



Legacy Land Conservation Program

Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources

Form 5a

Fiscal Year 2021 Agency Consultation for Land Acquisition: Department of Land and Natural Resources

To: Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources
c/o: DOFAW / Legacy Land
via email to legacyland@hawaii.gov

Please return completed form to Applicant.

Applicant: _____

Application Title: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Date Submitted: _____ (not later than May 24, 2019)

*Request for Consultation regarding Land Conservation Fund Grant Application for
Land Acquisition (Section 173A-5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes)*





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In order to help the Legacy Land Conservation Commission and the Board of Land and Natural Resources to process and prioritize applications for funding, the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) requests that a consulting agency complete this form (Part I, and Part II if applicable) and return it—with comments, if any, on agency letterhead—to the Applicant at the address listed above, **not later than July 8, 2019**. Thank you!

The LLCP expects that a consulting agency will base its responses on the information presented in the attached Form 5 (Information from Land Acquisition Grant Applicant, including maps and photos). Please contact the Applicant directly with questions regarding the proposed land acquisition (Form 5), and contact the LLCP at 586-0921, or legacyland@hawaii.gov, with questions regarding agency consultation and the grant process.

If the Applicant does not receive an agency response before July 9, 2019, then the application will indicate that the agency “Did Not Respond” to Part I and “Did Not Advise” regarding Part II (if applicable). Please note that a lack of agency response does not affect the prioritization of an application.

I. Request for Consultation regarding Land Conservation Fund Grant Application (Section 173A-5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes)

Subsection 173A-5(i), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), requires that an application for a land acquisition grant from the Land Conservation Fund include “(7) Results of the applicant's consultation with the staff of the department [of land and natural resources], the department of agriculture, and the agribusiness development corporation regarding the **maximization of public benefits** of the project, where practicable” (emphasis added). The attached Information Form (Form 5) describes the proposed land acquisition grant for which we request agency consultation.

The Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) suggests that a consulting agency consider the **maximization of public benefits** within the context of:

- (a)** The criteria that the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (LLCC) may consider in forming its recommendations for acquisitions (Section 13-140-39, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, see page 18), particularly:
- (3) Linkage of protected acreage of similar resources;
 - (4) Opportunities for appropriate public access and enjoyment;
 - (5) Presence of environmental hazards;
 - (9) Urgency of need to acquire;
 - (10) Status and adequacy of management planning;
 - (11) Community support for acquisition;

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- (13) Connection to regional planning and protection efforts; and
- (14) Capacity for long-term management.

(b) The lands to which the LLCC shall give priority in its recommendations for acquisition (Section 173A-2.6, HRS):

- (1) Lands having exceptional value due to the presence of:
 - (A) Unique aesthetic resources;
 - (B) Unique and valuable cultural or archaeological resources; or
 - (C) Habitats for threatened or endangered species of flora, fauna, or aquatic resources;
- (2) Lands that are in imminent danger of development;
- (3) Lands that are in imminent danger of being modified, changed, or used in a manner to diminish its value;
- (4) Lands providing critical habitats for threatened or endangered species that are in imminent danger of being harmed or negatively impacted;
- (5) Lands containing cultural or archaeological sites or resources that are in danger of theft or destruction; and
- (6) Lands that are unique and productive agricultural lands.

(c) The appropriate legal mechanisms to ensure the long-term protection of the land and to preserve the interests of the State (see Section 173A-4, HRS). In particular, would the consulting agency be willing to accept/hold a conservation easement, agricultural easement, deed restriction, or covenant that runs with the land, or would an exemption from the easement requirement be more appropriate?

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☐	We do not object to the proposed project
☐	We do not wish to comment on the proposed project
☐	Comments attached
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Name: _____	
Title: _____	