees in that location.

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;

The scope of work is to remove the 57 albizia hazard trees along Mānoa Stream (**Figure 5**). All landowners with hazard trees on their property will be notified to receive permission to access and remove these tree(s) by a contracted, certified, and insured arborist. KWF will work with KMWP project staff and community stakeholders in Mānoa to facilitate the removal of these trees.

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

Q1: Announce to landowners with hazard trees along Mānoa Stream that the project is starting. Consult with certified arborists to assess how many trees can be removed. Prioritize hazard trees to remove, addressing the highest hazard trees first. Obtain signed permission with land owners. Arborists begin removing albizia hazard trees.

Q2: Arborists continue removing albizia hazard trees.

Q3: Arborists continue removing albizia hazard trees.

Q4: Wrap up removal of hazard trees. Monitor for regrowth from hazard albizia trees. Collect and report on results.

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

Results will be evaluated by the number of trees removed versus the number of identified trees (57). Long-term monitoring will be conducted via RAD Hui stream sweeps as described above, looking for any signs of regrowth of hazard trees controlled by arborists and controlling them.

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 measures of effectiveness will be the number of hazard albizia trees removed in Mānoa Stream.

IV. Financial

Budget

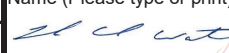
- 1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.**
 - a. Budget request by source of funds*
 - b. Personnel salaries and wages*
 - c. Equipment and motor vehicles*
 - d. Capital project details*
 - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid*

The five budget forms listed above are on the following pages.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Ko'olau Watershed Foundation

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				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies (print/postage, misc. outreach)	500			
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
9. Professional Services/Contractor	855,000			
10. Indirect Costs (10% overhead)	85,550			
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	941,050			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0	0	0	0
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0	0	0	0
E. CAPITAL	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	941,050			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	941,050	John-Carl Watson (808) 456-8456		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0	 Date: 2024.01.19 12:33:29 -10'00'		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	0	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	941,050	John-Carl Watson, Administrator Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Ko'olau Watershed Foundation

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:				\$ 0.00

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: No personnel salaries and wages will be needed for this grant request.

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Ko'olau Watershed Foundation

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
NOT APPLICABLE			\$ -	
			\$ -	
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TOTAL:				0

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: No equipment will be needed for this grant request.

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
NOT APPLICABLE			\$ -	
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TOTAL:				0

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: No motor vehicles will be needed for this grant request.

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Ko'olau Watershed Foundation

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: 2022-2023	FY: 2023-2024	FY: 2024-2025	FY: 2024-2025	FY: 2025-2026	FY: 2026-2027
PLANS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LAND ACQUISITION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DESIGN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CONSTRUCTION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: No capital project funding will be needed for this grant request.						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Ko'olau Watershed Foundation

Contracts Total: 178,571

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Watershed Restoration & Comm. Engagement	11/1/23 - 10/31/24	City & County	Honolulu	100,000
2	Remnant Forest Restoration in Waikane Valley	1/1/23 - 12/31/24	US Fish & Wildlife Svc.	U.S.	78,571
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2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2025.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$235,262	\$352,893	\$235,262	\$117,633	\$941,050

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2025.

Not Applicable.

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 2025 for program funding.

Year	Category	Funder	Amount
2021	Federal	Natural Resources Conservation Service	\$5,980.42
2021	State	DLNR-DOFAW	\$22,035.64
2021	County	C&C Grant-In-Aid	\$73,003.13
2022	Federal	Natural Resources Conservation Service	\$60,710.15
2022	Federal	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	\$25,000.00
2022	State	DLNR-DOFAW	\$7,674.05
2022	County	C&C Grant-In-Aid	\$27,045.97
2023	Federal	Natural Resources Conservation Service	\$128,905.36
2023	Federal	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	\$44,000.00
2023	State	DLNR-DOFAW	\$33,002.00
24-25	Federal	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	\$59,571.90
24-25	State	DLNR-DOFAW	\$268,530.00
24-25	County	C&C Grant-In-Aid	\$100,000.00

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2023.

Ko'olau Watershed Foundation unrestricted current assets balance as of December 31, 2023: **\$39,591.95.**

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.

