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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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KAUA'I, MAUI

SUBJECT: Selection of Projects for Federal Grant Awards through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program with Fiscal Year 2021 Funds: Repairs to the Kapa'a Swimming Pool, Kaua'i; Construction of a New Multipurpose Building at Hanapēpē Stadium, Kaua'i; Renovation of Ballcourts at Four (4) County of Kaua'i Parks (Puhi Park, Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex, Wailua Homesteads Park, and Wailua Houselots Park); and Construction of a New Comfort Station at Wai'anapanapa State Park, Maui. Tax Map Keys (TMK): (4) 4-5-012:001 por. and 002 por., (4) 1-9-009:001 por., (4) 3-3-005:008 por., (4) 4-5-015:032 por., (4) 4-2-003:018 por., (4) 4-1-016:042 por., and (2) 1-3-005:009 por.

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. The Division of State Parks (State Parks) assists with the administration of this program on the state level. LWCF grants are made available to county and state agencies for the acquisition of recreation areas, construction of new recreational facilities, and rehabilitation of existing facilities. The grant funds must be matched with State funds, County funds, or in-kind services. State Parks takes the lead in notifying the county parks and recreational agencies of the availability of grant funds, accepts applications, and makes a preliminary selection of projects for the grant awards. The Land Board approves this selection of projects as a means of soliciting public comment in the selection process and authorizing DLNR to enter into project agreements with the NPS for the selected projects receiving grant awards.

In order to qualify to receive the LWCF funds, Hawai'i must prepare an updated Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every 5 years. Hawai'i's 2021 SCORP Update was recently approved by NPS which maintains our eligibility to participate in the program. The SCORP includes an inventory of Hawai'i's recreational resources and assesses the recreational demands and priorities based on consultation with government agencies and input from public surveys and stakeholder meetings. Applications for grant awards are ranked on their ability to meet the state's recreational demands and priorities as identified in the SCORP.

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Each year, the Department of Interior announces the funding available for the State Assistance Program of LWCF and the apportionment to each state based on population. Hawai'i's apportionment of LWCF funds for FY21 totals approximately \$3m. Hawai'i also has additional funds in the Special Reserve Account (SRA) due to the withdrawal of several grants. The FY21 funds must be obligated by September 2022 to be able to use the SRA funds. After a program review by NPS in 2010, there has been a concerted effort to award several large grants (\$500,000 to \$1m) rather than many small grants. Because of the available funding level, all grant applications from both the State and Counties are being considered for funding support.

State Parks notified the four (4) County Departments of Parks and Recreation in January 2022 about the availability of these federal funds and workshops were held by State Parks in February and March to encourage the counties to participate and to provide assistance with the submittal of pre-applications. The Counties of Maui and Hawai'i Island chose not to participate this year and the City and County of Honolulu did not submit any applications by the deadline of March 31.

Therefore, project sponsors for this current funding cycle are the County of Kaua'i and DLNR, State Parks. The following project applications have been reviewed and selected for submittal to NPS for an LWCF grant award subject to Board approval:

15-00179 Hanapēpē Stadium, Kaua'i

Applicant: County of Kaua'i, Department of Parks and Recreation

Estimated Project Total: \$2,000,000

LWCF Grant Request: \$1,000,000 (50%)

Matching Funds: County and State Funds

Project Description: Construction of multipurpose building including a comfort station with walkways, fencing, and ticket and vendor booths.

Environmental & Regulatory Status: HRS, §343 exemption (Class 2 replacement of existing facility and Class 6 construction of small accessories to existing facility).

TMK: (4) 1-9-009:001 por.

15-00182 Kapa'a Swimming Pool, Kapa'a, Kaua'i

Applicant: County of Kaua'i, Department of Parks and Recreation

Estimated Project Total: \$1,152,875

LWCF Grant Request: \$576,437 (50%)

Matching Funds: County Funds

Project Description: Replacement of the filtration and chlorination systems, repair of the drainage lines, and restoration of the pool ties and plaster.

Environmental & Regulatory Status: HRS, §343 exemption; Class 2 renovation.

TMK: (4) 1-9-009:001 por.

