



July 21, 2015

Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, NOAA Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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SUBJECT: Hanalei Watershed Hui - Letter of Support – State of Hawaii Makai Watch
FY 2015 Regional Coastal Resilience Grants Program Announcement
Funding Opportunity Number: NOAA-NOS-OCM-2015-2004324
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 11.473, Coastal Services Center

Aloha Dr. Sullivan,

It is with great enthusiasm that the State of Hawaii Makai Watch program supports “Mauka to Makai Community Socio-ecological Resilience & Climate Change Adaptation: Catalyzing Grassroots Transformations from Hanalei to the Hawaiian Islands” submitted by the Hanalei Watershed Hui (HWH) to facilitate community based coastal resilience planning.

Hawaii’s Makai Watch Program is a collaborative program where communities, NGOs, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) work together to improve stewardship of marine and coastal resources. This innovative program is modeled after the successful Neighborhood Watch programs. In communities statewide, Makai Watch volunteers serve as the eyes and ears for the State’s Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE) officials. Volunteers also participate in awareness raising, outreach, and human-use and biological monitoring activities.

The ability to build capacity and support community groups in their efforts to steward their marine area and resources is critical to the success of the Makai Watch program. HWH has provided tremendous support and expertise in these areas, and will continue to do so with this proposed project.

We have collaborated with HWH and the Hanalei Makai Watch program to work closely on a number of opportunities and efforts, including the standardization of the Makai Watch program, training of volunteers in the Observation and Incident Reporting component, and when possible providing community outreach event support.

This project would also contribute to local resilience and climate change monitoring and adaptation, provide outreach and education, and continue to engage community members in the stewardship of their coastal communities throughout Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of the Hanalei Watershed Hui proposal.

Sincerely,
Luna Kekoa
State Makai Watch Coordinator
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources



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Aloha Dr. Sullivan,

Kaua`i Community Radio would like to offer its support for the proposal “Mauka to Makai Community Socio-ecological Resilience & Climate Change Adaptation: Catalyzing Grassroots Transformations from Hanalei to the Hawaiian Islands” submitted by the Hanalei Watershed Hui (HWH) to facilitate community based coastal resilience planning.

We support the Hanalei Watershed Hui’s important application and agree to partner and collaborate as appropriate with this project. Our organization shares the HWH’s concern that our isolated rural and costal community should identify and address disaster resilience, coastal resource management and climate change adaptation in order to engender greater community capacity to address such issues in the future.

Our small, community-based, non-profit radio station connects all the remote communities on our isolated Garden Island. KKCR is committed to providing relevant, accurate, timely information. It's also dedicated to representing the unique character of our island community. Our programs are a run by volunteers. “Makai Watch” is a radio program airing every 2nd Monday of each month for one hour. It reaches at least 6,000 listeners on Kaua`i and O`ahu as well as a large on line audience. KKCR is committed to continuing the Makai Watch program and possibly expanding the opportunity to be “on air” more often. We are also available to record and broadcast Public Service Announcements (PSA’s) as needed.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of the Hanalei Watershed Hui proposal.

Sincerely,
Dean Rogers
General Manager



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Aloha Dr. Sullivan,

Waipā Foundation would like to offer its support for the proposal “Mauka to Makai Community Socio-ecological Resilience & Climate Change Adaptation: Catalyzing Grassroots Transformations from Hanalei to the Hawaiian Islands” submitted by the Hanalei Watershed Hui (HWH) to facilitate community based coastal resilience planning.

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Waipā would be pleased to partner as needed with the Hanalei Watershed Hui on this project. As a Hawaiian non-profit organization, which manages an entire watershed within the Hanalei area, Waipā has participated in HWH’s community based coastal resilience planning in the past. We feel that it is important to continue to support this effort, and this project, into the future as well.

Building on an award-winning program, a decade long history of credible research and planning and community advocacy, the HWH has facilitated a community-based planning process and produced both a watershed management plan and a Disaster Resilience Plan for the vulnerable, rural coastal north shore communities of Kaua’i, Hanalei to Hā’ena, in collaboration with the sister-project of the north shore of O’ahu. The first project of its kind in the State, they have enabled a forum to share experiences, challenges and best practices. It recommends that other communities develop disaster resilience plans, similar to the *Hanalei to Hā’ena Community Disaster Resilience Plan*. The plan, which needs support for implementation, also provides a guide for other communities to engage in community resilience planning. Together these plans consider the assets and resources in communities at risk from hazards, and builds on local capacity and place-based management to reduce hazard risks and vulnerability. The long-term view for supporting sustainable communities enables them to increase resilience to disruptions – climate change, disasters, and economic crises.

This proposal will enable stakeholders to support and strengthen their efforts and the community-based resilience leadership committee, broaden the partnerships they have established through organizations like Kua 'Aina Ulu 'Auamo(KUA) and Pacific Risk Management Ohana (PRiMO) and local nonprofits, and expand the plans' scope to include long-term disaster relief, recovery and climate change adaptation considerations. This next phase will enable the community to develop, implement, monitor, evaluate and adapt grassroots disaster resilience, climate change adaptation and integrated coastal resource management curriculum, tools, methods and resources, in order to pilot and extend our project model to other at-risk communities in the State.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of the Hanalei Watershed Hui proposal.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacy Sproat-Beck', written over the typed name and title.

Stacy Sproat-Beck
Executive Director