

# Arbor Day Hawai'i 2023

## Request for Proposals



### **Aloha Tree Lovers!**

Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry, a program of Hawai'i's Division of Forestry and Wildlife, is proud to support Arbor Day Hawai'i 2023.

Arbor Day is one day, formally designated across our entire nation to honor, plant and enjoy trees. Communities throughout the Hawaiian Islands have honored Arbor Day with tree planting events, tree care workshops, planting demonstrations, landscaping and gardening demonstrations, exhibits featuring woodworking as well as tree-themed arts and crafts, online workshops, digital resources, and of course the flagship tree adoption events.

In 2023, Arbor Day Hawai'i will be celebrated on Saturday November 4th and Kaulunani is inviting proposals that will share the benefits of trees with your communities! We welcome projects ranging from community tree adoptions to projects celebrating and demonstrating the value of trees in our communities. Proposals that request support for tree adoptions will be more competitive if they also include elements of capacity building for communities. For example, workshops on tree planting, post-adoption tree care support, data tracking, volunteer and community engagement etc.

The Kaulunani Advisory Council recognizes that our mission is best fulfilled through engaging people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, experiences and cultures with a focus on our priority populations - Native Hawaiians and low-income individuals. To that end, we identify and lift up equity, diversity, and justice as foundational to our program. Partnerships that promote those values are encouraged.

Contact us at [info@kaulunani.org](mailto:info@kaulunani.org) if you have any questions, or would like to discuss your project idea.

**Kaulunani will host an interactive webinar to share details and answer questions: Friday, December 16th, 12 - 1pm. Please RSVP at [this link](#) or email [info@kaulunani.org](mailto:info@kaulunani.org)**

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**Who can apply:** Non-profit organizations, private organizations, schools, churches, community groups, State and County agencies. All grantees must be in compliance with State Government requirements and provide Hawai'i Compliance Express certification.

**From where:** Communities from all islands of Hawai'i are encouraged to apply

**Eligibility:** Projects must be accessible to the public (i.e. trees cannot be planted on inaccessible private land; programs and events must be open to all). Food and beverages are an ineligible expense.

**Deadline:** Monday, January 16, 2023 | 11:59PM (HST)

**Grant Awards:** \$1,000 - \$5,000. (Total available funding is \$35,000)

**Where to Apply:** [Apply online](#)

Visit [www.Kaulunani.org](http://www.Kaulunani.org) for more details on the Kaulunani Grant Program

***Please note: Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program funds must be matched equally (dollar for dollar) with non-federal funds. These non-federal funds cannot be used as a match for any other Federal cost-share project. The match may include in-kind contributions, volunteer assistance, and private and public (non-Federal) monetary contributions. All matching funds must be specifically related to the proposed project. Further, this is a reimbursement grant, funds are paid upon completion of project milestones and proof of expenditure.***

Kaulunani has awarded grants to hundreds of non-profit groups, schools, community organizations, parks, museums and arboretums. As of 2022, nearly \$4.5 million dollars has been awarded to more than 400 projects through these cost-share grants, which have been matched by over \$8 million dollars in cash and in-kind contributions.

For more information about the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program, please contact Heather McMillen, DOFAW Urban & Community Forester, at [heather.l.mcmillen@hawaii.gov](mailto:heather.l.mcmillen@hawaii.gov).  
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