

**STATE OF HAWAI'I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
MINUTES**

June 14, 2022 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson John Waihe'e, IV
Vice-Chairperson Luana Alapa
Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee
Trustee C. Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Mililani Trask

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO / Ka Pouhana / Administrator
Casey Brown, COO / Ka Pou Nui
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT
Everett Ohta, Corporation Counsel
Karlen Oneha, GRANTS
Kevin Chak, IT
Miki Cachola Lene, GRANTS
Nietzsche Ozawa, Corporation Counsel
Ramona Hinck, CFO
Ryan Lee, Interim Investment Manager

BOT STAFF:

Crayn Akina
Melissa Wennihan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Waihe'e calls the Committee on Resource Management meeting for Tuesday, June 14, 2022 to order at **10:01 a.m.**

Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that **PRESENT** are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (10:01 a.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
CHAIR	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	
VICE CHAIR	LUANA	ALAPA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	ARRIVED AT 10:36 A.M.

At the Call to Order, **EIGHT (8) Trustees are PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY on Items Listed on the Agenda*

None

Chair Waihe'e calls a recess from 10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. to address technical issues in the Maui Ola Boardroom.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 31, 2022

Trustee Akaka moves to approve the minutes of May 31, 2022.

Trustee Ahu Isa seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion.

Trustee Ahu Isa: I have something to add to the minutes.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Ahu Isa.

Trustee Ahu Isa: I just wanted to answer the question, this is when Mr. Williams came from the ERS and I asked him about exemption. So, I did go back and look it up, about their Board being exempt and it's on page nine or 10 of the minutes.

I have here HRS §92-6; in no instance shall the Board make a decision or delivery for the decision in Executive Session or matters not... anyway, it goes on about Judicial branch, quasi-judicial branch and investigative branches, functions.

This part shall not apply: 1) to the judicial branch; so, judges, 2) adjudicatory functions, 3) Hawai'i Labor Relations Board. It goes down to the Board of Trustees, Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawai'i.

Here we are, trustees of the Native Hawaiian Indigenous fund and yet, we are not exempt from the law. That's what I discussed with Senator Les Ihara, that's all I wanted to say. I answered my own question. Thank you, Chair.

§92-6 Judicial branch, quasi-judicial boards and investigatory functions; applicability. (a) This part shall not apply:

- (1) To the judicial branch.
- (2) To adjudicatory functions exercised by a board and governed by sections 91-8 and 91-9, or authorized by other sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. In the application of this subsection, boards exercising adjudicatory functions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (A) Hawaii labor relations board, chapters 89 and 377;
 - (B) Labor and industrial relations appeals board, chapter 371;
 - (C) Hawaii paroling authority, chapter 353;
 - (D) Civil service commission, chapter 26;
 - (E) Board of trustees, employees' retirement system of the State of Hawaii, chapter 88;
 - (F) Crime victim compensation commission, chapter 351; and
 - (G) State ethics commission, chapter 84.

(b) Notwithstanding provisions in this section to the contrary, this part shall apply to require open deliberation of the adjudicatory functions of the land use commission. [L 1975, c 166, pt of §1; am L 1976, c 92, §8; am L 1985, c 251, §11; am L 1998, c 240, §6]

Chair Waihe'e: Thank you, Trustee Ahu Isa.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any further discussion or changes.

There is no further discussion nor are there changes.

Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

							10:15 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA		2	X			
DAN	AHUNA						Arrived at 10:36 a.m.
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	1		X			
KELI'I	AKINA					ABSTAIN	
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	0	1	1

VOTE: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that seven members present vote 'AE (YES), one member ABSTAINS, and the **MOTION PASSES**.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM RM #22-11: Approve the Awarding of 'Ahahui Grants, Cycle 1, from Solicitation #22-08, published April 4, 2022

Chair Waihe'e turns it over to Ka Pouhana Sylvia Hussey.

