

**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: _____

Hawai'i Nature Center

N/A

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 770,000.00

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

Hawai'i Nature Center seeks Capital Improvement Funds for facility improvement at our Makiki Field Site, including Individual Wastewater System feasibility study, engineering, new interior and exterior paint, improved educational classroom, staff office space and other capital improvements.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ _____

Federal: \$ _____

County: \$ _____

Private/Other: \$ 35,000

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

\$ 500,000

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 2,713,606

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:

2131 Makiki Heights Dr.

City:

Honolulu

State:

HI

Zip:

96822

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

Name:

Todd Cullison

Title:

Executive Director

Email:

todd@hawaiinaturecenter.org

Phone:

808-792-2607



Authorized Signature

Todd Cullison, Executive Director

Name and Title

1/16/2025

Date Signed

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



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Todd Cullison, Executive Director
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/16/2025
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.

Hawai'i Nature Center

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



(Signature)

1/16/2025

(Date)

Todd Cullison

(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 – 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, 2024.

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

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;

Established in 1981, Hawai'i Nature Center (HNC) has been a constant leader in environmental education in Hawai'i for forty-four (44) years. HNC delivers educational programs to 10,000 public schoolchildren and adults each year, offers 15 weeks of school intersession Nature Adventure Camps (NAC), a Homeschool Science Series and other programs promoting environmental stewardship through hands-on investigative field experiences. Located on the islands of O'ahu and Maui, HNC programs are primarily conducted in the outdoors, exposing children, ages 6-11, to, and educating them on, a range of topics including: forest, wetland, coastal ecosystems, sustainability topics, climate change and individual actions to help protect and preserve our island's natural resources.

The current Makiki Field Site (O'ahu) was constructed in 2006, 19 years ago. Since that time, programs and staff have expanded taxing the space as well as constant environmental conditions have caused deterioration of the facility. The facility needs new classroom carpet, ceiling fan, miscellaneous maintenance, for example, window screen, interior/exterior paint, upgraded bathroom and expanded office space. What's more, because of environmental regulations and a lack of municipal wastewater system, HNC uses an on-site wastewater system, called the Green Machine, to process our wastewater. This system was not new, and repurposed in 2002, despite our best efforts, is showing signs of deterioration resulting in the need for un updated Individual Wastewater System (IWS).

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The goal for this capital improvement project is to: *upgrade assets of Hawai'i Nature Center's facilities and infrastructure in alignment with its mission to inspire environmental stewardship, provide exceptional educational experiences, and promote accessibility and sustainability. This project aims to continue with our welcoming, modern, and energy-efficient spaces that support interactive programming and foster a deeper connection between visitors and the natural world.*

To achieve this goal, this project has a number of objectives:

Objective #1: HNC processes its own wastewater via the Green Machine using a nature process called phytoremediation. This system is getting outdated, and a new Individual Wastewater System (IWS) is in the future. However, because there are no municipal wastewater options in our area and we are in the Board of Water Supply's, No-pass Zone (area to protect groundwater resources), our options are limited. For this objective, HNC will work with contactors to engage with the various State agencies to determine a feasible solution to process our wastewater using emerging green technology while protecting groundwater. This will result in Planning, Design and Engineering documents for future construction.

Objective #2: Enhance Educational Building, Classroom and Kitchen. A number of items need upgrading and/or replacing in our educational building, classroom and kitchen, objectives include:

Objective #2-1: Expanded Office Space: When originally constructed in 2006, additional office space was planned but never built because of a lack of funds. Over the last 19 years, HNC has expanded programs resulting in additional staff, outgrowing our current facilities, with professional staff utilizing temporary desks and outside picnic tables. Additional office space is needed for staff for to perform donor engagement, grant writing and curriculum development.

Objective #2-2: Interior and Exterior Paint: HNC's main educational and administrative offices are displaying signs of mildew on exterior and general wear and tear on the interior (see Appendix B: Photos). To help combat against the wet environmental conditions of Maikiki Valley, new paint is needed. This includes professional cleaning via power washing to eradicate mildew before new paint is applied.

