

Application The Spirit Horse Ranch Operating explanation

Created in 2021 The Spirit Horse Ranch is a certified Equine Assisted Learning and Trauma informed Care Facility. We are Certified facilitators who have been gifted a location to implement effective tools for mental health healing and building positive emotional resources for brighter futures with a focus on children 11-17 yrs old who are survivors of trauma (based on the ACES study) Sexual abuse, Sex Trafficking, physical and emotional abuse.

We are in need of funding for: permits for a Major SMA to build an Ag Exempt Barn, Stalls, covered arena, required surveys and consultants, and the architect to move the project forward. (Labor and materials required) a portion of the operating budget.

We opened for services in 2023 with very limited infrastructure and need desperately shaded areas and a classroom for clients and a paved road over the existing road to the facility to provide our clients the full potential for healing in a protected space.

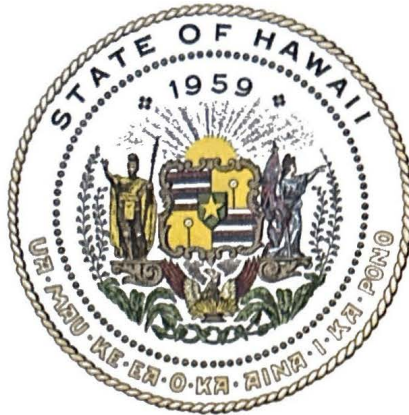
In August of 2023 we opened our program up to all of Maui county residents due to the wildfire disaster and have seen over 550 clients we need to build a better operating space. Due to the Maui Wild Fires we are requesting the state to keep our services open to the residents and outer Maui County Islands Lanai and Molokai

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

	Paige DeBartle, Director	1/12/2024
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME AND TITLE	DATE



Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, the undersigned Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that

THE SPIRIT HORSE RANCH INC.

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 05/05/2021 ; 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 16, 2024

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**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; and
- 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.
- 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, 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.

THE SPIRIT HORSE RANCH
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)


(Signature) 1/12/2024
(Date)

PAIGE DEPONTE
(Typed Name) Executive Director
(Title)

Application for Grants

If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter “not applicable”.

I. Certification

1. Certificate of Good Standing

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.

2. Declaration Statement

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

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.

II. Background and Summary

A. Overview and Background

The Spirit Horse Ranch is a Hawaii-based nonprofit organization operating through a Fiscal Sponsorship with Players Philanthropy Fund, a Maryland charitable trust recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) public charity. Our main mission is to connect adolescent and teen survivors trauma and abuse to their inner warrior, reigniting the light in their eyes through the healing energy of equine-facilitated learning, and eventually a gardening and art therapy program in the foothills of Haleakala. Since August 11, 2023 The Spirit Horse Ranch opened it's program to all Maui county residents and has served a total of 533 individual equine therapy sessions to heal the community: 62.5% Adults 18 – 80 yrs of age and 37.5% children 1-17Yrs of age.

The Spirit Horse Ranch is dedicated to healing, fueled by the right team, facility, and curriculum to ensure a safe environment. Through equine assisted learning, artistic expression and organic gardening in the healing environment of the slopes of Haleakalā, The Spirit Horse Ranch seeks to identify and nurture the warrior spirit of all survivors of trauma and abuse, enabling them to find the strength to achieve a positive, productive, beautiful future.

The Spirit Horse Ranch believes in collaboration, integration, and learning from those who came before us. Through collaboration with the most revered practitioners, we seek to elevate our ability to create lasting change for those who come to the Ranch for healing. Our Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) provides a healing environment utilizing equine activities; interactive horse and ranch activities and hands-on horse care, transforming the youth into wranglers. The natural ability of horses to pick up on human emotional expressions enhances the effectiveness of EAL. Patient, perceptive, and attuned to fear, anger, agitation, and despair, horses are attune to human moods in a nonjudgmental way. As the horse and person bond, a healthy connection via self-awareness grows resulting in emotional healing.

In addition to our EAL programs, we also offer programs in collaboration with HeartMath Institute. Based upon theories integrated into the practices of Stanford Medicine, Kaiser Permanente, Cedars Sinai, NASA and the Department of Veterans Affairs for over 25 years, HeartMath Institute has been researching the heart-brain connection and learning how the heart influences our perceptions, emotions, intuition and health. The program helps kids tap into the power and intelligence of their heart which awakens them to the best version of themselves. Tuning into the heart's wisdom creates a profound shift within that helps children approach situations with more emotional balance, compassion, clarity and personal confidence.

