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From: Braman, Eva
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 2:41 PM
Cc: PONC
Subject: FW: KAOK Questions from the Commission
Attachments: ATTACHMENT_1_Program and Budget Narrative.pdf; ATTACHMENT_2_Year 1 Budget.pdf; ATTACHMENT_3_Year 2 Budget.pdf; ATTACHMENT_4_Revised Stewardship Grant Application.pdf

Aloha Commissioners,

Please see information below and attached from Kupa Aina O Keauhou.

Mahalo,
Eva

From: Kaleiolani Pasciuta [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 2:04 PM
To: Braman, Eva <eva.braman@hawaiiicounty.gov>
Subject: Re: KAOK Questions from the Commission

Aloha e nā PONC Commission,

Mahalo for your time, hard work, and dedication to the PONC Charter Program. In response to the questions raised during the meeting and subsequent correspondence, we are submitting four PDF attachments to clarify our stewardship plans and provide clear, itemized budget detail for both the current and upcoming stewardship years.

For ease of review, we recommend starting with the **Program & Budget Narrative (2025–2027)**, which provides the overall context, priorities, and phased workplan. The narrative can then be cross-referenced with the **Year 1 and Year 2 line-item spreadsheets** for budget detail, and finally the **Revised Year 2 Application (2026–2027)**, which reflects the updated scope and requested amounts.

Attachments:

1. **Program & Budget Narrative (2025–2027)** – outlines priorities, phased workplan, and how activities build from year to year
2. **Year 1 (2025–2026) Stewardship Grant Line-Item Spreadsheet**
3. **Year 2 (2026–2027) Stewardship Grant Line-Item Spreadsheet**
4. **Revised Year 2 Application (2026–2027)** – includes updated scope and clearly stated requested amounts

Mahalo again for your consideration. Please let us know if you would like any additional detail or have follow-up questions.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Kaleiolani Ha'anio Pasciuta
President, Kupa 'Āina O Keauhou

On Wed, Nov 12, 2025 at 6:03 AM Braman, Eva <eva.braman@hawaiiicounty.gov> wrote:

Aloha Kalei.

Please see the questions below from the commission. I don't anticipate receiving any more questions, but they do have until November 19 to submit them to me. If any more pop up, I will send them over to you.

- What are your priority projects for the current grant funds in 2025 – 2026?
- How will those priorities “set the stage” for what you plan to accomplish in 2026-2027?
- When will you check on whether permits will be required for your planned activities? (Recommend completing an SMA Assesment with the County Planning Dept. to show good intentions and transparency. Also recommend checking with PONC and SHPD re: signage before purchasing and installing any signs. Any permits required to plant limu?)
- Requested Management Planning funds for 2026-2027 total \$47,000 or \$61,000? The Archaeological Inventory Survey and Monitoring and Maintenance Plans will total \$31,000. The cost of a professional biologist to help with a native species restoration plan in addition to quarterly monitoring and other restoration techniques is estimated at \$10,000. What is the estimated cost for the Coastal Monitoring Program, which will “establish baseline data for water quality and aquatic species; and monitor the coastline to assess effects of commercialization in the Bay?”
- General comment: in the budget, there is a mixing of management planning with maintenance activities and public education. It might help to more clearly separate those costs in future grant applications.

I hope some of what we discussed yesterday will help you formulate your response. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions.

Mahalo,

Eva

Subject: Revised Stewardship Budget + Narrative Year 1, 2, 3 (2025–2028) — Response to PONC Commission Questions

Following the PONC Commission meeting on November 10, we gained much clearer insight into how the PONC Charter Program operates and the parameters under which stewardship funding and reimbursements are allowed. In light of those clarifications, we determined that a revised budget was necessary in good faith and transparency.

In response to the questions raised during the meeting and in subsequent correspondence, we have prepared:

(Attachment 1) **Program & Budget Narrative** covering **Year 1** (2025–2026), **Year 2** (2026–2027), with a brief outlook into **Year 3** (2027-2028). (See below)

(Attachment 2) **Line-item Budget** for **Year 1** (2025-2026)

(Attachment 3) **Line-item Budget** for **Year 2** (2026-2027)

(Attachment 4) Revised 2026 Stewardship Grant Application for **Year 2** (2026-2027)

The budget reflects our best available good-faith estimates based on current information, and is intended to clearly communicate our priorities, objectives, and long-term stewardship goals through a thoughtful, phased approach to caring for the ‘āina over time.

The revised budget for **Year 2** (2026–2027) is designed to align with and flow from our **Year 1** (2025–2026) work, with emphasis on foundational planning efforts (including the Archaeological Inventory Survey/AIS) as a necessary step in responsible, long-term stewardship. We also separated management planning, maintenance, and public education costs more explicitly to reflect the Commission’s guidance and improve transparency.

We recognize the significant workload carried by County staff and appreciate the Commission’s request that the Finance Department develop a running list of reimbursable and non-reimbursable items under the PONC Charter. Clear guidance will support consistent, transparent planning for all stewards moving forward.

Program & Budget Narrative

Year 1: Stewardship Planning for 2025–2026 (Current Grant Period)

Kupa‘Āina O Keauhou will submit a progress report for **Year 1**, as required under the Grant Agreement, by **January 30, 2025**. In the interim, and to address the Commission’s questions regarding projects and priorities for **Year 1** (2025–2026), we outline below the project overview, budget priorities, work completed to date, partnerships established, and our work plan and priorities moving forward.