Objective #2-3: Redesigned Bathrooms: The current configuration of our bathrooms is a limiting factor to move upward of 60 school keiki efficiently through a 3.5-hour program. The current design only allows for two keiki per bathroom, with each bathroom having a single sink, (see Appendix B: Photos). For example, before the students move to the field portion of the program, a bathroom break is needed, taking upwards of 20 minutes of instructional time. This objective includes the redesign of the bathroom to incorporate added bathroom stalls and integrate larger, trough-like sinks for multiple users at one time.

Objective #2-4: Classroom/Kitchen: After 19 years, a number of degraded items from general wear and tear need upgrading and/or replacing. The largest single items being the classroom carpet. Upwards of four days per week during the school year, there are 35-60 keiki utilizing the classroom for program introduction, this many keiki over the years has degraded the

carpet. HNC has invested every year in professional carpet cleaning, but general wear and tear has taken a toll. The carpet will be replaced with a similar, durable product that would be used in a school or other educational setting (see Appendix B: Photos).

Additional repairs including new window latches, window screen replacement, large classroom ceiling fan (HNC does not have AC), kitchen appliances (refrigerator, stove and hot water heater), energy efficient lighting and termite treatment.

Objective #3: Hale Malu: The Hale Malu, or rain pavilion serves as outdoor gathering space during our school intersession Nature Adventure Camp (see Appendix B: Photos). It was constructed in 2012 and much like the rest of HNC capital improvements, has been responsibly maintained. However, after 13 years of wet environmental conditions in Makiki Valley, repairs are needed. This includes power washing, replacement of dry rotting wood, restraining of the wood and new rain gutters.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

HNC offers educational and community programs that utilize our Makiki Field Site as the main orientation center for over 8,000 school children, youth and families that come from across O'ahu, the state, country and world annually. Utilizing the Makiki Field Site, we provide environmental education programs to public and private K-6th children, offer 15 weeks of Nature Adventure Camp during school intersession, a once-weekly, semester-long Homeschool Science Series, weekend programs and community volunteer activities and engagement.

During all these programs, HNC provides a hands-on, immersive, interactive approach to learning about the unique environment of Hawai'i, including but not limited to forest ecology, coastal habitats, endemic wetland birds, sustainability all in the context of mālama 'aina.

Our successful K-6 environmental education follows the State of Hawai'i Department of Education Next Generation Science Standards, bringing classroom lessons to life in an immersive, outdoor setting.

Since 1981, public and private schools on O'ahu (and Maui) have relied on HNC to provide this experiential learning to over 1-million students. However, to fulfill our mission and provide the public benefit, our facilities need periodic improvement.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

The main target population are keiki ages 6-11 and school students grades K-6th from O'ahu. HNC host an average of 155 school programs per year on O'ahu, for keiki in grades K-6th. Many of these schools are underserved Title I that HNC supports with reduced entry fee and bus subsidies. Additionally, we host over 900 keiki ages 6-11 in our Nature Adventure Camp and Homeschool Science Series. Our program demographics/population further broken down below for current 2024-2025 School Year (O'ahu only):

All O'ahu Programs

Total keiki and adult educated	8,200
Total keiki	7,350
Total Title I students	3,000
Total school field trips	155
Total unique schools	76
Total Title I schools	33
Total Nature Adventure Camp keiki	900
Total Hours in Nature	57,000

Additionally, in 2024, HNC supported Title I schools and individuals with \$76,000 from individual donors and private foundation for reduced enrollment fees, individual scholarship funding and bus subsidies.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

The geographic coverage includes participants in the School Programs, Nature Adventure Camps, Homeschools and Weekend Family Programs from across O'ahu including: urban and East Honolulu, Windward, Westside communities and the Northshore. Additionally, we have vacationing neighbor island keiki as well as mainland and international keiki attending programs.

