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RE: Professional Services Statement of Qualification and Interest
RD3 Community Planning, RD5 Education and Vocational Training,
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Mr. Adams,

Friends of the Future, a 501c3 nonprofit corporation based in Kamuela is interested in providing professional services to the County of Hawaii in the areas referenced above.

The organization was founded in 1991 and has provided a wide range of services to more than 110 community-based programs including grants management, technical assistance, accounting, human resources, strategic planning, and meeting facilitation.

Please feel free to contact me by phone 808.885.8336 (office), 808.989.0558 (cell), or email to future@fofhawaii.org if you have questions or need more information.

Best,



Susan Maddox
Executive Team Leader

Attach: Statement of Qualification and Interest

Professional Services Statement of Qualifications and Interest
Category RD 3: Community Planning,
Category RD 5: Education and Vocational Training and
Category RD 6: Education
Friends of the Future

Friends of the Future is pleased to submit this statement of qualification and interest to provide professional services to the County of Hawaii.

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Friends of the Future was founded by Kenneth F. Brown in 1991 and has continuously maintained its 501c3 status and current registrations with the State of Hawaii since that time.

Over the past five (5) years, the average number of employees has been 15, with an additional 25 independent contractors and 40-50 volunteers.

Susan Maddox, the Executive Team Leader, has been with the organization since January 1996, and has more than 40 years nonprofit experience in Hawaii, as well as 12 years of experience in the Hawaii for-profit sector. Her work experience includes human resources, program management, facilitation and strategic planning, fund development, financial oversight and technical assistance to emerging organizations. During her tenure at Friends of the Future, more than 110 community-based programs have operated under the organization's umbrella. Currently there are 35 active programs, many of them connected to education.

For more than ten years (2010-2020) Friends of the Future served as fiscal sponsor for Baby STEPS to Stronger Big Island Families. During that time, Friends of the Future was fiscally responsible for annual, large early childhood education conferences attended by more than 300 early childhood professionals, and six (6) years of 21st Century Community Learning Center activities in North Hawaii. Over the course these fiscal sponsorship, Friends of the Future managed more than \$1,400,000 in funding from the US Department of Education, Hawaii Department of Education and Hawaii P-20.

Friends of the Future currently provides fiscal sponsorship, grants management and reporting, accounting and human resources services to these projects:

Aloha MAP: Project Director Lilinoi Grace, gracelilinoi@gmail.com. For the past seven (7) years, Friends of the Future has served as fiscal sponsor and technical support for a series of federal Native Hawaiian Education grants which support tutoring, field trips, career exploration and STEM related activities for more than 2,000 students in grades K-12 at 12 West Hawaii public schools. The four (4) Native Hawaiian Education Grants currently supporting the program for 2024-25 total \$4,250,019 (a 50% increase over 2023-24).

Bond Memorial Library Restoration Project: Christine Richardson, Project Leader, hawinini@hotmail.com. The 2-year project is to restore the 100 year old Bond Memorial Library in North Hawaii. Friends of the Future serves as the fiscal sponsor. The project is funded by a \$200,000 State of Hawaii Grant In Aid and more than \$800,000 in donations and grants from business, individuals and foundations. The total restoration budget is \$1M.

Early Childhood Education Career Pathway: Program Co-Leads, Brenda Watanabe, brendawa@hawaii.edu and Janet Smith, janetasm@hawaii.edu. The program works with high school juniors and seniors, and educational assistants currently working in early childhood education centers to obtain early childhood education credit classes at Hawaii Community College. Friends of the Future provides grants management, accounting and technical assistance to the program team. Funded by grants from The two-year \$263,000 program is funded by the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation and the Samuel N. & Mary Castle Foundation.

Hawaii Department of Education, West Hawaii Complex Area: Janette Snelling, West Hawaii Complex Area Superintendent, janette.snelling@k12.hi.us. For more than 20 years, Friends of the Future has received a number of Purchase of Service contracts to provide consulting and facilitation services to the complex area office and to individual schools in the complex. Combined total of contracts exceeds \$100,000.