The KWF Administrator and former KMWP Manager, JC Watson, has over 15 years of progressive natural resources and project management experience in Hawai'i. He is currently one of the leading authorities on integrated albizia control in the State and continues to serve, collaborate, and interact with land-owning and associate partners, other active management agencies and organizations, members of the local media, civic leaders, and community groups. At KMWP, JC directed major planning, budgetary, and staffing decisions. JC also worked with funding agencies to identify and obtain financial support for projects. The KMWP Operations Coordinator—Dylan Davis interfaces directly with the KMWP field team and outreach program to ensure that all project deliverables and reports are completed on time and to the highest standard. Dylan brings over 7 years of progressive land management experience and a track record of successful project completion. Since 2022, KWF and KMWP have collaborated with MM and the Mānoa RAD Hui to monitor albizia presence in the valley, specifically along the stream corridor. KWF and the KMWP collaborate to ensure that all deliverables and reporting requirements are met. KMWP's Rapid Albizia Death (RAD) program curates a list of certified arborists that have experience with albizia removal, including large hazard trees. These certified arborists are specialized professionals that have the skills and resources to safely remove all sizes of trees in even the most precarious settings. This list of arborists and more information on albizia in Hawai'i can be found on [KWF/KMWP's website](#).

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.

KWF operates as the non-profit arm for the KMWP and works out of their shared office and base yard complex located in Pearl City, O'ahu. KMWP administrative and field staff operate out of this shared complex, which houses the resources needed to conduct and complete project deliverables.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

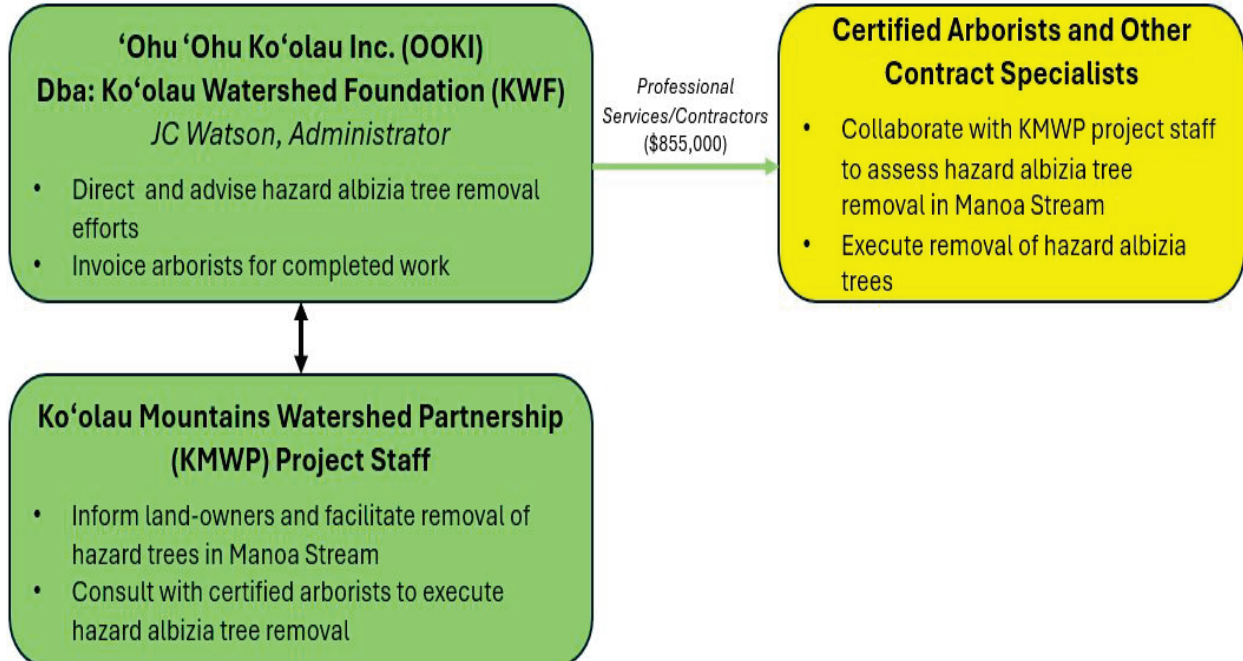
1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

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.

KWF collaborates with KMWP project staff to ensure contract deliverables and reporting are completed. As the KWF Administrator, JC Watson oversees and directs the RAD program along with KMWP Outreach Associate and RAD program facilitator, Alanna Miyashiro.

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.

Not applicable. There are no employees of KWF and no salaries/wages are paid out to officers, directors, or administrators of the organization.

VII. Other

1. Litigation

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

Not applicable. No pending litigation.

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. No special qualifications to include.

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

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2024-25 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

(a) *Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2024-25, but*

KWF and KMWP, along with the Mānoa RAD hui, will continue to conduct annual Mānoa Stream sweeps and surveys to document and remove albizia seedlings.

(b) *Not received by the applicant thereafter.*

Regardless of funding, Mānoa Stream sweeps and surveys will continue on an annual basis through KMWP and the Mānoa RAD hui.