B. Goals and Objectives

Founded in 2021, The Spirit Horse Ranch is a certified Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) and Trauma Informed Care Equine facility. The Spirit Horse Ranch has been generously provided

with a location, and are seeking infrastructure (capitol) and operating support. The facility is designed to teach our children and adults tools for trauma and mental wellness, to rebuild positive emotional resources for a brighter future. Our programs and services are uniquely tailored to those who are survivors of trauma (based on ACES), sexual abuse, sex trafficking, physical and emotional abuse, and child neglect disaster rapid response and stabilization. .

We are seeking funding to apply for required permits, facilitate development and construction of agriculture exempt barn, barn stalls and arena, finish the roadway to our facility, and to support any required or related surveys, consultancy fees, and an architect to move our project forward. Labor and materials required.

In addition to our current programs, The Spirit Horse Ranch is spearheading two additional programs in March of 2024-2025. These programs are centered on artistic expression and organic gardening. The fine arts, such as painting and music, contribute to core determinants of health; playing a critical role in health promotion; helping to prevent the onset of mental illness and age-related physical decline; supporting the treatment or management of mental illness, and non communicable diseases and neurological disorders.

The Spirit Horse Ranch will have a greenhouse for youth to learn to plant and grow food to support mental wellness by enabling participants to practice acceptance, move beyond perfectionism, develop a growth mindset, connect with others, connect to the world outside, become one with nature, be present in the moment, exercise, reduce stress, eat healthfully, develop a sense of teamwork, and gain confidence, through the knowledge that their actions help to sustain life.

C. Public Purpose, Need, and Target Population

The need for a haven like The Spirit Horse Ranch has never been more pressing. With Maui County in the midst of a critical mental health crisis prior to the wildfire at 32% the numbers have sky rocketed. Abuse records show in increase from 125 call a month to 500 calls a month. And nationally, 8% (an estimated 10 million) girls and 0.7% (an estimated 791 thousand) boys under age 18 have been sexually and or physically and mentally assaulted. When experiencing sexual violence as a child makes it more likely the survivor will experience re-victimization in adulthood. 30% of

adult rape victims were first assaulted before they were 18. In 2017, suicide became the second leading cause of death for people ages 10 through 24.

With the mental health of our children already in a tenuous space; then came the global pandemic. COVID-19 and lockdown brought a sense of fear and anxiety to people globally, leading to short term as well as long term psychosocial and mental health implications for children and adolescents. Suicidal idealization is at an all-time high. Our children are suffering and the long-term impact is still unknown.

Additionally, economic adversity (such as job loss, unemployment, or underemployment) has been observed as a precursor to harsh parenting, and a risk factor for psychological maltreatment and physical abuse. Lockdowns, school closures and movement restrictions have left far too many children stuck with their abusers, without the safe space that school would normally offer. Our vulnerable children are even more at risk in these challenging times. The need for a haven like The Spirit Horse Ranch has never been more pressing.

D. Geographic Scope

The Spirit Horse Ranch founded by Paige DePonte and Triple L Ranch will be housed on Triple L Ranch. Leveraging acreage, TLR will ensure solitude required for the Spirit Horse Ranch programming in a healing environment specifically curated to support the beneficiaries. Additionally, the program serves as a sanctuary for the retired Triple L Ranch Horses to love and share their love with our clients.

Established in 1947, the DePonte family operates Triple L Ranch, one of the few remaining Paniolo working cattle ranches on Maui. The ranch is located in verdant, pristine, sacred, and undeveloped country on the southwest side of Haleakalā, with a combined 132 acres of land.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

A. Scope of Work, Tasks, and Responsibilities

The Spirit Horse Ranch is a certified Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) and Trauma Informed Care Equine facility. The Spirit Horse Ranch has been generously provided with a location, as and are seeking infrastructure and operating support. The facility is designed to teach our children and adults tools for trauma and mental wellness, to rebuild positive emotional resources for a brighter future. Our programs and services are uniquely tailored to children, ages 11-17, and adults who are survivors of trauma (based on ACES), sexual abuse, sex trafficking, physical and emotional abuse, and child neglect and disasters such as the Maui wildfires.

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Ms. Paige DePonte, Project Director and Founder of The Spirit Horse Ranch, will be responsible for coordination of onsite outreach. She will oversee every aspect of the project, work closely with partners and personnel to ensure maximum benefit to program participants, youth, and families. We estimate a population in excess of 2,500 within a one mile radius of our location. And 176,000 within a 50 mile radius. Ms. DePonte will work diligently with partners to ensure maximum benefit for program participants, youth, teens, adolescents and adults across all formats.