Year 1 - Overview and Budget Justification

For Stewardship **Year 1** (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026), our focus is on responsible stewardship, community education, and capacity building. Because AIS funding and recommendations are pending approval for **Year 2**, stewardship and maintenance activities during **Year 1** will be intentionally minimal and will not include any ground-disturbing work. Activities have been, and will continue to be limited to invasive plant species removal, small-group educational and cultural workshops, and the establishment of baseline data through kilo, or visual observation.

The only guidance we have received from the County regarding approved expenditures is outlined in Item #2 on page 2 of our Grant Agreement, which states:

2. FUNDING. Grantee hereby acknowledges and agrees that the County’s total contribution to Grantee shall not exceed the Grant Funds which will be held in a restricted fund account by Grantee. Hawai‘i County Charter Section 10-16 does not permit the use of Grant Funds for any administrative or organizational costs of Grantee including, but not limited to, administrative fees, insurance premium costs, and/or like expenses as determined by the County and Grantee shall not utilize any Grant Funds for such costs or expenses.

Based on this guidance, we have developed our proposed budget to support allowable maintenance and educational programs. The proposed costs were prepared in accordance with the limitations outlined in the Grant Agreement (see page 2, Item #2), which is the only expenditure guidance provided to date.

As this is our first year, we plan to purchase essential equipment to support our maintenance and educational programs. This includes the necessary tools, materials, and personal protective equipment to ensure a safe and successful program.

Budget categories for **Year 1** 2025–2026 include (See Attachment B):

- **Maintenance / Tools / Equipment & Supplies:** \$10,000
- **Public Education / Educational Workshops & Curriculum Development:** \$10,000
- **Community Engagement / Mālama ‘Āina Workdays:** \$5,000

To further justify the proposed budget, we have provided an itemized spreadsheet outlining best estimated costs and demonstrating how they align with the County's payment installment schedule.

Year 1- Work completed to date (since July 1, 2025) (using Kupa 'Āina O Keauhou resources, supplies and volunteer hours as we are still awaiting the release of funds)

Since the start of stewardship on July 1, 2025, we have hosted **four community Mālama 'Āina days** focused on:

- Removal of invasive plant species
- Trash removal.
- Cultural and place-based education tied to the parcel and surrounding ahupua'a
- Introducing participants to 'ike Hawai'i practices and protocols (including opening protocol/oli and kilo).

We also incorporated education on the PONC Charter Program to help community members understand stewardship frameworks and the responsibilities involved.

Year 1 - Partnerships and Community Engagement

In **Year 1**, we strengthened and/or initiated partnerships with community groups—most notably Kamehameha Schools (KS), Nā Pe'a (Nakoa Foundation), and the Symbrosia Foundation—demonstrating growing trust, collaboration, and shared commitment to positive stewardship and community engagement on the parcel.

In December, Kupa 'Āina O Keauhou hosted Symbrosia Foundation for a volunteer day and we provided native plant education and PONC Charter program education to a group of about 20 participants. Following that initial engagement, several individuals returned to participate independently in subsequent Mālama 'Āina days and expressed a deeper desire to support our organization and stewardship efforts, including interest in ongoing involvement and potential organizational support. This demonstrates a tangible return on investment that benefits the 'āina and strengthens collaboration in the broader community.

We have also notably established a constructive relationship with the north-border neighboring property owners, which supports our ongoing stewardship, site safety coordination, and respectful stewardship activities along the shared boundary.

Year 1 - Work Plan (January–June 2026)

From January 2026 through June 30, 2026, we will continue **monthly Mālama 'Āina workdays** that include:

- Place-based history and cultural education
- Consistent opening protocol and clear participant orientation

- Native plant education
- Kilo and data collection
- Volunteer coordination and community engagement

A central education deliverable in this period is developing a **site-specific opening protocol script** that consistently:

- Welcomes returning and new participants
- States who we are as an organization and our purpose under the PONC Charter
- Explains the cultural significance of the parcel and its surrounding context
- Sets expectations for safety and appropriate conduct on-site

For April 2026-**Year 1**, we have been invited back to participate in the 2nd Annual Ola Keauhou community event. Last year's event was a start to a strong partnership with KS and other community partners. The event included a free shuttle for participants and free native plants sourced through Amy Greenwell, all provided free through Kamehameha Schools funding.

We were also deeply honored by the participation of Nā Pe'a Youth Program, who brought their Koa sailing canoe "Kaelemakule" and shared education and hands-on experience through event long free double-hulled sailing sessions on wa'a "Kinikini" for community members throughout the event. KS has expressed a commitment to build on this collaboration in 2026, and Symbrosia has also indicated continued interest in contributing education (including a limu-focused workshop), helping expand the depth and reach of community learning opportunities connected to stewardship. *Note: 2025 Ola Keauhou was held outside the borders of the PONC parcel and did not use any PONC funding. We hope to incorporate the parcel into the 2026 event. ***See pictures of last year's event at the end of this narrative.***

Year 1-Safety, equipment, and non-ground-disturbance logistics

Because we are avoiding ground disturbance prior to AIS completion and because we do not have secure on-site storage, we identified the need for:

- A **trailer** to transport and store tools off-site (a non-invasive solution prior to AIS and without constructing a permanent structure that could trigger additional permitting such as SMA)
- An enhanced **community-grade first aid kit** appropriate for outdoor stewardship events
- Event support supplies (e.g., **folding tables, hydration cooler/water jug, pop-up shade tents**)

To further support safe community participation, we will also include basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for volunteers and safety supplies, such as:

- Safety glasses / eye protection
- Chaps chain saw or weed-whacking

- Gloves and other basic protective gear appropriate for invasive plant removal and tool use
- Clear guidance on recommended attire (closed-toe shoes, etc.)