Pouhana Hussey: Thank you, Chair Waihe'e. I'm going to invite CFO Mona Hinck, as well as Grant Supervisor Miki Cachola-Lene, and Karlen Oneha, our Systems Administrator to turn their cameras on and be available for any trustee questions that you may have.

So, Trustees, this is one of the first solicitations that closed and were processed. You may recall that 'Ahahui, are our event grants, they max at \$10,000 for mission-aligned events.

This year we changed the process so that there are four cycles of awarding instead of two cycles for six-month periods, this is *open cycle*. And so, if you're thinking that the list is much smaller it's because it has a smaller cycle. In some ways that's good because we don't have mass amounts to process, you just have small amounts to process.

There were 11 applications in this cycle. Two external grant reviewers reviewed all 11 applications; there were recommendations for awarding.

As they went through and looked at budget, of course, all the asks are at \$10,000, but the recommended budget based on disallowed costs and other unsupported costs in there are then evaluated and the grant program recommendations are there.

Pouhana Hussey: You will also notice that, in the Grant application, was an application for Moanalua Gardens Foundation and the Prince Lot Hula Festival.

Administration has made a recommendation not to approve that awarding for 'Ahahui, because the Board has already approved \$30,000 in sponsorships for the Prince Lot Festival that will continue to be virtual this November.

Of course, Trustees, if you choose to award, that is your choice to make as well. The recommendation from Administration is not to award because you have already awarded \$30,000 in sponsorships.

Otherwise, Chair Waihe'e, Administration stands ready to answer any questions from Trustees.

Chair Waihe'e: Thank you, Pouhana.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there are any questions.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Lindsey.

Trustee Lindsey: *So, where's the list of the 'Ahahui grants?*

Pouhana Hussey: It's in the Action Item, Trustee. The Attachment A of the Action item has all 11 applications, and the Action Item recommendation has the 10 recommended for approval. The same information was provided to Trustees last week in the *grants* memo, so you could take a look at the Executives, as well as the Board Members to identify any conflicts.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Trask.

Trustee Trask: I just had this one question I wanted to ask you, Sylvia. We've gone through a change, prior to this. We were just awarding these twice a year and, as you had mentioned there was a lot of pressure on the staff. Now it's less because we're awarding fewer grants, four times a year.

So, it makes sense to me that staff has more time to work with fewer numbers in each quarter.

Have we gotten any kind of feedback, when we made this change from twice a year to four, did we get any kind of feedback, Sylvia, about impact on Community?

Did it make it difficult for anyone?

Because we're looking at our schedule, where we're awarding, but I don't know if we also look to see what funders award, like - MacArthur, Ford, Kellogg.

In my other work we try to look at when the funders have their dates and we try to prepare for that, but it was a question because we went from two to four; better for us, and I'm thinking even with those applicants. *Did we have any negative impact from anyone?*

Pouhana Hussey: So, Chair Waihe'e in responding to Trustee Trask's question I'll start and then I'll ask our System Administrator Karlen Oneha, who oversees the process the whole way, to comment.

One of the reasons we wanted to switch to four times a year, is because we observe that planning of some of our community organizations and events weren't quite there. So, by just cutting off only two times a year, only this period of time, made it difficult for them to be successful in the awarding.

Often, community events come up when they come up, and the need becomes what the need is, and so that's among the reasons we went to four cycles.

We also went to four cycles to have them be a little bit more planful, but we also put in a mechanism that if they are awarded something pretty, far out, they got their application in, but we're not going to release the funds until 45 days before the event to ensure that the funds go to the event that actually will occur. So, I'm going to turn the time over to Karlen, for you to provide some observations as well.

Chair Waihe'e calls a recess from **10:24 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** to address technical issues in the Maui Ola Boardroom.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Pouhana Hussey.

Pouhana Hussey: I was going to ask Karlen to share the experiences of the applications for the cycles, in response to Trustee Trask's question, go ahead Karlen.

System Administrator Oneha: Aloha Trustees.

