

**BOARD PACKET – Legacy Land Conservation Commission Meeting 92**  
January 15-16, 2026

**ITEM A: REVIEW MEETING PRIORITIES, CRITERIA, AND PROCESS**

FY2026 Priorities and Criteria Handout  
FY2026 Applications\_Comparative Table (for Agenda Item C)  
FY2026 Ranking Form (for Agenda Item D)  
FY2026 Tally Sheet (for Agenda Item D)  
FY2026 Sample Recommendation (for Agenda Item E)

**ITEM B: FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND (LAND ACQUISITION) – APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS AND COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

See application summary table on page 2 of Meeting 92 Agenda.  
Contact program staff for access to one or more specific applications.  
See Meeting 91 records for Commission Permitted Interaction Group Reports, *available at:* <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/ecosystems/lcp/commission/>.  
See FY2026 Priorities and Criteria Handout and FY2026 Applications\_Comparative Table.

**ITEM C: FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND (LAND ACQUISITION) – COMPARATIVE DISCUSSION**

See FY2026 Priorities and Criteria Handout and FY2026 Applications\_Comparative Table.

**ITEM D: FISCAL YEAR 20256 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND (LAND ACQUISITION) – RANKING**

See FY2026 Ranking Form and FY2026 Tally Sheet.

**ITEM E: FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND (LAND ACQUISITION) – RECOMMENDATIONS**

See FY2026 Comparative Table and Sample Recommendation

<p><b>Land Acquisition Priorities (Section 173A-2.6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes)</b> "Commission shall give the following lands priority in its recommendations . . ."</p> <p>(1) Lands having <b>exceptional value</b> due to the presence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Unique <b>aesthetic</b> resources;</li> <li>(B) Unique and valuable <b>cultural or archaeological</b> resources; or</li> <li>(C) Habitats for threatened or endangered <b>species</b> of flora, fauna, or aquatic resources;</li> </ul> <p>(2) Lands that are in <b>imminent danger</b> of <b>development</b>;</p> <p>(3) Lands that are in <b>imminent danger</b> of being modified, changed, or used in a manner to <b>diminish its value</b>;</p> <p>(4) Lands providing <b>critical habitats</b> for threatened or endangered species that are in <b>imminent danger</b> of being harmed or negatively impacted;</p> <p>(5) Lands containing <b>cultural or archaeological</b> sites or resources that are in <b>danger</b> of theft or destruction; and</p> <p>(6) Lands that are <b>unique and productive</b> <b>agricultural lands</b>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> </p>	<p><b>Land Acquisition Criteria (Section 13-140-39, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, "may consider")</b></p> <p>(1) Completeness of the acquisition application;</p> <p>(2) Acquisition of interests or rights in <b>land having value as a resource to the State</b> for the preservation of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Watershed protection;</li> <li>(B) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access;</li> <li>(C) Habitat protection;</li> <li>(D) Cultural and historical sites;</li> <li>(E) Recreational and public hunting areas;</li> <li>(F) Parks;</li> <li>(G) Natural areas;</li> <li>(H) Agricultural production; and</li> <li>(I) Open spaces and scenic resources;</li> </ul> <p>(3) Linkage of protected acreage of similar resources;</p> <p>(4) Opportunities for appropriate public access and enjoyment;</p> <p>(5) Presence of environmental hazards;</p> <p>(6) Feasibility of a project within the two-year acquisition timeframe;</p> <p>(7) Cost of acquisition;</p> <p>(8) Proportion of matching funds being leveraged;</p> <p>(9) Urgency of need to acquire;</p> <p>(10) Status and adequacy of management planning;</p> <p>(11) Community support for acquisition;</p> <p>(12) Completeness of acquisition funding;</p> <p>(13) Connection to regional planning and protection efforts; and</p> <p>(14) Capacity for long-term management.</p>
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### RANKING FORM FOR APPLICATIONS

#### Applicant – Application Title

(1) exemplary    (2) above average    (3) average    (4) below average    (5) lowest

A Commissioner can rank only one application at the "lowest" level (5).

Other rankings can be assigned to more than one application.