Because the parcel borders the ocean and lacks restroom facilities, our participant orientation will also include:

- Nearest comfort stations and water access points
 - Parking guidance and site boundaries
 - Coastal safety considerations (shoreline awareness, changing conditions)
 - Emergency preparedness basics (including tsunami procedures and evacuation awareness)
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Year 2: Stewardship Planning for 2026–2027 (July 2026 - June 2027)

In **Year 2**, our focus will be on due diligence, careful planning, data collection, and AIS-informed decision-making to guide the long-term management of the parcel.

Year 2: Priority: Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS)

A primary priority is initiating an Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS) to better understand the cultural resources within the project area. The AIS will include background research and a review of the historical context of the surrounding area, pedestrian survey results, detailed documentation of identified historic properties, and subsurface shovel test probes. The survey will be conducted by an archaeologist permitted by the State Historic Preservation Division and contracted by Kupu'āina o Keauhou to prepare a formal AIS report. The report will include treatment recommendations for any identified historic properties, and its findings will guide future stewardship actions while supporting regulatory compliance and culturally appropriate planning.

Year 2: What continues during AIS (no-ground-disturbance approach)

While the AIS is underway and until findings are finalized, we will continue **monthly Mālama 'Āina workdays and educational workshops** that do not involve ground disturbance. These activities will remain focused on:

- Maintenance without the use of herbicides.
- Invasive species monitoring such as Little Fire Ant (LFA) and Coconut Rhinoceros beetle
- Invasive plant species management
- Cultural education
- Kilo/ data collection
- Community engagement and relationship building

We will also use this period to reflect on AIS findings as they become available and shape future stewardship priorities accordingly.

Year 2: Maintenance

The **Year 1** maintenance plan will continue to focus on controlling invasive plant species without the use of herbicides. Some repetition in the tools and supplies listed for **Year 1** and **Year 2** is anticipated and reflects gradual program growth as capacity is built, as well as the need to replace tools and personal protective equipment due to regular use.

Year 2: Management and Education

Because curriculum development is funded in the **Year 1** cycle, we anticipate being able to use those materials in **Year 2** community days, which will reduce education costs in this cycle.

We plan to participate in the **3rd annual Ola Keauhou event (April 2027/Year 2)**, which will remain free for the community and supports place-based education and community connection.

We will continue with our Monthly Malama 'Aina workdays that continue to feature volunteer maintenance work, Kilo, data collection and a cultural education component.

Year 3: Stewardship Planning for 2027–2028 (July 2027 - June 2028)

By 2027, we anticipate being able to develop and/or refine a stewardship plan that incorporates the findings of the Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS), data collected through kilo activities, feedback and recommendations from lineal descendants and community partners - paired with clearer program guidance from the Department of Finance. With continued growth in community participation and organizational capacity, we expect to be well positioned to plan and implement an 'aina first stewardship plan.

Responses to Commission Questions (Direct Answers)

Direct Responses to Commission Questions

1) What are your priority projects for the current grant funds (2025–2026)?

Our priority projects for the 2025–2026 grant period focus on **safe, non-ground-disturbing invasive plant removal, community education, and capacity building**, including:

- **Monthly community Mālama ‘Āina workdays** focused on maintenance and invasive species removal (no ground disturbance).
 - **Public education and curriculum development**, including consistent **site-specific opening protocol**, cultural history of the parcel/ahupua‘a context, ‘ike Hawai‘i practices (e.g., kilo, oli), and orientation to the PONC Charter stewardship program and framework.
 - **Volunteer safety and event readiness**, including tool maintenance, PPE/safety supplies, first aid readiness, hydration/shade, and clear participant safety guidance for this coastal site.
 - **Community and partner engagement/capacity building** (e.g., strengthening collaboration with community groups, neighbors and building volunteer consistency and leadership).
 - **Baseline observation and documentation (kilo / site condition notes)** to support planning and future decision-making.
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2) How will those priorities set the stage for what you plan to accomplish in 2026–2027?

By building the **foundation for long-term stewardship** while we complete due diligence (including AIS). Specifically, 2025–2026 establishes:

- A **consistent, safe monthly stewardship rhythm** that keeps the site cared for without triggering ground disturbance.
- A **community-informed, culturally grounded education program** (protocol + curriculum) that can continue into 2026 and beyond.
- **Volunteer capacity and partnerships** that increase our ability to implement AIS-informed stewardship actions later.

- **Ongoing site documentation/kilo** that supports adaptive planning and continuity of stewardship decisions.

Together, these create the “readiness layer” we need to responsibly transition into AIS-guided planning and future implementation.

3) When will you check on whether permits will be required for your planned activities?

For **Year 1** (2025–2026) and **Year 2** 2026–2027, our stewardship work is planned to remain **routine and non-ground-disturbing**, and we **do not currently plan** to install permanent structures or undertake outplanting (including limu planting) during these cycles.

If project plans change in the future—such as any proposed **installation, ground disturbance, coastal/in-water work, or outplanting**—we will obtain permits or approvals that are required **before initiating the activity**. As applicable, we will consult with **County Planning** (including an SMA assessment if relevant) and coordinate with **PONC and SHPD** regarding items such as signage. **In good-faith preparation, we have already initiated communication with PONC regarding the need for signage and appropriate content, and have followed up to address community information, education, and safety needs as well as the protection of culturally sensitive areas.** We will also communicate any such proposed scope changes with the **Department of Finance** and other relevant agencies/boards prior to proceeding, to ensure eligibility and compliance.

4) Regarding the requested Management Planning funds for 2026–2027, please confirm whether the total is \$47,000 or \$61,000... What is the estimated cost for the Coastal Monitoring Program?