Regarding Trustee Trask's question about feedback - some of the feedback that we got regarding the four cycles - we did move from two cycles before, to four cycles, and the feedback has been positive. I'm interested to see this out a little longer to get more feedback, since this is the first cycle.

One thing that I noticed that people like is that they have options to apply, either in the first round, second round, third round, or fourth round, and they don't necessarily need to wait till the next year to apply.

We also aren't super tight on when your event date ends. If it's an annual event, for example, everybody knows that certain events fall during certain times of the year, so they know when to apply.

Some don't have an event planned, so the four cycles allow them to be a little bit more flexible. So far, it seems positive, but I would like to see it through till all four cycles complete, and maybe even do it again, one more year to see if it really makes an impact.

I'm excited for it, because it's not so strict on *you absolutely must apply for this fiscal year, for your event landing during this time, to get this amount of funding, during this time.* So, it seems good.

Then I wanted to add one more thing. Yes, we are up to four cycles now, and it may seem like we do have less events, but in the past, when you were in two cycles or two rounds, we had at least 20 in each round. So, this is a good amount when you add it up and then divide it by four; this is a good amount. So, when I saw this amount coming in and the amount interested, I'm not too worried because this is about where you would be if we did have two rounds.

Trustee Trask: Thank you.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Lee.

Trustee Lee: Thank you, Chair Waihe'e.

Sylvia, my question is - *is there a stipulation that if we do sponsor an event – that, that disqualifies that organization from applying for these grants?*

Pouhana Hussey: So, for this particular one, the 'Ahahui Event grant, because the Ad hoc Committee on Sponsorships and Grants are still under discussion, and we came to the Trustees with a preview of some tiering of sponsorships, we're working within the parameters that we have.

The current parameters are that the Board has approved sponsorships for certain events, larger events, and then we have our 'Ahahui, and what we're trying to do in the future policy is just to work with what we have. So, we're calling the attention to the Trustees that if this should happen - you're over-awarding one specific organization.

Pouhana Hussey: What happened last year is that Moanalua Gardens Foundation was awarded \$10,000 for an 'Ahahui. Then later, the sponsorships were awarded at \$15,000, and so the Board approved an additional \$5,000 - meaning that the total award for Moanalua Gardens Foundation was \$15,000; which matched the other awards that were occurring in that fiscal year. So, we're just trying to align that. There has been no policy decision as to not having awards, other than the Community grants and that application.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there are any further questions.

There are no further questions.

Trustee Ahuna moves to approve the following Fiscal Year 2022 'Ahahui Grant, Cycle 1 disbursements totaling \$72,170 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530):

Organization Name	Award Amount Recommendation
Aloha Week Hawaii dba Aloha Festivals	\$10,000
La'i'ōpua 2020	\$10,000
ODKF Support, Inc	\$9,900
Big Island Substance Abuse Council	\$9,000
Ke Ao Hali'i	\$8,200
Na Mamo O Mu'olea	\$7,500
Adult Friends for Youth	\$5,050
Kaikeha, INC.	\$5,400
Hana Arts	\$4,600
Ka La'i a 'Ehu	\$2,520
10	\$72,170

Trustee Lindsey seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Lee.

Trustee Lee: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to move to bifurcate out Aloha Week Hawai'i dba Aloha Festivals, for \$10,000.

The reason being, out of an abundance of caution, although I know legally, we don't have to - my mother is financially compensated for the parade, but this part is legally binding. It doesn't happen every year, but there are some years that my mother asks me to be the official starter for the parade and I get compensated for that. I don't know if that's going to happen this year or not, but because sometimes I do. **I move that we bifurcate Aloha Week Festivals out of the main motion.**

Trustee Lindsey seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Trask.

Trustee Trask: I just have one question. I understand what Brendon is doing.

My question is - *after we bifurcate and vote for the group, will that then be followed with another motion so that we could take the other one, singly?*

Just in case we have a problem. I just wanted to check on that, if that's where we're going. I support what Brendon's doing, I think it's a good idea.

