How could your organization best utilize a **$30k – $300k grant** over **three years** to build equitable access, engagement, and relationships with urban and community forests?

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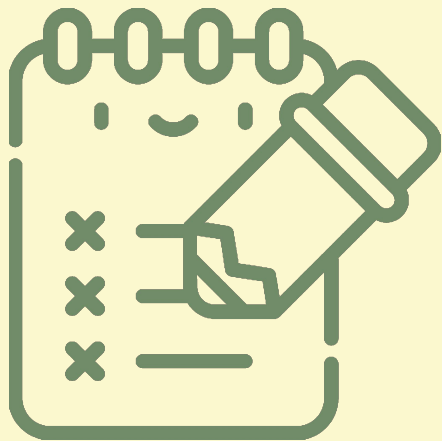## Information for Applicants

Online
September 12th, 2023
12 – 1 PM HST

Carving Out Our Future kālai workshop with Nalu Andrade,
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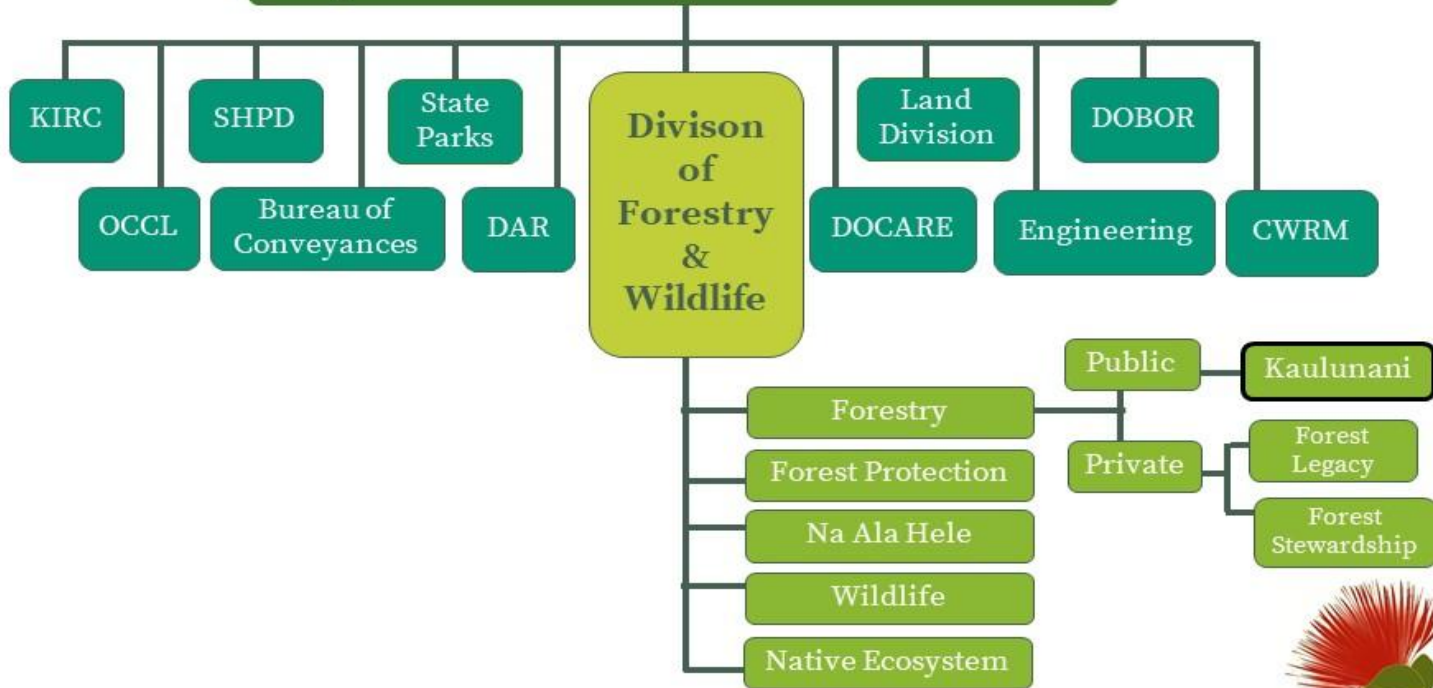
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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Board of Land and Natural Resources

Department of Land and Natural Resources

- KIRC
- SHPD
- State Parks
- OCCL
- Bureau of Conveyances
- DAR
- Divison of Forestry & Wildlife
- Land Division
- DOBOR
- DOCARE
- Engineering
- CWRM

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- Forestry
  - Public
    - Kaulunani
  - Private
    - Forest Legacy
    - Forest Stewardship
- Forest Protection
- Na Ala Hele
- Wildlife
- Native Ecosystem

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OUR TEAM

KAULUNANI

KOKI ATCHESON

IRA Community Partnerships Coordinator

- Consult council and staff to develop competitive process for this new funding opportunity
- Support IRA grantees from application to report submittal

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MISSION

KAULUNANI

Our mission is to support all of Hawaiʻi's communities with a focus on equity to cultivate well-being and resilience through restorative & environmental justice, planting, caring for, and growing relationships with the trees and forests where we live, work, learn and play.