In light of clarifications, we determined that a revised budget totaling **\$35,500** (Management **\$30,000**, Education **\$3000**, Maintenance **\$2,500**)

Water Monitoring Program: We view water monitoring as a valuable component of stewardship for this parcel because it directly borders the ocean and includes a historically used boat ramp which impacts the parcel. Ocean conditions—such as high surf and tides—bring water onto the property, and conditions on the parcel can likewise affect the nearshore environment; as with all ‘āina, this place is not separate from its surroundings. However, because the Department of Finance has raised questions in prior discussions regarding the eligibility of certain project types, we will defer this program until we receive clearer guidance and approval.

5) General comment: budget mixes management planning, maintenance, and public education costs.

In the revised submission, we have **separated management planning, maintenance, and public education** to the best of our ability in both the **Year 1 2025–2026** and **Year 2 2026–2027** budgets. The attached line-item spreadsheet organizes costs by category with best estimated subtotals so the Commission can easily see which costs belong to planning vs. maintenance vs. education/community engagement.





Year 1: 2025 PONC Stewardship Grant Budget (January 2026 - June 2026)

Kupaʻāina o Keauhou

Category	QTY	Cost per Unit	Installment 1 (50%), January 2026	Installment 2 (40%), February 2026	Installment 3 (10%), June 2026	Total Allocated
1. Organizing Mālama ʻĀina Workdays			\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
Ice	6	\$20.00	\$40.00		\$60.00	\$100.00
Sunscreen - Banana Boat Bb Sport Performance Sunscreen Lotion Spf 50	4	\$11.98	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$37.50
Shop towels - SELLARS ToolBox Professional Blue (330ct) 330 -Pack Paper Shop towel	1	\$14.28	\$14.85			\$14.85
Chairs - Style Selections Polyester Black Folding Camping Carrying Strap/Handle Included	10	\$18.88	\$196.40			\$196.40
Water Jugs - Lowe's 5 Gallon(s) Blue Insulated Beverage cooler	1	\$32.00	\$33.28			\$33.28
Tables - (8-person folding table) (2026-2027)	6	\$90.00	\$540.00			\$540.00
Tents - Z-Shade 10-ft x 10-ft Square White Pop-up canopy (2026-2027)	4	\$168.00	\$672.00			\$672.00
Coolers - RTIC Outdoors Ultra-Light Grey 52 Quart(s) Hard Insulated Wheeled Chest cooler with Drainage Spout	2	\$279.00		\$290.16	\$290.16	\$580.32
First Aid kit - H-9954	1	\$315.00	\$327.60			\$327.60
AED	1	\$1,622.00		\$1,686.88		\$1,686.88
Soap, hand sanitizer	4	\$10.00	\$40.00			
Clipboards - for volunteer coordination and can be used for educationl workshops	6	\$6.00	\$36.00			
Remaining Funds			\$623.37	\$10.46	\$137.34	\$811.17
2. Development of Educational Workshops			\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00
Stipends for Workshop Facilitators (Special Matter Experts and Kūpuna of Keauhou) for 2 workshops	2	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Curriculum development with partner organization (Curriculum 1)	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00
Curriculum development with partner organization (Curriculum 2)	1	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Cultural Protocol and Volunteer Coordination Program (i.e. outreach and volunteer data collection & interpretation)	1	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00
Remaining Funds			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Maintenance- purchase, tools, equipment and supplies			\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00
SmartStraps - 1-in x 14-ft Ratchet Tie Down 1500-lb Break Strength (4-Pack)	2	\$40.48	\$82.00			\$82.00
Carry-On Trailer - 5.5-ft x 9-ft Steel mesh Utility Trailer with Ramp Gate (2440-lb Capacity)	1	\$2,358.00	\$2,464.11			\$2,464.11
Dumping Garden Cart	1	\$150.00				
Garden Hoe (ACE Hardware)	2	\$80.00		\$140.00		
Gloves - Project Source Large Polyester Mechanical repair Gloves 3 -Pairs	15	\$18.88	\$283.20			\$283.20
Loppers - Fiskars PowerGear2 UltraSharp 32-in Steel Bypass Lopper	4	\$47.98	\$191.92			\$191.92
Trash bags - Contractor's Choice Contractor 42-Gallon Scent free Black Outdoor Plastic Construction Flap Tie Trash Bag 50 -Count	1	\$29.98	\$29.98			
Weedwhacker - Husqvarna 130L 28-cc 2-cycle 18-in Straight Shaft Gas String Trimmer	2	\$279.00	\$558.00			\$558.00
Utility boxes for storage of equipment and supplies	6	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$50.00		\$200.00
Gas cans - No Spill 5-Gallon Plastic Gasoline Can	2	\$50.00	\$100.00			\$100.00
Tarps - Project Source 16-ft x 20-ft	2	\$100.00	\$200.00			\$200.00
SmartStraps - Assorted Length Bungee Cord with Hooks 10 -Pack	4	\$26.98	\$107.92			\$107.92
Chipper rental	2	\$250.00		\$500.00		\$33.00
Buckets - Lowe's 5-gallon Plastic General bucket	10	\$5.00	\$50.00			\$50.00
Gate Locks - Abloy Sentry PL341/50B Brass Padlock w/ 2 Keys, Chrome Finish	4	\$126.00	\$378.00	\$126.00		\$504.00
Trailer Locks - Stainless Steel Trailer Lock for 2" to 2-5/16" Couplers for Trailers	1	\$130.00	\$130.00			\$130.00
Gas	6	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Trash Pickers - E-Z Reacher 32-in Aluminum	5	\$27.00		\$135.00		\$135.00