Visual heads nod and thumbs are up to confirm that, that will be the procedure.

Chair Waihe'e: Yes, thank you.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any further discussion.

There is no further discussion.

Chair Waihe'e calls for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION TO BIFUCATE							Motion: 10:37 a.m. Vote: 10:38 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE	1		X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY		2	X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9	0	0	0

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that all members present vote 'AE (YES) and the MOTION PASSES.

MAIN MOTION (9), AS BIFURCATED

Approve the following Fiscal Year 2022 'Ahahui Grant, Cycle 1 disbursements totaling \$62,170 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530):

Organization Name	Award Amount Recommendation
La'i'ōpua 2020	\$10,000
ODKF Support, Inc	\$9,900
Big Island Substance Abuse Council	\$9,000
Ke Ao Hali'i	\$8,200
Na Mamo O Mu'olea	\$7,500
Adult Friends for Youth	\$5,050
Kaikeha, INC.	\$5,400
Hana Arts	\$4,600
Ka La'i a 'Ehu	\$2,520
9	\$62,170

Chair Waihe'e calls for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

MAIN MOTION (9), AS BIFURCATED							Main Motion (9), As Bifurcated Vote: 10:39 a.m.
TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED	
LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X				
DAN AHUNA	1		X				
KALEIHIKINA AKAKA			X				
KELI'I AKINA			X				
VICE-CHAIR LUANA ALAPA			X				
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA LEE			X				
CARMEN HULU LINDSEY		2	X				
MILILANI TRASK			X				
CHAIR JOHN WAIHE'E			X				
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9	0	0	0	

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that all members present vote 'AE (YES) and the MOTION PASSES.

ALOHA WEEK HAWAII dba ALOHA FESTIVALS (1), AS BIFURCATED

Approve the following Fiscal Year 2022 'Ahahui Grant, Cycle 1 disbursement totaling \$10,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530):

Organization Name	Award Amount Recommendation
Aloha Week Hawaii dba Aloha Festivals	\$10,000
1	\$10,000

Chair Waihe'e calls for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

ALOHA WEEK HAWAII dba ALOHA FESTIVALS (1), AS BIFURCATED							ALOHA WEEK HAWAII dba ALOHA FESTIVALS (1), AS BIFURCATED Vote: 10:40 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA	1		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE					ABSTAIN	
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY		2	X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8	0	1	0

VOTE: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that eight members present vote 'AE (YES) and one member ABSTAINS and the MOTION PASSES.

V. NEW BUSINESS

B. ACTION ITEM RM #22-12: Approve the Awarding of Community Grants – Education, Cycle 1, from Solicitation #22-02.01, published March 30, 2022

Chair Waihe'e turns it over to Ka Pouhana Sylvia Hussey.

Pouhana Hussey: Thank you, Chair Waihe'e. Trustees, this is for the Community Education Grants and similar to the 'Ahahui Grants, we created two cycles for the larger grants.

The dollar amounts are larger, but we still felt that there needed to be an additional chance, if you will, for our Community members to apply.

Just practically speaking, we work with the annual budget that's been approved by Trustees, we make an operational allocation of about 80% of the budget to account for the applications that come in. The same process is applied; applications come in, external reviewers review, they're ranked, the grants program will review the scores, as well as have conversations. If you have any questions regarding the external reviewer process - the post conference, after all the scores are in.

What we want to call out in the Action Item is specifically that 60% requirement on the front end of servicing Native Hawaiians. In some of our Community meetings, some of the feedback from previous applicants, was *oh that's too high, I don't qualify anymore*.

The Grants program staff is here to assure Trustees, as well as applicants, that if you were a grantee in previous years, that 'look back' period is part of your service look back in applying for that. Our grants program can give you specifics about the extensiveness that they go to help the applicants to prove, if you will, that 60% service piece, and the philosophy there is these are larger dollars.

These should go to Native Hawaiians, and as much as we love people in our Community, the point of OHA money should go to Native Hawaiians. We put that on the front end of the grant, in what is termed, phase one, because we want to ensure that on the front end, instead of waiting for the back end, where all the energy is expanded to review.