WHAT IS AN URBAN FOREST?

Trees on Private Property

Street Trees

Urban Park

Campus Trees

Rain Garden

Pocket Park

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Urban and **COMMUNITY** forestry

EQUITY & JUSTICE STATEMENT

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We recognize our mission is best fulfilled through engaging people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, experiences and cultures with a focus on our underserved and low-income communities as well as Native Hawaiians.

Full statement is available here

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ADVISORY COUNCIL

- 16 members from Oʻahu, Maui, Kauaʻi & Hawaiʻi Island (some pictured)
- Three year term
- Representing local government, academia, community & business
- Provides recommendations, direction & strategic guidance
- Learn more on our website

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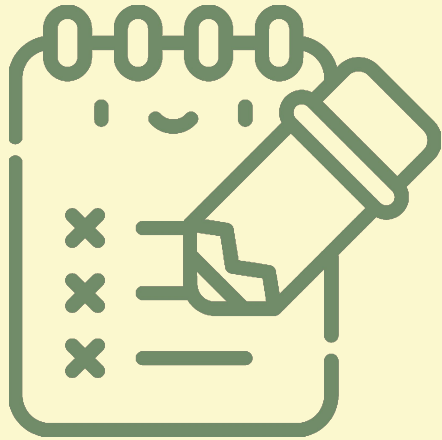
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Kaulunani IRA – Flow of $

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) enables US Forest Service to allocate funding to **State** Urban and Community Forestry projects

Kaulunani received $1.5 million and will competitively sub-award **$1.2 million in funding to community projects** in Hawaiʻi.

Eligible projects **apply** to Kaulunani for IRA funding.

DIRECT FEDERAL IRA – "NOFO"

COMMUNITY ORG, STATE or LOCAL AGENCY

- **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** for direct funding from Forest Service deadline has passed (June 1).

- Kaulunani applied for this opportunity as well.

- Decisions to be announced by the federal government.

- Cannot receive a direct federal IRA award AND a Kaulunani IRA award.

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STATE IRA AWARDEES

- Eligibility
- Timeline & Process
- Tips for applying

AVAILABLE FUNDING

$1.2 M

Awarded to ==6–12 projects==

Each award = ==$30k – $300k==

Project period: 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2027

TIMELINE

Pre-proposal opens

Apr 2024

Project complete (latest)

