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## STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRESS REPORT

PLEASE CHECK TYPE OF PROGRESS REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL  ANNUAL

ENTER INFORMATION IN THE FIELDS PROVIDED.

**1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:**

Pohaha I Ka Lani, PO Box 412 Kurtistown, HI 96760

**2. PERSON TO CONTACT:**

Kulia K. Tolentino-Potter

**3. CONTRACT NO.:**

**4. CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT: \$ 92,300.00**

**5. PROJECT NAME (same name used on contract):**

Waipi'o Valley Lookout Stewardship Program

**6: PROJECT PERIOD:**

January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Confirmed by email this is the final annual report for 2021.

**7: PROGRESS REPORT PERIOD:**

January 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022 (12 month Report for January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021 Submitted Prior)

**8: PROJECT LOCATION (list all TMKs from the contract):**

4-8-04:06

**9: CERTIFICATION:**

*The Applicant certifies that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.*

**NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:**

Kulia K. Tolentino-Potter

**TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:**

President

**SIGNED:**

*Kuliatolentino*

**DATE:** 10/01/2022

## **A. PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Pohaha I Ka Lani's has been volunteering to malama Waipi'o Valley Lookout PONC parcel since 2016. We continued to ensure the area to be a safe environment where malama 'aina opportunities, cultural and educational programs was offered to the public. As in previous years, we heavily received local and visiting youth groups who played a large role in caring for this 'aina.

## **B. PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

We were able to host local and visiting youth groups who were able to learn: 1. traditional farming techniques; 2. farming according to the moon phases; 3. how to do lashing to make bamboo fencing; 4. learned chants/hula that focused on the area; 5. learned about la'au lapa'au, plant identification and uses; 6. learned how to do airlayers and how to grow certain plants by cuttings; and 7. the importance of taking one learns about malama 'aina and implement those lessons to where individuals come from. All of these lessons benefited both the participant and the 'aina.

## **C. PROJECT CHALLENGES**

Theft has been a big issue on the island and at the Waipi'o Valley Lookout PONC site, we are constantly dealing with theft. Prior, we were not allowed to have any type of structure to place our tools, tents, tables and chairs in. With this, we would place items in different areas on the property only to come back and find items were stolen. Because the parcel is viewed as a public space, the produce that local school children have planted were also stolen. When we ask people why they are stealing the items from the parcel, one of the responses we received was, it is their tax paying money covering the costs for our group to get paid. People are under the impression that we are getting paid for all the work we are doing to care for the parcel. They have a hard time understanding that according to County of Hawaii's rule, we can't get paid for the labor we are doing. The hours of hard, physical labor is long, in the hot sun, without no water to wash up with and needing to cover a bulk of the expenses. We are working on our 7th year of educating thousands while caring for the land as volunteers.

## **D. FUTURE PLANS RELATING TO THE PROJECT**

We will continue teaming up with schools such as Honoka'a High School, HAAS PCS, UHH, HCC, HPU to offer on-going opportunities for students to come and learn while helping to tend to the 'aina. We will continue to host residents from different parts of the island and visitors to offer opportunities to hear mo'olelo, history, learn, and help with our malama 'aina efforts. We plan to put up small sections with fencing to help better protect plants from pigs.

## **E. PHOTOGRAPHS, MAPS, AND OTHER EXHIBITS** *(Use additional sheets and be sure to label every exhibit with sufficient information. See Instructions.)*

Please see attachment.

## F. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

(Use the table format below for details on your project's progress. See example in Instructions.)