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;

List of work that will be preformed

List of work that will be accomplished

Objective	Work to be performed	Work to be accomplished	Responsibility
#1 Green Machine	Work with State of Hawai'i Clean Water Branch, Board of Water Supply other agencies for best available IWS technology	1. New technology feasibility study 2. Plan for decommissioning current system 3. Completed engineering and construction documents	Contractor, HNC oversight
#2-1 Staff Offices	Design of new offices	Construction of new office	Contractor, HNC oversight
#2-2 Paint	Prep and power wash	New paint interior and exterior	Paul Aurely Painting, HNC oversight
#2-3 Bathrooms	Design additional stalls and sink stations	Remodeled bathrooms with increased capacity	Contractor, HNC oversight

#2-4 Classroom/kitchen	Selection of new carpet, selection of new overhead fans, determination of miscellaneous upgrades, selection of kitchen appliances	Installation of new classroom carpet, fans, window screen, latches and energy efficient kitchen appliances, spot termite treatment	Contractor, HNC oversight
#3 Hale Malu	Removal of dry rotting wood and deteriorated rain gutters, power wash and waterproof.	New, watertight structure, new rain gutters, updated water sealing/wood preserve	Contractor, HNC oversight

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

Q4 2025	Selection of various contractors
Q2 2026	Interior/Exterior Paint
Q2 2026	Capet Installation
Q2 2026	Fan, miscellaneous classroom and kitchen upgrades
Q2 2026	Hale Malu Upgrades
Q4 2026	Completion of bathroom and office designs
Q1-Q2 2027	Office/bathroom construction
Q1-Q2 2027	Completion of new Individual Wastewater System assessment, engineering and construction documents

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

Evaluation is built into every aspect of our programming at the Hawai'i Nature Center. Regular monthly performance measures and progress reports will provide feedback to the HNC leadership team and Board of Directors to ensure quality standards are met, and a plan is set to monitor and maintain the capital improvements facilitated by this request and ensure fiscal responsibility of the project.

HNC will hire professional, licensed contractors for this work. HNC has previously worked with the painters and will secure them to perform this task. Additionally, the Executive Director has 25 years of experience managing grant funds including large-scale watershed restoration and capital improvements projects.

Lastly, HNC will coordinate with State of Hawai'i Department of Forestry and Wildlife and work closely with their Facility Maintenance manager for any project issues or changes needed during the work.

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 Hawai'i Nature Center will share quality control maintenance and progress reports with the State agency. HNC will provide facility tours and pictures of before and after upgrades and copies of the designs and plans created from this project at regular intervals.

Project	Effectiveness
Objective #1: Green Machine: Planning, Engineering and Design	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consensus of best technology for IWS 2. Green Machine decommissioning plan 3. Creation of planning, design and engineering documents 4. Cost estimates for new IWS system
Objective #2-1: Staff Offices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hire contractor 2. Completion of designs 3. Construction of new office 4. On-time/on-budget
Objective #2-2: Paint	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hire contractor 2. Prep completed, paint completed 3. On-time/on-budget
Objective #2-3: Bathrooms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hire contractor 2. Completion of designs 3. Construction/upgraded bathrooms 4. On-time/on-budget
Objective #2-4: Classroom/kitchen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New carpet 2. New fan 3. New kitchen appliances 4. Miscellaneous upgrades 5. Termite Spot Treatment
Objective #3: Hale Malu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hire contractor 2. Pressure wash 3. Wood preservation 4. Rain gutter installation

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](#))

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2026.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Gran
110,000	125,000	400,000	135,000	770,000

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2026.

Cooke Family Foundation: \$15,000
Fred Baldwin Foundation: \$20,000

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.

N/A

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 2026 for program funding.

➤ State of Hawai'i GIA, 2018, Contract #68192

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2024.

➤ \$2,713,606

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.

HNC is led by Executive Director, Todd Cullison with 25 years in nonprofit leadership which includes grant management for natural resource restoration, capital construction and facility maintenance. Most recently, Mr. Cullison was the lead on a 2018 State of Hawai'i GIA, Contract #68192 .

As an organization, HNC has consistently demonstrated the ability to maintain facilities with little support from Government funds. For example, this is the first funding request for our facilities since the building the educational building (20026) and Hale Malu (2012). This is a result of HNC have a facilities maintenance plan performing the routine maintenance; however, after nearly twenty years, thousands of keiki and environmental conditions, support is requested.

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.

HNC has been utilizing the ±2 acre site since 1979 via a long-term lease with Hawai'i State Parks. In 2002, HNC constructed the Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Makiki Field Site that includes a classroom, storage, office space, kitchen and facilities for schools and community use. Additionally, in 2012, HNC constructed the open air, Hale Malu, or rain pavilion for additional programmatic use. Our current 20-year lease with State Parks extends through 2042.

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.

As noted above, HNC is led by Executive Director, Todd Cullison with 25 years in nonprofit leadership which includes grant management for natural resource restoration, capital construction and facility maintenance. Example projects include a multi-agency watershed restoration projects aimed to improve coastal fisheries habitat, a single \$970,000 State of Hawai'i, Department of Health: Clean Water Branch (~2010) grant for watershed restoration and a number of other grant funded projects for watershed plans, stormwater reduction, water quality monitoring, facility maintenance and capital improvement.

Mr. Cullison will provide overall Project Management and serve as the Point of Contact for contractors, State of Hawai'i and any other partners.

Lastly, the HNC has a multi-talented Board of Directors from various professional industries that provides Mr. Cullison with additional support.

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 Appendix A

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.

Executive Director:	\$121,555.00
Maui Program Manager:	\$82,000.00
Education Program Manager:	\$52,501.00

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2026 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2026, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

The Hawai'i Nature Center has long demonstrated its expertise in providing quality programs and services to children, families and community members on O'ahu and Maui, national and international visitors in a safe, professional manner while maintaining facilities. HNC is confident this capital improvement project will be sustained and expanded within the current institutional structure with continued financial investment from the Hawai'i Nature Center's fundraising efforts and annual investment of maintenance via staff and volunteers.

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hawai'i Nature Center _____

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
N/A				\$ -
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TOTAL:				
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hawai'i Nature Center _____

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:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028
PLANS			175000			
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION			595000	35000		
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:			770,000	35,000		
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: Funds are requested for Planning, Engineering and Design as well as construction and upgrades as outlined in the grant application.						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Hawai'i Nature Center _____

Contracts Total: 500,000

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Capital improvement for HNC Maui, wastewater on O'ahu	November 2019- June 2023	Dep't of Forestry and Wildlife	State	500,000
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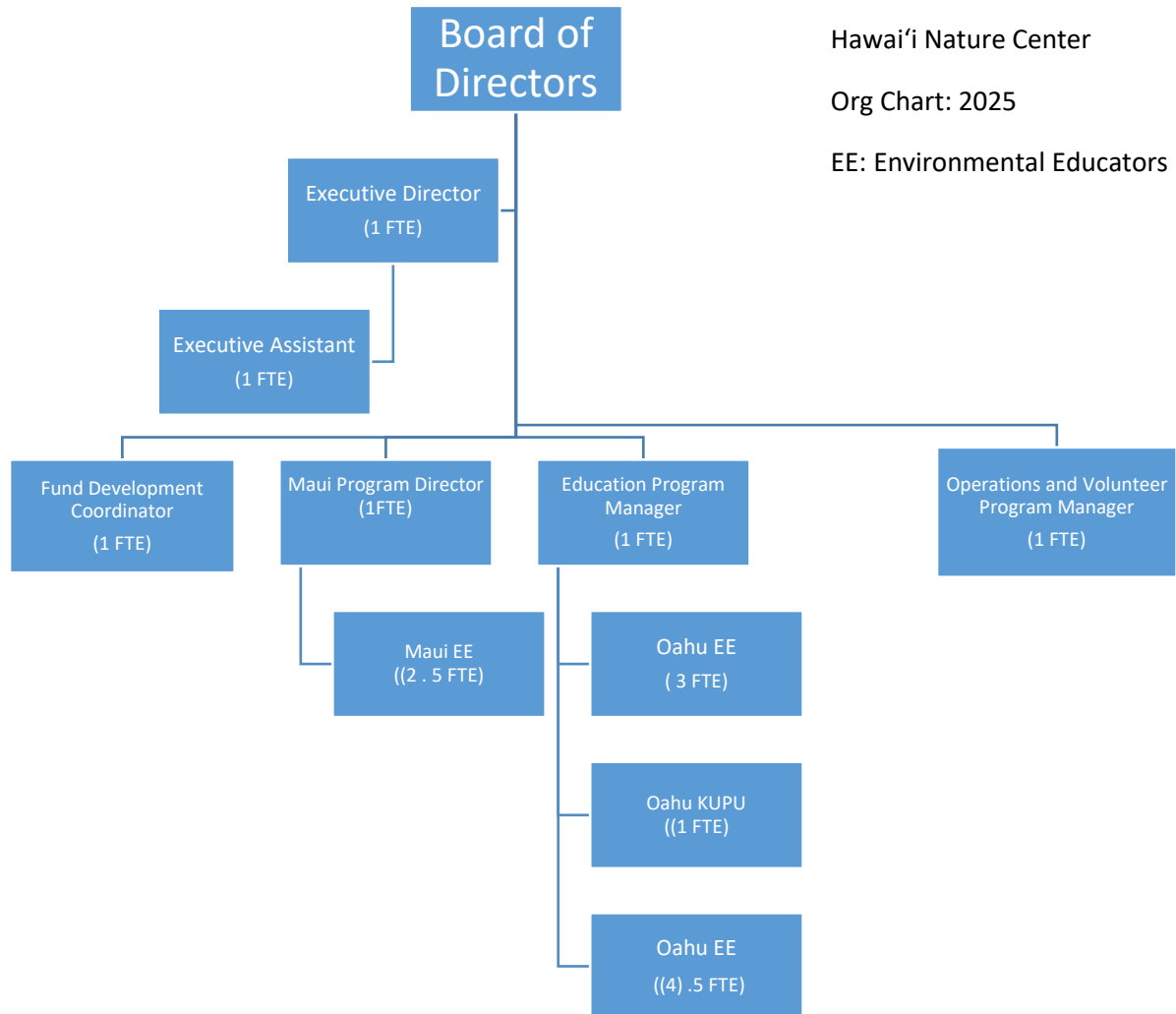
- ✓ Appendix A: Organizational Chart
- ✓ Appendix B: Pictures of Makiki Field Site
- ✓ Appendix C: Letters of Support
- ✓ Appendix D: State of Hawai'i Vendor Compliance