Category	QTY	Cost per Unit	Installment 1 (50%), January 2026	Installment 2 (40%), February 2026	Installment 3 (10%), June 2026	Total Allocated
Motion Sensor Lights - 2500LM Solar Lights Outdoor with Motion Sensor,3 Head 270° , IP65 Waterproof Security Lighting	5	\$30.00		150		\$135.00
Chain - 1/4-in Welded Galvanized Steel Chain (By-the-Foot) used to secure items to trainer	20	\$5.00	\$100.00			\$100.00
Arborist On-Site Tree Inspection (3 large trees that need inspecting)	3	\$250.00		\$750.00		\$750.00
Safety Glasses - Klein Tools Standard Safety Glasses, Clear Lens	20	\$10.00		\$200.00		
Face Shield - Polycarbonate Face Shield	5	\$30.00		\$150.00		
Safety Chaps	5	\$120.00		\$600.00		
Weed Barrier Cloth VEVOR 300-ft x 4-ft Premium Weed barrier Landscape Fabric	2	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00		
Incidentals (i.e. tape, screws, ect)	6	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
<i>Remaining Funds</i>			\$34.87	\$1,009.00	\$850.00	\$3,625.85
TOTAL			\$12,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$25,000.00
					<i>Remaining \$</i>	<i>\$4,437.02</i>

Year 2 - 2026 PONC Stewardship Grant Budget (July 2026 - June 2027)

Kupa'āina o Keauhou

Category	QTY	Cost per Unit	Installment 1 (50%), July 2026	Installment 2 (40%), January 2027	Installment 3 (10%), June 2027	Total Allocated
1. Management/Organizing Montly Mālama 'Āina Workdays			\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
ARCHAEOLOGICAL, INVENTORY SURVEY	1	\$26,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$26,000.00
Malama 'Āina workdays/Cultural Protocol and Volunteer Coordination Program (i.e. outreach and volunteer data collection & interpretation)	12	\$20.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$240.00
Cooler - RTIC Outdoors Ultra-Light Grey 52 Quart(s) Hard Insulated Wheeled Chest cooler with Drainage Spout	1	\$279.00	\$290.16			\$290.16
Shop Towels - SELLARS ToolBox Professional Blue (330ct) 330 -Pack Paper Shop towel	2	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00		\$30.00
Sunscreen - Banana Boat Bb Sport Performance Sunscreen Lotion Spf 50	6	\$12.50		\$12.50	\$12.50	\$25.00
Chairs - Polyester Black Folding	10	\$18.88	\$196.40			\$196.40
Water Jug - Lowe's 5 Gallon(s) Blue Insulated Beverage cooler	1	\$32.00	\$33.28			\$33.28
First Aid kit refills	1	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00
Tents - Z-Share 10-ft x 10-ft Square White Pop-up canopy	2	\$168.00	\$336.00			\$336.00
Tables - (8-person folding table)	2	\$90.00		\$180.00		\$180.00
Ice	12	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$20.00	\$120.00
Clipboards - for volunteer sign-in, safety and liability forms	2	\$6.00	\$12.00			\$12.00
Remaining Funds			-\$22.84	\$1,512.50	\$947.50	\$2,437.16
2. Education			\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$3,000.00
Stipends for Workshop Facilitators (Special Matter Experts and Kūpuna of Keauhou) for 4 workshops	4	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Ola Keauhou 3rd annual community Day w/ cultural and educational programs	1			\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Remaining Funds			\$500.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
3. Maintenance- purchase, tools, equipment and supplies			\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$2,500.00
SmartStraps - 1-in x 14-ft Ratchet Tie Down 1500-lb Break Strength (4-Pack)	1	\$40.48	\$40.48	\$40.48		\$40.48
Gloves - Project Source Large Polyester Mechanical repair Gloves 3 -Pairs	10	\$20.00		\$200.00		\$200.00
Loppers - Fiskars PowerGear2 UltraSharp 32-in Steel Bypass Lopper	2	\$47.98	\$95.96			\$95.96
Trash Bags - Contractor's Choice Contractor 42-Gallon Scent free Black Outdoor Plastic Construction Flap Tie Trash Bag 50 - Count	1	\$29.98	\$29.98			\$29.98
Weed Whacker - Straight Shaft Gas String Trimmer (string/repair)	1	\$200.00	\$200.00			\$200.00
Utility boxes - for storage of equipment and supplies	4	\$25.00	\$100.00			\$100.00
Gas Cans - No Spill 5-Gallon Plastic Gasoline Can	2	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$100.00
Tarps - Project Source 16-ft x 20-ft	2	\$100.00	\$200.00			\$200.00
Straps - SmartStraps Assorted Length Bungee Cord with Hooks 10 -Pack	2	\$26.98		\$26.98	\$26.98	\$53.96
Bucket - Lowe's 5-gallon Plastic General bucket	5	\$5.00	\$25.00			\$25.00
Locks - Abloy Sentry PL341/50B Brass Padlock w/ 2 Keys, Chrome Finish	2	\$126.00	\$126.00		\$126.00	\$252.00
Gas - fuel for tools	12	\$25.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$250.00
Motion Sensor Lights - 2500LM Solar Lights Outdoor with Motion Sensor,3 Head 270° , IP65 Waterproof Security Lighting	5	\$30.00	\$150.00			\$150.00
Nusery Table Supplies - building supplies, potting soil, seeds, water can, shade cloth, etc.	1	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$500.00
Incedental maintenance iteams	12	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$25.00	\$300.00
Remaining Funds			-\$1.94	-\$42.46	\$47.02	\$2.62
TOTAL			\$17,750.00	\$14,200.00	\$3,550.00	\$35,500.00
					Remaining \$	\$2,449.16