Type of Activity	Completion Date and/or % Complete	Contractors/Collaborators
Fencing	100%	Pila and Kawehi Young, Traven Apiki, Kealoaha Benz-Marrs, Mika Galardo,
Yard & Fence Line Maintenance	100%	Alohi Chamber, Mana Akiyama, Micah Stephenson
Native Garden Maintenance & On-site Education Presence	100%	Kupu, Reece Villaverde, Nana Ueno, Tanney Keys, Yuri Zhuraw, Maniah Ha'o, Mika Galardo
Site work for container	100%	Home Depot (Rentals), Deluz Trucking, Marcos Lopez, Pono Christenson
Air layering ulu trees / Growing plants by cuttings	100%	Allie Atkins, Kuku'ena Halau Hula, Kealoaha Benz-Marrs
Preparing Bananas from transplanting	100%	Kaiena Runnels
Food, Native Plants	100%	Kohala Center
Gardening	100%	Hamakua Harvest
Mele/Oli/Hula Plants	100%	Ryan McCarmack & his Halau Hula Students
Hei (traditional string games) included in malama 'aina	100%	Drew Kapp, UHH, HCC
Food Distribution (local families received donations of produce boxes and bags of food)	100%	Vibrant Hawaii'i, Kohala Center, OHA, Native Voices, HPF
Hula/Mo'olelo	100%	Local and Visiting schools learned hula and mo'olelo associate with land in and above Waipi'o Valley.
Malama 'Aina	100%	Kamehameha Schools, Kealakehe School Teachers, Pa'uilio School Teachers, UHH, HCC, Kupu, Halau Hula members, GIVE Volunteers, Putney Student Travel, HAAS, HPA
La'au Lapa'au	100%	Each group coming to the site learned how to identify plants and how certain plants are utilized in healing.











## J. IN-KIND SERVICES AND OTHER RESOURCES

(See Instructions.)

Date	Activity	Person/Organization	# of Participants	Calculation of In-Kind Value	Other Resources
01/11/2021	Weeding	Kawehi Lopez, Pila Young & Friends	6	\$450	
01/11/2021	Stewardship	Pohaha I Ka Lani (18 Months)	7	\$32,400	
01/30/2021	Weeding	Nick Abarcar, Haley Jarczyński, Kulana & Friends	8	\$800	
02/06/2021	Tending to the gardens	Nick Abarcar, Haley Jarczyński, Kiren & Friends	8	\$800	
02/13/2021	Tending to the gardens	Nick Abarcar, Haley Jarczyński, Kiren & Friends	8	\$800	
02/20/2021	Harvesting sugarcane, weeding	Mary Moody, Krystal Miesel & Friends	6	\$600	
02/21/2021	Cutting invasive trees	Greg & Betsy Wittman + 'Ohana	7	\$700	
03/05/2021	Removing Guinea Grass Clumps	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	36	\$1620	
03/17/2021	Air layering ulu trees	Drew Kapp & Halau Hula Members	12	\$900	
03/19/2021	Canoe Plant Workshop	Kaiana Runnels, Kohala Center	12	\$900	
03/28/2021	<b>Garden work</b>	Hub Captains from different parts of the island	15	\$1125	
04/02/2021	Tending to Gardens	Halau Hula Members from Hilo	12	\$900	
		<b>TOTAL OF IN-KIND VALUES &amp; OTHER RESOURCES</b>		\$ 41,995.00	

**J. IN-KIND SERVICES AND OTHER RESOURCES (continued)**

(See Instructions.)

Date	Activity	Person/Organization	# of Participants	Calculation of In-Kind Value	Other Resources
04/23/2021	Weeding	Friends and Family Members	15	\$1125	
4/27/2021	Weeding	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	32	\$2400	
4/28/2021	Tending to the gardens	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	16	\$800	
05/04/2021	Tending to the gardens	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	30	\$2250	
05/08/2021	Tending to the gardens	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	30	\$2250	
05/13/2021	Tending to the gardens	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	30	\$2250	
05/17/2021	Tending to the gardens	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	30	\$2250	
05/22/2021	Tending to the gardens	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	30	\$2250	
05/26/2021	Tending to the gardens	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	30	\$2250	
05/31/2021	Tending to the gardens	Visitors (split in groups of 10)	30	\$2250	
		<b>TOTAL OF IN-KIND VALUES AND OTHER RESOURCES</b>		\$ 20,075.00	

**Mahalo!**

Should you have any questions, please contact: Maxine Cutler at Phone: (808) 961-8069 or Email: Maxine.Cutler@hawaiicounty.gov