Appendix A: Organizational Chart



Appendix A: Organizational Chart





Appendix B: Photos

HAWAI'I NATURE CENTER

Connecting children and families to nature

Appendix B: Photos



Above: HNC's above ground Individual Wastewater System, Green Machine.

HAWAI'I NATURE CENTER

Connecting children and families to nature



Left: HNC Makiki Field Site

Lower Left & Right: Examples of mildew on education facility



HAWAI'I NATURE CENTER

Connecting children and families to nature



Above: HNC Bathrooms that need upgrading, more stalls and wash basins
Bellow Left: Classroom, carpet to be replaced
Bellow Right: Degraded HNC kitchen appliances.



HAWAI'I NATURE CENTER

Connecting children and families to nature



Upper Left: HNC's Hale Malu

Upper Right: Degraded Rain Gutter, wood in need of protections

Left: Hale Malu roof with vegetation growth



Appendix C: Letters of Support

- ✓ Amy Takahaski, parent
- ✓ Susannah Wesly Community Center: community partner
- ✓ State of Hawai'i: State Parks: landowner, partners
- ✓ State of Hawai'i: Department of Forestry and Wildlife: partner

January 13, 2025

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
House Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Capital
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Moriwaki, Representative Yamashita and Representative Takenouchi,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Hawai'i Nature Center's (HNC) 2025 GIA application.

As a parent of a child with medical challenges and learning differences, I am incredibly grateful for the learning opportunities and learning environment at HNC. My child gets to learn hands on, be social, challenge his abilities, and thrive in a nurturing environment. HNC even allowed accommodations for my son to attend with a medical aide. While the education programs are mostly outdoors and go on rain or shine, there were times when the students had to brave the rainy and windy weather in a pavilion or outdoor lanai. Funds to improve the classroom space, kitchen, infrastructure, and work areas for the administration and teachers will directly benefit the learning environment for ALL the children that HNC serves.

HNC provides a place for keiki from all across O'ahu, with various learning abilities and socioeconomic backgrounds to learn about and engage with nature. The funds HNC has requested will help ensure they have the proper facilities with modern amenities to host schools and the broader community, which includes families like mine that seek programs to enrich our keiki about the environment and culture of Hawai'i.

If you have any questions about my support, please do not hesitate to reach out (808) 533-2272 or amy@legacytaxgroup.com

Mahalo for your support of the Hawai'i Nature Center.

Sincerely,



Amy Takahashi
Parent and Donor



1117 Kaili Street
Honolulu, HI 96819
(808) 847-1535
FAX (808) 847-0787

January 14, 2025

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
House Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Capital
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Moriwaki, Representative Yamashita and Representative Takenouchi,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Hawai'i Nature Center's (HNC) 2025 GIA application.