Sept 15 2023

Awards issued, project start

March 2027
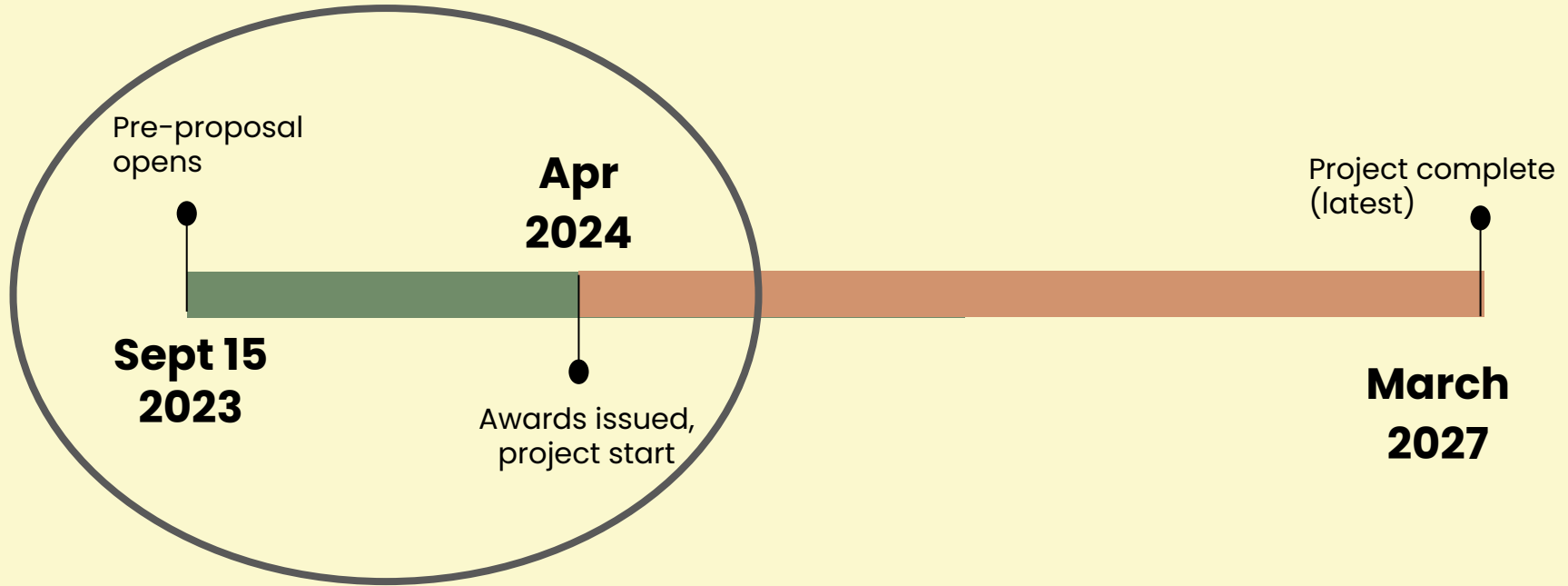
NEW TWO-STEP APPLICATION PROCESS

Pre-proposal open (one page)

Sept 15 -Oct 15 2023

Oct-Nov 2023

Kaulunani council reviews pre-proposals

Invitations to apply are issued, full application opens

Nov 20 2023

Feb 20 2024

Application closes.

Kaulunani council committee meets, council approves funding recommendations.

March 2024

April 2024

Awards announced.

End of grant period, all expense reports must be submitted

March 2027

OCT. 15

PRE-PROPOSAL DUE

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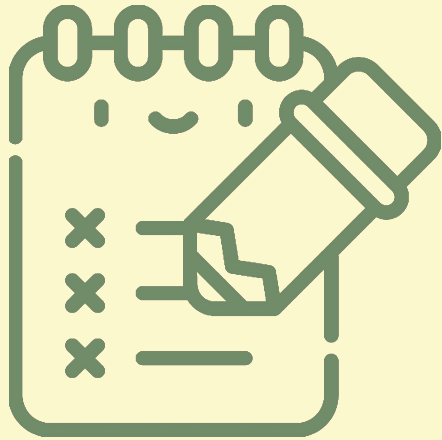
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ELIGIBILITY – APPLICANTS (part 1)

- **Must fill out a pre-proposal**

- **Organization:** Non-federal entities operating within Hawai`i. 501(c)(3) status not required. For-profit organizations may partner with eligible entity.
  - Partnerships are encouraged!

ELIGIBILITY – APPLICANTS (part 2)

- Registration with **Hawaiʻi Compliance Express** and current HCE certification is required to receive funding.

- This is a **reimbursement** program. Limited access for start-up funds. Contact staff

- **Location:** Must be in a priority community*

ELIGIBILITY – PROJECTS (part 1)

- New initiative, aligned with purposes of [RFP](#)
  - Build capacity
  - Advance equity and justice
  - Build partnerships and community involvement
- No match requirement
- Aligned with [Forest Action Plan](#)

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ELIGIBILITY – PROJECTS (part 2)

- urban forestry strategic or management plan.
- tree ordinance development/revision.
- public outreach and education.
- monitoring or technology transfer.
- staff or volunteer training.
- tree board or volunteer group development.
- tree planting and maintenance.
- site prep including invasive species removal, pavement removal, or deconstruction (when directly related to tree planting).

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Tree seedlings/ saplings

Supplies, tools (must be <$5k per item)

Print & digital outreach materials, "tech transfer"

Maintain / monitor trees

Staff & contractor costs (admin ok up to 20%)

Invasive species removal (<10%)

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Property acquisition

Projects on property inaccessible to public

Equipment

Ok if directly related to tree planting

Food and refreshments

Construction projects

Land clearing, stump removal

TREE PLANTING PROJECTS REQUIRE:

- ❏ Landowner permission
- ❏ Maintenance plan
- ❏ Site map
- ❏ Species list (with weed risk assessment scores from Plant Pono)
- ❏ Nursery bid, supplies needed, maintenance cost