If you weren't going to serve Native Hawaiians in a significant amount, then pohō, you shouldn't have even gone through the next phase. So, it does seem like a gate, but it's a very intentional gate to ensure that OHA dollars go to our Native Hawaiian serving organizations and to our communities.

Pouhana Hussey: So, with that, in summary, we had four applications in this first cycle, there were five applications in the phase one. One on their own chose to abandon their application, and so four came through. Then based on external reviews, as well as Grant program reviews and recommendation, Administration is recommending awarding three of the remaining four, and encouraging the fourth application to strengthen their application and come back in cycle two for awarding.

Trustee Lindsey: We couldn't hear you, Sylvia.

Pouhana Hussey: *Oh, you couldn't hear any of that?*

Trustee Lindsey: No.

Pouhana Hussey: Okay.

Trustee Lindsey: It wasn't because of you, Sylvia. It's an issue in the Boardroom.

Trustee Lindsey: Okay, I won't take it personally. I'll just say the Action Item is fairly, straightforward. It addressed some of the concerns that were shared with us at the Maui Board meeting and in the Community. The Grants program staff are here to answer any of the questions regarding the process or the awardee recommendations.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Trask.

Trustee Trask: I just had wanted to ask you this Sylvia. One didn't make it. It was turned down. You gave some advice to return, in the next cycle; strengthen your application, the next time around.

- *Are these folks able to do that?*
- *Do they have those skills online?*
- *Do we need to recommend to them someone who might be able to help them do that?*

I say this because, when I work with my own Community nonprofits, they miss a criterion or two, but they really, don't know how to fix it, but we do.

Do we have, I mean, I don't know how you can be independently reviewing a grant and then go, *we're saying no, but if you fix this here*. They may not understand it, they may not have the skills, that's my only question.

When things like this happen, how do we help them to follow the advice we're giving them, if they don't know how?

Pouhana Hussey: So Chair Waihe'e, I'm going to ask Miki Lene, our Grant Supervisor, who oversees this particular solicitation to share the experiences they have regarding applicants, and particularly applicants who are not strong enough to make recommendations.

Grants Supervisor Lene: Mahalo, Sylvia. Mahalo, Trustee Trask for your question. Aloha Trustees.

Regarding capacity and help, the first thing we do is we point our applicants to our scoring matrix, and I believe you folks all have access to that. We really work with the reviewers to provide comments and mana'o for the applicants to consider. So, if you see the comments on the scoring matrix, the three reviewers provided a lot of good detail to help them strengthen their future applications.

We also encourage them to reach out to different entities that assist nonprofits with applying for grants or going through these types of processes.

We also have considered and recommended or tossed around the idea of perhaps bringing back a technical assistance entity that OHA is connected to, that will provide that type of assistance to our Community.

Grants Supervisor Lene: We have received feedback about that, both positive and negative. There are some implications; if there's conflict of interest, if the actual OHA program provides that type of service to our beneficiaries. But, if there's a separate entity that can provide assistance with grant writing, or strengthening skills in applying, then that is something that current Grants program would encourage that OHA consider. I hope that answers your question.

Trustee Trask: Thank you.

Pouhana Hussey: Chair Waihe'e, I would also add that the Grants program and Administration are considering bringing back to the Trustees a consideration for what we're currently terming Kāko'o Grants.

So, Kāko'o Grants, to be applied for to help pay for things like audits, back office services, and technical assistance in grant writing, and grant assistance. To help the applicants have stronger back offices, reporting functions, as well as grant applying for others - not just our grants, but applying for other grants that they can leverage our grants with. So, Administration will be bringing that back to the Board for approval before sending out any kind of solicitation, and of course it will have the budgetary impacts of that, in Fiscal Year 23.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Ahu Isa.