**The Commission typically recommends approval of full funding for certain applications, in the order ranked by the Commission, as funds may be available.**

**The Commission may also recommend that a certain application not be approved for funding, or that the Board of Land and Natural Resources impose specific, special conditions on a grant award.**

- (1) Completeness of the acquisition application;
- (2) Acquisition of interests or rights in **land having value as a resource to the State** for the preservation of the following:
  - (A) Watershed protection;
  - (B) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access;
  - (C) Habitat protection;
  - (D) Cultural and historical sites;
  - (E) Recreational and public hunting areas;
  - (F) Parks;
  - (G) Natural areas;
  - (H) Agricultural production; and
  - (I) Open spaces and scenic resources;
- (3) Linkage of protected acreage of similar resources;
- (4) Opportunities for appropriate public access and enjoyment;
- (5) Presence of environmental hazards;
- (6) Feasibility of a project within the two-year acquisition timeframe;
- (7) Cost of acquisition;
- (8) Proportion of matching funds being leveraged;
- (9) Urgency of need to acquire;
- (10) Status and adequacy of management planning;
- (11) Community support for acquisition;
- (12) Completeness of acquisition funding;
- (13) Connection to regional planning and protection efforts; and
- (14) Capacity for long-term management.

Fiscal Year 2026 Land Conservation Fund - Grant Applications for Land Acquisition - Comparative Summary for Meeting 92, Legacy Land Conservation Commission  
 Each application is for acquisition of fee title

ITEM	APPLICATION	APPLICANT / PARTNER	District, Island*	Easement Holder	State Land Use District	County Zoning	No. of Parcels	~Total Acres**	LLCP \$ ~\$6.8M Available	MATCH \$	Total Estimated \$	MATCH %	MATCH RATIO	\$ Per Acre	Title Reports	Land Valuation
<b>B.1</b>	<b>EAST MAUI COASTAL FOREST</b> \$300,000 awarded FY2025 \$700,000 award pending, FY2025	DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife / The Trust for Public Land	Hana, Maui	Requests Waiver	AGRICULTURAL	AG	5	541.73	<b>3,310,000</b>	9,993,000	13,303,000	75.1%	3.02	24,557	5 parcels	DLNR Market Analysis
									3,010,000							
									2,310,000							
<b>B.2</b>	<b>HANEOO AINA</b>	Ke Ao Hali'i	Hana, Maui	Hawaiian Land Trust	AGRICULTURAL	AG+SMA	8	115.576	4,054,900	1,400,000	5,454,900	25.7%	0.35	47,198	none	uncertain
<b>B.3</b>	<b>HANEOO</b>	Ua Mau Ke Ea	Hana, Maui	TBD	RURAL	INTERIM+SMA	1	1.478	800,000	595,000	1,395,000	42.7%	0.74	943,843	none	uncertain
<b>B.4</b>	<b>HONOLUA BAY</b>	Save Honolua Coalition / The Trust for Public Land	Lahaina, Maui	Maui County	CONSERVATION (R Subzone) x2 AGRICULTURAL x1	INTERIM+SMA x2 AG+SMA x1	3	17.810	2,021,250	699,650	2,720,900	25.7%	0.35	152,774	2 parcels	Seller's realtor
<b>B.5</b>	<b>ROOTS IN RESILIENCE</b>	Self Sponsored Sports	Koolaupoko, Oahu	TBD	URBAN	AG-2	1	5.174	982,150	327,350	1,309,500	25.0%	0.33	253,092	none	uncertain
<b>B.6</b>	<b>MALAMA KAUNAKAHAKAI</b>	Hui Wa'a O Moloka'i / The Trust for Public Land	Molokai, Molokai	Maui County	CONSERVATION (G Subzone)	INTERIM+SMA	1	23.792	318,750	131,650	450,400	29.2%	0.41	18,931	1 parcel	Realtor listing
<b>B.7</b>	<b>KALOKOELI SHORELINE</b>	KHM International / The Trust for Public Land	Molokai, Molokai	Maui County	URBAN	INTERIM+SMA	11	7.193	1,050,000	375,400	1,425,400	26.3%	0.36	198,165	none	uncertain