- 15-00183 Renovation of Ballcourts at Puhi Park, Kaua'i**
Applicant: County of Kaua'i, Department of Parks and Recreation
Estimated Project Total: \$750,000
LWCF Grant Request: \$375,000 (50%)
Matching Funds: County Funds
Project Description: Resurface 2 tennis courts with new nets and resurface basketball court with 6 new backstops and nets.
Environmental & Regulatory Status: HRS, §343 exemption, Class 2 renovation.
TMK: (4) 3-3-005:008 por.
- 15-00184 Renovation of Ballcourts at Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex, Kaua'i**
Applicant: County of Kaua'i, Department of Parks and Recreation
Estimated Project Total: \$750,000
LWCF Grant Request: \$375,000 (50%)
Matching Funds: County Funds
Project Description: Resurface 2 tennis courts with new nets and resurface basketball court with 6 new backstops and nets.
Environmental & Regulatory Status: HRS, §343 exemption, Class 2 renovation.
TMK: (4) 4-5-015:032 por.
- 15-00186 Renovation of Ballcourts at Wailua Homesteads Park, Kaua'i**
Applicant: County of Kaua'i, Department of Parks and Recreation
Estimated Project Total: \$600,000
LWCF Grant Request: \$300,000 (50%)
Matching Funds: County Funds
Project Description: Resurface 2 tennis courts with new nets and resurface basketball court with 6 new backstops and nets.
Environmental & Regulatory Status: HRS, §343 exemption, Class 2 renovation.
TMK: (4) 4-2-003:018 por.
- 15-00187 Renovation of Ballcourts at Wailua Houselots Park, Kaua'i**
Applicant: County of Kaua'i, Department of Parks and Recreation
Estimated Project Total: \$650,000
LWCF Grant Request: \$325,000 (50%)
Matching Funds: County Funds
Project Description: Resurface 2 tennis courts with new nets and resurface basketball court with 6 new backstops and nets.
Environmental & Regulatory Status: HRS, §343 exemption, Class 2 renovation.
TMK: (4) 4-1-016:042 por.
- 15-00188 Wai'anapanapa State Park, Hana, Maui**
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks
Estimated Project Total: \$1,500,000
LWCF Grant Request: \$750,000 (50%)

Matching Funds: State CIP Funds (Job No. F55C642F)

Project Description: Construct a new comfort station with ADA parking and fencing to accommodate the increased visitation of the park

Environmental & Regulatory Status: EIS for Park Master Plan was accepted in 2007; HRS, §343 exemption [Exemption Type 3, construction of single, new, small facility: Part 1 (fences) and Part 2 (structures to support recreational use including comfort stations and wastewater systems)]; County SMA and grading permits, and State DOH (IWS and NPDES) permits will be required.

TMK: (2) 1-3-005:009 por.

In addition to the above projects, requests were received to provide additional funding for two previously awarded grants using the SRA funds. The increase is being requested to address higher project costs after design changes. The grants with additional funding requests are:

15-00180	Pā'ula'ula/Fort Elizabeth State Historical Park, Kaua'i	\$300,000
15-00181	Mālaekahana State Recreation Area, Kahuku Section, O'ahu	\$1,000,000

The ranking and selection of projects is conducted through the Open Project Selection Process (OPSP) that is outlined in the 2021 SCORP. The OPSP is designed to assure equal opportunity for all eligible project sponsors and the general public to participate in the benefits of the LWCF program. By notifying the four (4) County Departments of Parks and Recreation about the availability of the funds and the timeline for submittal of grant applications, these outdoor recreation sponsors are provided an opportunity to request these funds in a fair and equitable process.

Applications are ranked on their ability to meet the priority outdoor recreation needs of the state. If the grant requests exceed the funding available, the OPSP ranking becomes the primary means of deciding which projects are submitted to NPS for funding consideration. In the 2021 SCORP, the high priorities are the quality and condition of existing facilities, hiking, jogging, walking, and biking paths, ocean recreation, access to recreational areas, and resolution of user conflicts that can create overcrowding and safety concerns for recreational users.

The seven (7) new projects meet the high priority recreation needs identified in the 2021 SCORP and address the need for safe and environmentally responsible facilities for residents and visitors. The park improvements at Wai'ānapanapa State Park and Hanapēpē Stadium will provide new facilities that meet sanitation and infrastructure requirements, accommodate ADA access, and enhance the park user experience. The renovated ballcourts and swimming pool in the Kaua'i parks will provide recreational opportunities for youth and families in residential communities.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the selection of seven (7) new projects and authorize the submittal of these projects to the National Park Service for grant funding

15-00179	Hanapēpē Stadium, Kaua'i	\$1,000,000
15-00182	Kapa'a Swimming Pool, Kaua'i	\$576,437
15-00183	Puhi Park, Kaua'i	\$375,000
15-00184	Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex, Kaua'i	\$375,000
15-00186	Wailua Homesteads Park, Kaua'i	\$300,000
15-00187	Wailua Houselots Park, Kaua'i	\$325,000
15-00188	Wai'anapanapa State Park, Maui	\$750,000

With approval of the project applications by the National Park Service, the 7 projects and 2 increased grant awards will obligate Hawaii's apportionment of LWCF funds for federal fiscal year 2021 and the funds available in the Special Reserve Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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