Tab 1



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Rcv'd:

Division 25 Aupuni Street,
Suite 1101 Hilo, HI 96720

Approved:

PROJECT PERIOD: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

**DEADLINE TO FILE IS August 15, 2025, BY 4:30 PM
as evidenced by the County of Hawai'i time clock (HST)**

Management Planning (*see Instructions*)

Maintenance Activities and Public Education (*see Instructions*)

STEWARDSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation
Maintenance Fund

- Applications may be returned if instructions are not followed.
- Please use the tables provided. Do not substitute other formats or alter the application form.
- Fit responses in the fields provided and use additional pages, as needed.
- Attachments (i.e., maps, labeled photos illustrating your project activities, detailed budget narratives, consultant proposals, etc.) can be included in addition to the required documents.

A. NAME, EMAIL, AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:

Kupa 'Āina O Keauhou

kupaainaokeauhou@gmail.com

75-431 Nani Kailua Dr.

Kailua-Kona HI, 96740

B. PERSON TO CONTACT:

Kaleiolani Ha'anio Pasciuta - [REDACTED]

☐ you available to attend an in-person interview on Sept. 8, 2025 between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm? Yes No

If you checked no, please assign someone from your organization to attend with knowledge of the proposed projects, budget costs, and provide an email address above.

C. PROJECT NAME *(see Instructions):*

Keauhou Stewardship Program

D. PROJECT LOCATION *(Use TMKs. See Instructions)*

Keauhou Bay: 7-8-12:35, 106

E. PROJECT COST *(see Instructions):*

For Management Planning	For Maintenance Activities and Public Education
Amount Requested: \$30,000	Amount Requested: \$5,500
Applicant Share: \$2,000	Applicant Share: \$2000
Other Resources: \$1,000	Other Resources: \$1000

F. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

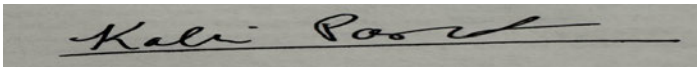
Non-profit 501 (c)(3), IRS Letter of Determination
Copy of Organization Bylaws and Mission Statement
DCCA Certificate of Vendor Compliance
Letter of Authorized Signer for Organization

G. CERTIFICATION:

The applicant shall secure all necessary approvals and permits from other affected federal, state, and county agencies as necessary to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. This may require permits from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) if parcels are within the State Land Use Conservation District or contain historic sites, burials, and/or sensitive natural or cultural resources. The applicant certifies that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Name of Authorized Representative: Kaleiolani Pasciuta

Title: Director/President: Kaleiolani Pasciuta

Signed: 

Date: 12/19/2025

PROJECT PLAN

A. PROJECT NAME *(see Instructions):*

Keauhou Community-Based Stewardship Initiative

B. PROJECT LOCATION *(Use TMKs. See Instructions):*

Keauhou Bay: 7-8-12:35, 106, Resolution number: 531-2022

C. IDENTIFY PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHOM YOU EXPECT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED PROJECT ACTIVITIES *(see Instructions):*

Organizations and Partners Involved

Hawai'i Public Schools -

National Park Service (NPS) Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program

Girl Scouts of Hawai'i

Symbrosia Inc.

Kamehameha Schools - 'Āina Pauahi

Kai 'Opua Canoe Club

Organic Matters Hawai'i - Deano Maruyama

Nakoa Foundation, Nā Pe'a Youth Program

Ike Lawai'a - Charles Leslie and Krista Johnson

Māla Kalu'ulu Co-op

Community Individuals Involved

- Luigi Remo & Heather Remo
- Tanya Malia Souza
- Radon & Makaanhele Miles
- Maile Leslie
- Kalei Pascuita
- Rocky Thiel
- Ku'u lei Halliwell
- 'I'ini McDonald
- Deano Maruyama
- Alexia Akbay & Tanner Ayau

Community Groups Involved

- Nakoa Foundation, Nā Pe'a
- Kamehameha schools

D. PROPOSAL AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION *(Briefly describe the long-range goal(s))*

for the property and the objectives of your proposal for stewardship grant funding. See example in Instructions.)

What is the long-range goal or vision for the property?

The long-range goal for the property is to develop a comprehensive **stewardship and resource management plan** that guides the long-term care, maintenance, and preservation of the project area. This vision includes creating a safe and welcoming space for cultural and educational programming, providing meaningful opportunities for the community to engage with and care for the ‘āina, and sustaining a healthy, clean, and safe environment over time.

Key objectives of the proposal include:

Objective 1: AIS: Protect and preserve identified archaeological sites through monitoring and preservation plans. Develop an Archaeological Inventory Survey of the property, while providing visitor guidelines and signage that communicate the cultural importance of the property.

Objective 2: Controlling invasive plant species without the use of herbicides.

Objective 3: Restoration of native plant species, habitat, and fire mitigation.

Objective 4: We will continue with our **Monthly Mālama ‘Aina** workdays that continue to feature volunteer maintenance work, Kilo, data collection and a cultural education component.

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What are the objectives of the proposed project? *Choose only one category and use additional pages as needed.*

Management Planning

Maintenance Activities and Public Education

Objective 1: Protect and preserve identified archaeological sites through monitoring and maintenance plans.

Activity 1.1: Develop an archaeological inventory survey of the property

Activity 1.2: Create visitor guidelines, and signage that highlights cultural significance of the location, including appropriate cultural protocols.

Objective 4: We will continue with our **Monthly Mālama ‘Aina**

.Activity 4.1.: Host **quarterly educational workshops** with **Monthly Mālama ‘Aina** days that will feature a cultural learning space, where participants can engage in hands-on activities, learn traditional practices from Kupuna and cultural practitioners, and deepen their understanding of the site’s history ecology, and cultural significance.

What are the objectives of the proposed project? *Choose only one category and use additional pages as needed.*

Management Planning

Maintenance Activities and Public Education

Objective 2: Control invasive Plant species

Activity 2.1 Non ground disturbing invasion weed control

Objective 3 Restoration of native species, habitat, and fire mitigation.

Activity 3.1 establish above ground nursery

E. PROJECT DESCRIPTION *Use the table below for details on your proposed project. Check one box only and use additional pages as needed. See examples in Instructions.*

Management Planning

Objective(s)	Activities	Timeline	Consultants/Collaborators
1: Protect and preserve identified archaeological sites	1.1: Complete AIS of property; protect and preserve identified sites through monitoring and maintenance.	One-time survey; monitoring ongoing (quarterly or as needed) <i>*Financing permitted</i>	Permitted archaeologists, SHPD, cultural practitioners, local community members
2: Protect and preserve identified archaeological sites	1.2: Create visitor guidelines, and signage, establish protocol. Order and install signage.	By August 15, 2026 <i>*Financing permitted</i>	AIS findings, historical maps and references, Kamehameha Schools, Kupuna and ohana of Keauhou, County of Hawaii

E. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (cont.) *Use the table below for details on your proposed project. Check one box only and use additional pages as needed. See examples in Instructions.*

Maintenance Activities and Public Education

Objective(s)	Activities	Timeline	Consultants/Collaborators
3: Restoration of native species, habitat, and fire mitigation	3.1: Establish above-ground nursery w/ native plants appropriate for this parcel and associated ahupua'a	By November 30, 2026 <i>*Financing permitted</i>	DLNR, native plant specialists, local nurseries, cultural practitioners
4: Create a place of cultural learning, observance, and practice.	4.2: Host regular educational workshops that use the property as a cultural learning space. Printed materials and stipends provided for educators.	Monthly Mālama 'Āina days w/ Quarterly workshops	Kupuna, cultural educators, local practitioners, schools, community organizations

F. PERMITS/APPROVALS *(See Instructions for examples of permits/approvals. Remember that it is the applicant's responsibility to comply with and secure all necessary approvals and permits from federal, state, and county agencies as required.)*

Do any of the proposed stewardship activities require any federal, state, or county permits or approvals?

If yes, explain why. If not needed, explain why.

Based on our current understanding, none of the proposed stewardship activities appear to require federal, state, or county permits or approvals at this time. However, we acknowledge that certain activities, such as archaeological surveys, restoration of native plants, or any construction-related work, could potentially trigger the need for specific permits, especially if they impact protected cultural or environmental resources.

We are fully prepared to acquire any necessary permits or approvals if it is determined that they

are required as our project progresses. Our commitment to compliance with all relevant regulations ensures that we will engage with the appropriate authorities and complete any permitting processes promptly, should the need arise. This readiness demonstrates our dedication to conducting the project responsibly and in alignment with legal and regulatory frameworks.

G. MANAGEMENT/PRESERVATION PLANS REVIEWED *(See Instructions. Use additional pages as needed.)*

1. Please elaborate on how the proposed project activities align with existing plans, if there are existing plans.

While there are no existing plans for the TMK at hand, the Keauhou Bay Management Plan by Kamehameha Schools involves the immediate surrounding area. Our proposed project activities not only align with the KBMP but also actively support its vision of transforming Keauhou Bay into a hub of cultural education, environmental stewardship, and sustainable economic development. By integrating cultural preservation, community engagement, and educational excellence into our project, we contribute to the broader goals of the KBMP, ensuring that Keauhou Bay remains a vibrant and culturally significant area for generations to come. Although this is a newly proposed project area, our organization has already spent the past two years actively engaging in community education and involvement initiatives, laying a strong foundation for the work ahead.

2. If you are proposing to produce a management and/or preservation plan, please explain why such additional planning is needed.

This is a significant cultural wahi pana and this is the only asset the county has on this shoreline. As we begin the initial management of this property, it's crucial to carefully consider all cultural sites in and around the area and explore every possibility to preserve them as much as possible. Additional planning is needed to ensure that these cultural resources are protected and appropriately managed from the outset.

H. BUDGET DETAILS Complete the table below for budget details. Please do not substitute other formats or alter the application form. In addition to the table below, a detailed budget narrative may be included as an attachment, though it is not required. Check one box only and use additional pages as needed. See examples in Instructions.

Management Planning

10-16(g) Category	Parcel TMK(s)	Project Activity	Grant Amount Requested	Applicant Share	Other Resources	TOTAL
	(3) 7-8-012: 035 and 106	<i>Archaeological Inventory Survey: Conduct AIS for both parcels, including archival research, field survey, and report preparation (See A5 in spreadsheet)</i>	\$26,000	\$0	\$0	\$26,000
		12 Mālama ‘Āina workdays - and associated costs (see A6:A16 in spreadsheet)	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$7,000
Totals:			\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$33,000

H. BUDGET DETAILS (cont.) Complete the table below for budget details.
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Maintenance Activities and Public Education

10-16(g) Category	Parcel TMK(s)	Project Activity	Grant Amount Requested	Applicant Share	Other Resources	TOTAL
	(3) 7-8-012: 035 and 106	4 Quarterly Monthly workshops, Ola Keauhou event (see A19:A20 in spreadsheet)	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$8,000
	(3) 7-8-012: 035 and 106	Controlling invasive plant species/ propagating native plants	\$2500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$4,500
Totals:			\$5,500	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$12,500

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Brief history of the applicant organization. Include the date of incorporation as a non-profit organization.