Trustee Ahu Isa: Ka Pouhana, I think that one that didn't get the grant is from Kaua'i. *Haloalaunuiakea Early Learning Center, they scored 73, is that right?*

Pouhana Hussey: Correct.

Trustee Ahu Isa: *So, they can come back in the second cycle, when is that second cycle?*

Pouhana Hussey: The second cycle will open on September 1st. The solicitation will go back up September 1, and then the applications will be open in the Fall. So, this would be programming for a Spring of '23 if you're an Education Program.

Trustee Ahu Isa: Okay, I was just wondering about the school schedule. Mahalo.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Trask.

Trustee Trask: I just wanted to follow up with what Sylvia had said. I really like this idea about looking at Kāko'o Grants and I'd like to just say, I support it and I'm hoping we'll see it come back on the agenda soon.

In the meantime, may I just ask the staff for this, because I'm Big Island. If you have any kind of technical assistance group here now, you know, if you have any people that are doing this now, send me the list so I'll have it. Because I keep getting the inquiry, and I don't have skills myself to help them, and different grants have different criteria.

Trustee Trask: I can help with things like Kellogg and MacArthur, but with others, I can't, but I really would like to revisit this. I think Sylvia's got something here and I just wanted to see if we have anybody around now, until we bring it online. Please send them to me. I'll just keep it here, when people call, I will help out and try to see if I can put something together. Good job on this one.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Akaka.

Trustee Akaka: Ka Pouhana, I wanted to ask what are: the top reasons. the common reasons why entities do not qualify according to the applicant eligibility. Looking at Attachment B. Section III. I wanted to know if there are different entities that have the same reasons, why they don't qualify.

Pouhana Hussey: I'm going to ask Miki based on their experiences, to share some of the reasons folks don't qualify.

Grants Supervisor Lene: E kala mai, I couldn't hear Trustee Akaka really, well. *So, just to clarify, are we talking about the phase one eligibility qualifications or the actual applications?*

Trustee Akaka: Applicant eligibility.

Grants Supervisor Lene: Applicant eligibility, okay sure. So, as Ka Pouhana mentioned, the first phase of the process is the eligibility phase. There are different documents that need to be uploaded,

So, sometimes an applicant doesn't have a current certificate of vendor certification, for example. Or their IRS letter of determination; they uploaded the wrong document, or they don't have a current document that proves they are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. So, there are many different reasons.

Some don't meet the 60% Native Hawaiian requirement, or they aren't able to certify certain requirements. We require them to certify that they'll have all of their permits and licenses by the time they're awarded, or we also ask them to certify that they will provide a COVID plan, if they are awarded. So, all of those boxes need to be checked and all of the required documents, need to be uploaded and if not, then they don't pass that eligibility phase.

Trustee Akaka: I wanted to see if there are different entities that have these similar challenges, how they do not qualify, and see how we can improve on our process.

Grants Supervisor Lene: There are similarities, yes. Within the LOI phase, we go back and forth with them. We guide them through the process and let them know how they can meet the eligibility; we provide them that information. We go back and forth with them until they meet eligibility there.

There were quite a few interested applicants that had challenges with meeting the 60% requirement. So, that is one thing that we will revisit. To see how we can still ensure that we have applicants that the majority of the participants that they serve are Native Hawaiian, which is 60%.

We have to find a balance, I think. Right now, we received feedback that it's difficult for people to prove that they meet that requirement. So, I think we must revisit that and look for ways to help them meet that requirement, which takes background, data collection and time.

Grants Supervisor Lene: So, there's that, but there's also the technical aspect of looking at your data and ensuring that you're providing the right information, the information that we're requesting. Really, it's just to provide us the percentage of Native Hawaiians served, based on your actual numbers of participants. So, if an organization can provide that information, they're considered. That question is considered eligible for them.

Trustee Akaka: Mahalo. When we were on Maui, I think there were at least two entities that shared that it was hard for them to provide that information - that they meet that 60%.