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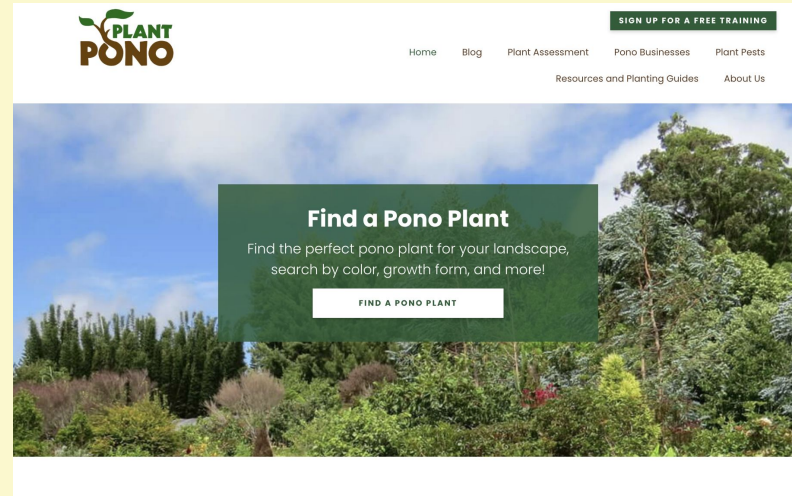
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TREE DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS REQUIRE:

❏ Species list (with weed risk assessment scores from Plant Pono)
❏ Nursery bid, supplies needed, maintenance cost
❏ Plans for long term care of adopted trees (encouraged)
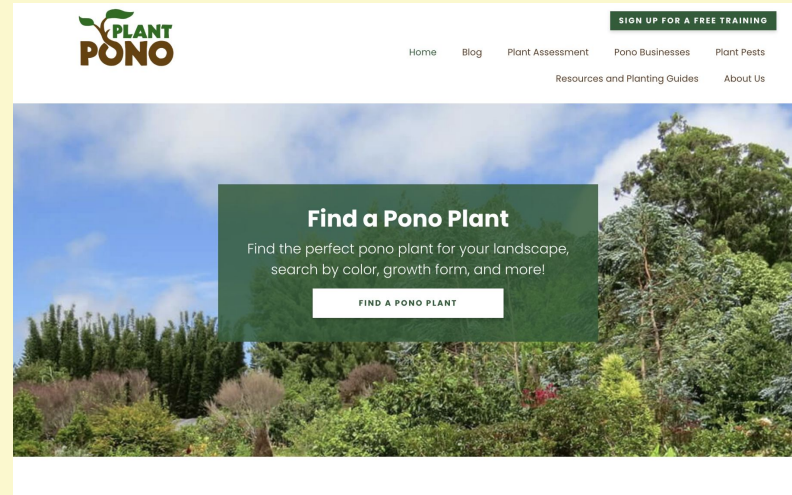
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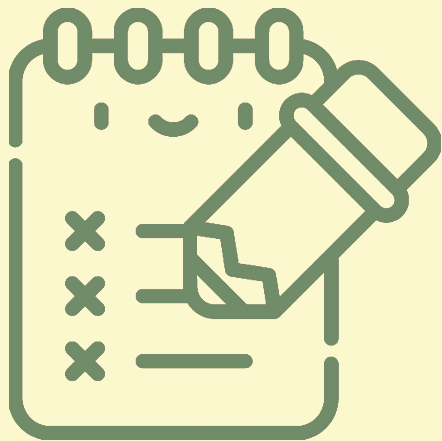
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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

❏ Due twice a year until project completion
❏ Include:
  ❏ Receipts, explanation of expenditures, photos
  ❏ # of volunteers; # of volunteer hours
  ❏ Accomplishments in relation to proposed deliverables(narrative)

TIPS FOR APPLYING (RUBRIC)

The criteria for reviewing and scoring pre-proposals will be (points):

- **Alignment (10):** Degree to which project is aligned funding priorities, Kaulunani program goals with Hawaiʻi Forest Action Plan criteria.
- **Partnerships (10):** Degree to which project involves appropriate partners and collaborators.
- **Clarity (5):** Purpose and objectives of the project are clearly defined.
- **Readiness (5):** Long-term history of work in the site and with the beneficiary community; may be substituted by expertise in the project area
- **Location (5):** Degree to which project takes place in communities that represent one or more priorities (Tree Canopy Viewer IRA button).