The organization was officially recognized as a nonprofit in September 2022. This organization is a continuation of the work of Kupuna and lineal descendant Lily Ha'anio Kong and her lifelong commitment through her nonprofit, "Ka Ohana O Na Kupuna O Kona." Kupa 'Āina O Keauhou" continues her mission and has been actively working to further these efforts. The organization was officially recognized as a nonprofit in September 2022.

2. Other source(s) of financial support:

Future grants, monetary donations, fundraising, in-kind donations.

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3. Please provide up to three examples of successfully completed projects or related experiences.

1. We have organized and hosted 'āina work days, which provide an opportunity for lineal descendants and community members to engage in meaningful stewardship of the land. These events not only help in cleaning and maintaining the area but also foster a deep connection with the 'āina. Through these work days, participants can honor their heritage, learn about the land's history, and contribute to its preservation for future generations.

2. We have also hosted a variety of workshops aimed at educating the community about the rich history and evolving landscape of Keauhou Bay. These workshops have provided residents and those working in the area with a deeper understanding of the cultural significance of the bay and the changes it has undergone. For example, we've held lomi lomi workshops, where participants learned about the traditional Hawaiian massage technique, and lei-making sessions that connected attendees to the cultural practice of lei crafting. Additionally, we've conducted workshops focused on studying historical maps of Keauhou, offering insights into the area's past and its transformation over time. These workshops have been instrumental in fostering a greater sense of connection and stewardship among the community.

3. Our board members, 'ohana, and community members possess extensive skills and professional experience in community engagement, cultural education, event planning, government operations, and grant writing. However, these qualifications are secondary to the deep knowledge and responsibility (Kuleana) held by our Kupuna, lineal descendants, and community members, which guide and inform all our efforts.

4. In April 2025, we hosted a Native Plant Restoration event dedicated to planting and caring for native coastal species essential to erosion control and ecosystem health. This

collaborative effort brought together Na Pe‘a, Symbrosia Foundation, Organic Matters Hawai‘i, Ulu Coop, and Kamehameha Schools ‘Āina Pauahi, each contributing expertise, resources, and community engagement to ensure the project’s success. The event not only advanced habitat restoration but also strengthened community bonds and cultural stewardship through shared work on the ‘āina.

J. Please initial below that the applicant understands the following documents shall be required if awarded stewardship grant funds.

Initial	Documents
kp	Certificate of insurance with County of Hawai‘i named as additional insured.
kp	Semi and annual reports, which shall include accomplishments, financial statements explaining expenditures, projects in process, community involvement, and overall status of projects.
kp	Organization shall immediately contact the Department of Finance, Property Management Division, upon dissolution of the organization or changes in the organization that may affect the Stewardship Grant Application or Agreements.
kp	Organization may be required to provide other documents as requested by the County of Hawai‘i, Department of Finance.

Mahalo!

Should you have any questions, please contact the Property Management Division at (808) 961-8069 or by Email: PONC@hawaiiicounty.gov.

Tab 2

Objective 1 (management planning): Develop an archaeological inventory survey of the property

Objective 1.1: Protect and preserve identified archaeological sites through monitoring and preservation plans.

Objective 1.2: Create visitor guidelines, and signage that highlights cultural significance of the location.

Objective 2 (management planning): Developing an effective management for native species restoration involving a combination of strategies, including invasive species control, promoting native plant communities, and utilizing appropriate seed sources and restoration techniques. Restoration efforts would consider site-specific conditions, including soil characteristics and potential disturbances, and require ongoing monitoring and adaptive management.

Objective 2.1: Gather insights and best practices from successful management plans and agencies that have demonstrated proven results in similar contexts, to strengthen the development and implementation of the initial management plan.

Objective 2.2: Ensure that appropriate cultural protocols and relevant cultural metrics are integrated into the management plan to support its effectiveness and long-term success.

Objective 3: Restoration of native species / habitat

Establish a nursery space for propagating native coastal plants, beginning with ground covers and shrubs for erosion control, such as pili grass, ‘ai‘ai, and pōhuehue, using seeds collected from the project area. This approach ensures that outplanted species maintain the correct local genetics and align with established management and restoration protocols.

Objective 4 (management planning): Establish a monitoring program for the coastline adjacent to the property.

Objective 4.2: Monitor the existing coastline, establishing baseline data by documenting water quality and existing aquatic species to see the effects of commercialization in the Bay.

Objective 4.1: Through collaborative monitoring with nearby community organizations, such as the Kahalu‘u Bay Education Center and The Kohala Center—we will identify priority information and align our efforts with existing local projects. By integrating their established metrics with site-specific measures, we can build a comprehensive understanding of ocean conditions and assess differences between protected and heavily used areas. This effort will focus on gathering baseline data on water quality, nutrient levels, and the presence of key species, including limu and fish, potentially in partnership with DLNR and other knowledgeable community groups. Sharing these results will strengthen our ability to protect and restore marine ecosystems while supporting informed, community-based stewardship.

Objective 5: Partnering Kupuna, lineal descendants, local schools, community volunteers, local business, stakeholders, and government agencies to create a place of cultural learning, observance, and practice.

Objective 5.1: Hosting education workshops and ensuring the property serves as a significant site for the Native Hawaiian culture that promotes community building, especially

given its unique status as the only county public land along this shoreline area/ ahupua'a.

Through these efforts, the property will become a thriving space for cultural engagement and environmental stewardship, benefiting the local community and preserving the culture.