B. Annual Timeline

Phase I: Program Development: 1st quarter 2023

Milestones and Expected Outcomes

- We have established a fiduciary partnership with Players Philanthropy Fund and have built our leadership team including Advisory Board, legal counsel and marketing team;
- Completed Certifications of Equine Assisted Learning, Heartmath and as Natural Lifemanship Practitioners and Brainspotting Practitioners.
- Provided 534 individuals services in 2023.
- Completed two Round Pen and small arena areas for Programs EAL;
- Needs are to secure funding to build a shelter classroom and shaded areas for the children's equine assisted learning program;
- Secure funding for fencing the additional 30 x 50 pen for EAL activities; and
- Secure funding to hire a professional architect and team to move forward with the County and State process for completing our full build out planned for 2024-25.

Phase II: Pre-Construction: 1st-2nd quarter 2022

Milestones and Expected Outcomes

- Finalize designs with architect; and
- Meet with Maui County Planning with plans for Agriculture Buildings (e.g. barn, stables, and riding arena)

Phase III: Barn Construction: 2nd-4th quarter 2024

Milestones and Expected Outcomes

- Begin barn construction, stable areas, and a riding arena, contingent upon available funding; and
- Build out barn, more round pens, EAL covered arena, horse stables, art and HeartMath classroom, gardening enclosures, road, parking, solar systems, and water catchment.

C. Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Our plan for project monitoring and evaluation will include data collection and analysis by offering both pre and post-program surveys to be completed by children, parents, and project

partners. All sessions are computer generated as well as sessions and program info to provide accurate data collection. Data will be collected, monitored, and disseminated both internally and externally, and will be used to evaluate improvements across a multitude of dimensions, including youth engagement, mental health rates and assessments, and participation, among others. Outcomes and metrics will also be used continually to inform ongoing programmatic improvements.

Measurement of program outcomes will be used continually to monitor and inform ongoing programmatic improvements. The data collected will be analyzed and reviewed by a project committee consisting of a member of each project partner or organization and The Spirit Horse Ranch representatives and administrative personnel. The results of the analysis will be used to measure project performance in achieving stated outcomes and make program and training adjustments to better align with projected goals as recommended. by the committee. To date we have secured a 219% positive result outcome.

Program information will be disseminated both internally and amongst project stakeholders via committee meetings, emails, virtual meetings, telephone, and memos. Information shared publicly will be made available upon request in written format and shared via email, social media, marketing, and other outreach materials. Data will be screened for appropriate delivery methods.

D. Plan for Outcome-Based Reporting

Outreach performance outcomes will be measured by the number of youth and project participants engaged during programming, and the number of targeted age groups or other targeted community demographics enrolled and participating in the program. Training and support performance will be assessed based on the number of participants in participation, reported youth engagement, mental health rates and assessments, participation, and a variety of other metrics.

Outcome-based reporting, assessment, evaluation of project results, and expected outcomes will include data collection and analysis by offering both pre and post-program surveys to be completed by children, parents, and project partners. Data will be collected, monitored, and disseminated both internally and externally, and will be used to evaluate improvements across a

multitude of dimensions, including youth engagement, mental health rates and assessments, and participation, among others. Outcomes and metrics will also be used continually to inform ongoing programmatic improvements.

IV. Financial

Please see attached budget forms for detailed request costs and project expenses, other sources of funding, state and federal tax credits (within the past three years, and pending), all federal, state, and county government contracts (within the past three years, and pending), and balance of unrestricted assets.

A. Anticipated Funding Requests

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V. Experience and Capability

A. Skills and Experience

Ms. Paige DePonte, Founder and Executive Director of The Spirit Horse Ranch, possesses the knowledge and expertise to facilitate our programs. Her certifications include Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) Facilitator for both Triple L Ranch Healing Hearts and The Spirit Horse Ranch. Ms. DePonte is also a HeartMath Trauma Informed Care Practitioner, Natural Lifemanship LevelOne Practitioner, and Certified Art Therapist. Our trainers and EAL assistants also possess the skills and competencies to carry out the proposed program objectives.

B. Facilities

(Please refer to section II. *Background and Summary* of this application package): The Spirit Horse Ranch, founded by Paige DePonte and Triple L Ranch, is currently housed on Triple L Ranch. Established in 1947, the DePonte family owns and operates Triple L Ranch, one of the few remaining Paniolo working cattle ranches on Maui, Ms. DePonte has operated the ranch since 2012 as the sole 100% woman owned and operated ranch in Maui, Hawaii.

The Spirit Horse Ranch is seeking capital funding to support further facilities development initiatives. The ranch is currently located in verdant, pristine, sacred, and undeveloped country on the southwest side of Haleakalā, with a combined 132 acres of land.

Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

A. Personnel, Competence, Supervision, and Training

Staffing patterns at The Spirit Horse Ranch include twelve paid personnel. This includes two facilitators, four equine professional assistants, one barn manager, one farmhand, an assistant to the director, our gardening program director, managing director, and Ms. Paige DePonte, our Founder and Executive Director.

The proposed service capacity is approximately 400 youth and adolescents. This includes an estimated 100 children who are currently on a waiting list (two agencies) for our innovative programs, along with other interested parties. We will offer 5 program days over the course of a 4-week program, with an estimated 40 children per week, every four weeks (eleven sessions per year). This equates to an estimated 400 individuals served per year. Our impact reaches not just the youth and adolescents served, but extends to their families and other support systems.

(Please refer to section k *Experience and Capability* of this application package): Ms. Paige DePonte, Founder and Executive Director of The Spirit Horse Ranch, possesses the knowledge and expertise to facilitate our programs. Her certifications include Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) Facilitator for The Spirit Horse Ranch. Ms. DePonte is also a Certified HeartMath Trauma Informed Care Practitioner, Natural Lifemanship Level One

Practitioner, Art Therapist. And Brainspotting Practioner/ Our trainers and EAL assistants also possess the skills and competencies to carry out the proposed program objectives.

B. Organizational Chart

Managing Director	Assistant to the Director	Garden Manager
Barn Manager	Equine Professional Assistants	Farm hand
Facilitators		
Volunteers		

C. Compensation

Salaries for the three highest paid personnel: these include our Executive Director:\$108,000.00; Managing Director: \$90,000.00; and Program Equine Facilitator(s): \$65,000.00.

VII. Other

A. Litigation

The applicant affirms that there is not any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgment.

B. Licensure or Accreditation

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(EAL) Facilitator for both Triple L Ranch Healing Hearts and The Spirit Horse Ranch. Ms. DePonte is also a HeartMath Trauma Informed Care Practitioner, Natural Lifemanship Level One Practitioner, and Certified Art Therapist. Our trainers and EAL assistants also possess the skills and competencies to carry out the proposed program objectives.

C. Private Educational Institutions

The applicant certifies that the grant will not be used to support or benefit a sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution.

D. Future Sustainability Plan

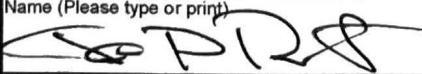
There are four primary sources of income that The Spirit Horse Ranch will utilize to sustain this meaningful work across time. These include (1) securing future contracts; (2) building awareness, building a comprehensive and consistent donor base, and implementing year-end fundraising campaigns; (3) developing future fundraising events (e.g. farm to table dinners and luncheon events, golf outings, and others); and (4) working with a consultant to help develop and implement an effective grants strategy.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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The Spirit Horse Ranch

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	586,016			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	58,602			
3. Fringe Benefits	87,902			
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	732,520			
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island	14,496			
2. Insurance	17,386			
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training	15,000			
6. Supplies	86,000			
7. Telecommunication	4,200			
8. Utilities	500			
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	137,582			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL				
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	870,102			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	770,102	Paige Deponte 808-280-7070		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested				
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	100,000	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	870,102	Paige Deponte Director		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: _____

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
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TOTAL:				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
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			\$ -	
TOTAL:				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: _____

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						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:						
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: The Spirit Horse Ranch

Contracts Total: -

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kaula/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
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January 13, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am the President of Maui United Way and I am writing to express my full support for The Spirit Horse Ranch an experiential learning centre for children of trauma here on Maui.

The repercussions of the pandemic are upon us; we have seen an increase in mental health issues in adults and we now are realizing the devastating effects on our Keild; our fixture generations across all islands.

As we strive to find ways to help our children cope, heal and move forward the need for more hands on therapeutic solutions are greatly needed. The Spirit Horse Ranch provides a proven program that works, using Equine Assisted Learning, Heartmath Trauma Informed Care, Wilderness and Art therapy, these programs have had great successes in the mainland.

The children will be in an environment that is pristine and healing in and of itself, working through their pain and learning to find positive solutions and inspire them to heal and grow personally.

Horses have been revered as incredible healers and teachers and the staff at The Spirit Horse Ranch have taken the steps to become certified in all the required areas as well as being equine professionals including a passion for helping these children become healthy emotionally and learning life skills at the same time.

I urge you to move forward with the decision to approve this amazing program and it's much needed funding so that the children of Maui and Hawaii can rebuild their lives for all our futures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Winfrey', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nicholas Winfrey, President and Chief Professional Officer

Our Mission is to empower our Maui community through caring partnerships that enrich people's lives.