Grants Supervisor Lene: Right, as Sylvia mentioned earlier, we would like to try and work with them. We asked them to provide documentation, so that we can look at it and see their actual numbers to try and help them. We realize that the feedback has been a little more negative than positive for that question, so that is why we, we would like to revisit that question.

Trustee Akaka: Mahalo for all of your work for our people.

Grants Supervisor Lene: Thank you, mahalo.

Chair Waihe'e: Thank you.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any further discussion.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Pouhana Hussey.

Pouhana Hussey: Chair Waihe'e, if I could add to Miki's response to Trustee Akaka. One of the observations also is that perhaps we need a category for, at the US Department of Education, they call it a novice category. These are brand, new grantees who basically have good hearts, but all of the structure that's needed to administer a Grant is not there.

So, novice competitions have their own category. The dollar amounts are usually smaller, but they are designed to help them build capacity, to go after larger grants. So, that's another consideration and observation that the Grants program has made, that we might consider, and then bring that kind of grant structure to the Trustees for consideration.

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Trustee Ahuna.

Trustee Ahuna: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to add a quick comment to that. For me, it's about the overall mission and intentionality of the grant. If we're building kupuna houses, I don't mind if it's less than 60% of them being Native Hawaiian - as long as we can mission-build houses for kupuna. I just wanted to make sure I add that comment, thank you.

Chair Waihe'e: Thank you.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any further discussion.

There is no further discussion.

Trustee Akaka moves to approve the following Fiscal Year 2022, Community Grants – Education, Cycle 1 disbursements totaling \$541,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530):

Organization/Island	Award Amount
1. Educational Services Hawaii Foundation, O‘ahu, Hawai‘i Island, Maui, Kaua‘i, Moloka‘i	\$180,000
2. La‘i‘ōpua 2020, Hawai‘i Island	\$141,000
3. Ho‘okāko‘o Corporation, Hawai‘i Island, Moloka‘i	\$220,000
Total Cycle 1 Recommendation	\$541,000

Trustee Lindsey seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe‘e asks if there is any discussion.

There is no discussion.

Chair Waihe‘e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

							Motion: 11:00 a.m. Vote: 11:01 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	1		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY		2	X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9	0	0	0

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Waihe‘e notes for the record that all members present vote 'AE (YES) and the **MOTION PASSES**.

V. NEW BUSINESS

C. Workshop re: Final Drafts of Endowment Investment, Spending, Debt Management and Cash Management Policies

Chair Waihe'e announces that the Workshop will be deferred due to the technical issues in the Boardroom.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein re: questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to executive session minutes, pursuant to HRS§92-5(a)(4)
- B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes
 - 1. July 22, 2021
 - 2. August 3, 2021
 - 3. September 14, 2021
 - 4. January 25, 2022

Trustee Lindsey moves to RESOLVE INTO Executive Session pursuant to HRS§92-5(a)(4).

Trustee Alapa seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion.

There is no discussion.

Chair Waihe'e calls for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	Motion: 11:02 a.m. Vote: 11:02 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA		2	X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	1		X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9	0	0	0

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that all members present vote 'AE (YES) and the MOTION PASSES.

The committee resolved into Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. to discuss:

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. *Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein re: questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to executive session minutes, pursuant to HRS§92-5(a)(4)*
- B. **Approval of Executive Session Minutes**
 - 1. July 22, 2021
 - 2. August 3, 2021
 - 3. September 14, 2021
 - 4. January 25, 2022

The committee returned to Open Session at 11:25 a.m.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lindsey moves to adjourn the RM meeting.

Trustee Ahuna seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe’e asks if there is any discussion.

There is zero discussion.

Chair Waihe’e calls for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

							11:27 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA		2	X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	1		X			
MILILANI	TRASK						Departed at 11:22 a.m.
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8	0	0	1

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Waihe’e adjourns the RM meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Wennihan
Trustee Aide
Committee on Resource Management

As approved by the Committee on Resource Management (RM) on June 28, 2022.



Trustee John Waihe'e, IV
Chair
Committee on Resource Management