The Susannah Wesley Community Center has been collaborating with HNC for the past year. In this time, HNC has provided scholarships for several of our keiki to attend Nature Adventure Camps. These scholarships allow our underserved population to attend an impactful program they would otherwise not be able to afford. This opportunity has provided our students with experiences to build up their confidence, self-esteem, and develop lifelong skills. By engaging in new enrichment activities, our students learned how to overcome new challenges while making friends and lifelong memories.

Having HNC as a community partner and resource is very important to our youth. As such, we fully support this request to ensure they have the needed infrastructure to continue to serve the various populations on O'ahu.

If you have any questions about my support, please do not hesitate to reach out as you or your staff's schedules allow.

Mahalo for your consideration to support Hawai'i Nature Center.

Sincerely,

Joni N. Chun
Executive Director

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR | KE KIA ĀINA

SYLVIA LUKE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR | KA HOPE KIA ĀINA



STATE OF HAWAI'I | KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAI'I
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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January 14, 2025

DAWN N.S. CHANG
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
House Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Capital
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Representative Kyle Yamashita and Representative Jenna Takenouchi:

Subject: Statement of Support, Hawaii Nature Center's 2025 GIA Application

State Parks is pleased to provide this letter of support for Hawai'i Nature Center's (HNC) 2025 GIA application. HNC has been a lessee and a partner since 1981 and is currently on a twenty (20)-year lease that expires on August 31, 2042. In this time, HNC has supported O'ahu keiki through their School Programs and Nature Adventure Camps, Weekend Family Programs and volunteer projects, bringing valuable hands-on environmental education and outdoor experiences to over 1-million children and adults.

What's more, HNC has built and maintained infrastructure for this work including the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Educational Building and the Hale Malu (rain pavilion). These assets provide the core infrastructure for HNC's efforts to connect children and families to nature.

State Parks supports HNC's GIA application for needed maintenance including upgraded bathrooms, interior and exterior paint, classroom and office upgrades. For the last forty-four (44) years, HNC has implemented the needed upgrades to maintain these facilities in good operational order. We are confident that these repairs and upgrades will help ensure HNC's impactful work continues into the future.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 587-0286 or via email at alan.b.carpenter@hawaii.gov.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Carpenter'.

ALAN CARPENTER
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Dear Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Moriwaki, Representative Yamashita and Representative Takenouchi,

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Hawai'i Nature Center's (HNC) 2025 GIA application. HNC has been an important partner in Makiki Valley since 1981, providing quality environmental education to our keiki that fosters an appreciation for nature. The proximity of the forest reserve, Na Ala Hele trail system, and stream make Makiki Valley an optimal site for HNC operations by providing quality access to nature so close to urban Honolulu. HNC and DOFAW's missions are well aligned, and DOFAW appreciates the collaborative working relationship we have shared over the years to meet our operational needs and steward this special place. We are happy that HNC intends to continue the use and occupancy of these facilities well into the future.

Currently, DOFAW and HNC share resources to process our combined wastewater via HNC's Green Machine; however, DOFAW is installing a new Individual Wastewater System that will separate us from that system. Looking forward, HNC would like to determine the future of the Green Machine for their long-term operations, whether to update, replace, or decommission the system. From DOFAW's perspective, reducing the footprint of the Green Machine would free up valuable, limited space and enable our historic native-plant nursery operation to expand.

As with the past GIA funds that DOFAW administered, we are committed to ensuring the project moves forward in a timely and fiscally responsible manner and are committed to providing technical and administrative resources to support this important work. Additionally, based on past performance, I am confident HNC will successfully complete the stated goals and objectives outlined.

If you have any questions about our support of this effort, please feel free to contact me at 808-286-6378 or via email at Marigold.S.Zoll@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely

Marigold S. Zoll
Oahu Forestry and Wildlife Manager



Appendix D: State of Hawai'i Vendor Compliance



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: HAWAII NATURE CENTER, INC.

DBA/Trade Name: HAWAII NATURE CENTER, INC.

Issue Date: 01/06/2025

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: 20337722

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX8246

UI#: XXXXXX0917

DCCA FILE#: 47682

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