\*As established in Section 4-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes

TOTALS

30 712,753 12,237,050 13,522,050 26,059,100 51.9% 1.11 36,561

\*\*Acreage based on County parcel information and applicant information

**LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION RANKING SHEET  
LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**Instructions:**

- **Select one ranking choice for each application**
  - "(5) lowest' can be selected for just one application, if at all
    - don't rank more than one application as "(5) lowest"
- **Write initials at top right and return to staff**

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**B.1 DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife / East Maui Coastal Forest**

(1) exemplary     (2) above average     (3) average     (4) below average

(5) lowest

ABSTAIN

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**B.2 Ke Ao Hali'i / Haneo'o 'Āina**

(1) exemplary     (2) above average     (3) average     (4) below average

(5) lowest

ABSTAIN

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**B.3 Ua Mau Ke Ea / Haneoo**

(1) exemplary     (2) above average     (3) average     (4) below average

(5) lowest

ABSTAIN

RECUSE

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**B.4 Save Honolua Coalition / Honolua Bay**

(1) exemplary     (2) above average     (3) average     (4) below average

(5) lowest

ABSTAIN

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**B.5 Self Sponsored Sports / Roots in Resilience**

(1) exemplary     (2) above average     (3) average     (4) below average

(5) lowest

ABSTAIN

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**B.6 Hui Wa'a O Moloka'i / Mālama Kanakahakai**

(1) exemplary     (2) above average     (3) average     (4) below average

(5) lowest

ABSTAIN

RECUSE

**B.7 KHM International / Kaloko'eli Shoreline**

(1) exemplary     (2) above average     (3) average     (4) below average

(5) lowest

ABSTAIN

RECUSE



## LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING 92

Item E  
January 16, 2026

### Recommendation

- I. The Legacy Land Conservation Commission (**Commission**) recommends that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (**Board**) approve \_\_\_\_\_ awards for grants from available funds in the Land Conservation Fund, for full funding of the \_\_\_\_\_ top-ranking Fiscal Year 2026 applications for land acquisition grants, in the order ranked by the Commission, as funds are available
- II. The Commission recommends that the Board ("Board") (1) approve \_\_\_\_\_ awards for grants from available funds in the Land Conservation Fund, for partial funding of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ ranked Fiscal Year 2026 applications for land acquisition grants, in the order ranked by the Commission, as funds are available, in the amounts of up to:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ ranked),  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ ranked), and  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ ranked) and  
(2) waive the requirement that Division of Forestry and Wildlife convey a conservation easement to another entity.
- III. The LLC recommends that the Board not approve a grant award from the \_\_\_\_\_ ranked applications.
- IV. In order to provide for greater flexibility in the awards program, the Commission also recommends that the Board:  
(1) Approve—as a contingency in the event that an awardee declines its Fiscal Year 2026 (**FY2026**) Legacy Land grant award, or is unable to accept or expend all or part of its awarded funds—awards of remaining, available funds in the FY2026 Land Conservation Fund, up to the amounts originally requested in the FY2026 applications, to APPLICANT as first alternate, for the acquisition of XX acres at District, Island, currently identified by Tax Map Key Number \_\_\_\_\_; then to

APPLICANT as second alternate, for the acquisition of XX acres at District, Island . .

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(2) Authorize the Chairperson, if needed, to redirect up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ of remaining, available funds from a FY2026 Legacy grant award—that were declined, not accepted, or not used by <LIST AWARDEES>—to the FY2026 grant awarded to APPLICANT (as first alternate) for the acquisition of XX acres at District, Island, currently identified by Tax Map Key Number \_\_\_\_\_, so as to accomplish full funding for APPLICANT's approved application, as funds are available; then to the FY2026 grant awarded to APPLICANT (as second alternate) . . .

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**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

For Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) Recommendations, the Commission recommended a full award for each of four highly and closely ranked applications, while reducing the amount of each initial award to 91.3% of the full amount requested and approved. This allowed the total amount of available FY2023 funds to be distributed amongst four outstanding applications, rather than having the lowest ranked application leave empty-handed.