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TIPS FOR APPLYING (RUBRIC)

In addition to re-evaluating pre-proposal criteria, full proposals will also be reviewed and scored on the following (points):

- **Budget (10):** Budget and timeline are reasonable, accurate, and clearly presented
- **Assessment (5):** Plan to assess project success is developed.
- **Relationship to IRA priority layers (5):** Relationships of project to priorities are well-thought out, integral to the project, and well-described.

REFERENCE

- Examples (StoryMap) (Currently Funded)

- Grant Program Webpage

TREE CANOPY VIEWER HAWAI'I

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IRA Priority Layers

- **Statewide, all land use types**

- **Canopy data**
  - Radar 1-meter resolution
  - MAXAR VIVID & LiDAR Imagery 2013-2020
  - Available for download

- **Socio-demographic and health data**

TREE CANOPY VIEWER

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https://tinyurl.com/TreeCanopyViewer

Show/hide layers →

USDA Urban Tree Canopy in Hawaii — IRA

Layers

- Ahupua'a
- Tree Inventory (Oʻahu and Kauaʻi)
- STEW-MAP Stewardship Area (Oʻahu and Hawaiʻi)
- Canopy and Census Statistics
- ☑ Tree Canopy
- Urban Canopy Cover
- Impervious Landcover
- Urban Heat Index (UHI)
- Population
- Native Hawaiian Population
- Household Income
- Asthma
- SNAP Recipients
- Cardiovascular Disease

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About

Hawai'i Tree Canopy Viewer

This map viewer displays a complete tree canopy layer for the state with other information—such as the extent of impervious surfaces, socioeconomic and health data, and urban heat severity maps, to name a few. These layers provide information to help us understand differences in canopy across communities. They can also aid in the process of prioritizing urban greening goals (e.g., tree planting and tree maintenance) through a lens of equity with the goal that all communities will experience the benefits that tree canopy offers. This viewer also shows IRA grant priority areas. Click on the IRA button above this box to explore those layers.

Honolulu

Close window

Legend

Tree Canopy

Hawaii 2020

Hide legend

Hide layer list

TREE CANOPY VIEWER

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Zoom in/out

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Show priority community layers

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Moloka'i

Lana'i

Maui

Kahului

Kihei

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Show Tree data layers

Kaulunani
Office: Priorities
1, 2, 3, 5 are met

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Show priority community layers

Layers for IRA

Layers

- ☑ Priority 1 CEJST ···
- ☑ Priority 2 Native Hawaiian Population ···
- ☑ Priority 3 Low Urban Tree Canopy ···
- ☑ Priority 4 High Urban Heat Severity Index ···
- ☑ Priority 5 Low Income based on Title 1 Schools ···

Toggle on/off to see which priorities are met.

ANNUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Community Grants**

  - Apply annually in June. Award range is usually $5,000 – $15,000. One year project period

- **Arbor Day Grants**

  - Application due annually in January. Award range is usually $1,000 – $5,000. Funding for the following year Arbor Day (first Saturday in November).

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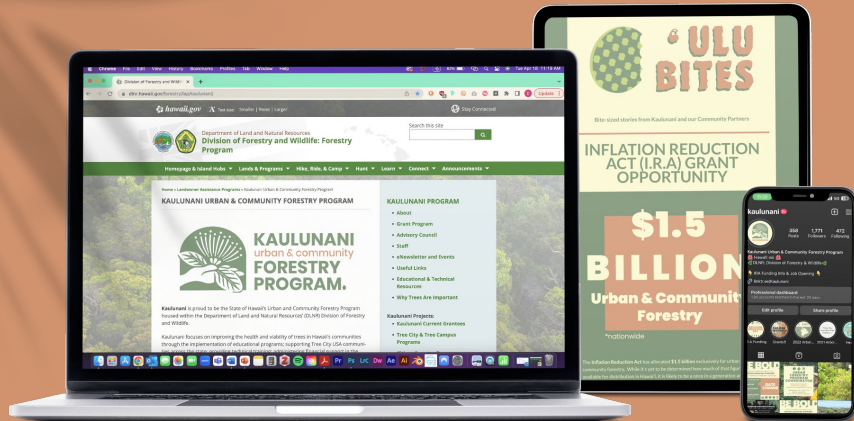
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MAHALO!

Pre-submitted questions

- Can partners submit a combined application?
- Are farms eligible to install windbreaks, diversified orchards and/or riparian buffers?
- What are requirements for community access/use in these scenarios?

TIPS FOR APPLYING

- ❏ Highlight strategic partnerships!
- ❏ Clearly define purpose
- ❏ Demonstrate high likelihood of success
- ❏ Consult rubric

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