

State of Hawai'i  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of State Parks  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Kaua'i

**SUBJECT:** Amend Prior Board Action of January 10, 2020, Item E-1 for Selection of Projects for Federal Grant Awards through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program with Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 Funds.

The Purpose of the Amendment is to Add Russian Fort Elizabeth State Historical Park, Waimea, Kaua'i as an LWCF Funded Project.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a Federal grants program administered by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) to expand public outdoor recreation opportunities. To obligate LWCF funding available from Hawai'i's apportionment of funds in FY 2017 and 2018, the Board previously approved four projects:

15-00176	Mākena State Park	\$500,000
15-00177	Mālaekahana State Park	\$300,000
15-00178	SCORP Update	\$150,000
15-00179	City Park Playgrounds	\$500,000

NPS has informed State Parks that there is a remaining balance of \$300,000 to be obligated by September 30, 2020. Based on available State CIP funding to provide a match for the federal funds, State Parks is proposing to submit a \$500,000 grant application for park improvements at Russian Fort Elizabeth State Historical Park (SHP), Waimea, Kaua'i. This grant will obligate an additional \$200,000 from the FY2019 apportionment of \$1.8m.

**15-00180 Russian Fort Elizabeth State Historical Park, Kaua'i**

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks

Estimated Project Total: \$1,300,000

LWCF Grant Request: \$500,000 (FY18 and FY19)

Project Description: Design and renovate comfort station and parking lot, construct new walkways, install new interpretive devices, and replace irrigation and landscaping.

Environmental and Regulatory Status: Exempt from §343; Section 106/§6E-8 (Historic Preservation compliance), Special Management Area (SMA), and permits to be prepared.

This project meets high priority recreation needs identified in the 2015 SCORP and addresses the need for safe and environmentally responsible facilities that encourage outdoor recreation for residents and visitors. All environmental and regulatory permits and approvals must be obtained before the grant project may begin.

**ITEM E-2**

Consultation was previously conducted with various recreational agencies for the selection of projects, including the Parks and Recreation Departments of the 4 Counties, DOT-Highways, and DLNR divisions (DAR, DOBOR, DOFAW). No objections were received from any of these consulted parties.

RECOMMENDATION:

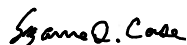
It is recommended that the Board approve the selection of the Russian Fort Elizabeth SHP project and authorize the submittal of this project to the National Park Service for grant funds totaling \$500,000. With approval of the project application by the National Park Service, DLNR is authorized to enter into a formal project agreement with the National Park Service. The project will obligate the balance of Hawai'i's apportionment of LWCF funds for federal fiscal year 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



Suzanne Case, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources