

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

**August 30, 2022 10:00 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**BOT STAFF:**

Crayn Akina  
Melissa Wennihan

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

Sylvia Hussey, CEO / Ka Pouhana / Administrator  
Casey Brown, COO / Ka Pou Nui  
Daniel Santos III, IT  
Edna Johnson, Grants  
Everett Ohta, Corporation Counsel  
Kevin Chak, IT  
Nietzsche Ozawa, Corporation Counsel  
Ramona Hinck, CFO

**EXCUSED:**

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Waihe'e** calls the Committee on Resource Management meeting for Tuesday, August 30, 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	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	<i>Arrived at 10:19 a.m.</i>

At the Call to Order, **SEVEN (7) Trustees are PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

**EXCUSED from the RM Meeting** are:

MEMBERS			COMMENT
TRUSTEE	LEI	AHU ISA	MEMO – REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. July 26, 2022**

**Trustee Akina moves to approve the minutes of July 26, 2022.**

**Vice-Chair Alapa seconds the motion.**

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

There is no discussion nor are there changes.

**RM Staffer Akina states for the record that there is no one signed-up to testify on this agenda item.**

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

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	10:03 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA	1		X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA		2	X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY						Arrived at 10:19 a.m.
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

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

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

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM RM #22-18: Approve the Awarding of Iwi Kupuna Repatriation & Reinternment Grants, from Solicitation #22-10, Published April 14, 2022, Application Deadline June 10, 2022\***

**Chair Waihe'e** asks if there is anyone signed-up to testify on this agenda item.

*There are zero registrants to testify.*

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

**Pouhana Hussey:** Thank you, Chair Waihe'e. I'm going to invite CFO Ramona Hinck who is functioning as the Interim Grants Manager and Grant Supervisor Edna Johnson, to turn on their cameras and participate in the Action Items.

Similar to actions that have been brought forward, this is for the Iwi Kupuna; this is Cycle One. Provided were all of the applications, the scoring, the comments by external reviewers, and then the actual recommendations.

So, you will see there are far more applications, profiles that are in than are actually recommended for awarding.

Iwi Kupuna; two awardees. The first is a brand new applicant, and that's Huliauapa'a. The second awardee that's being recommended is a second time that they have been awarded, and Administration is recommending that the Board approve that subject to completion of their first award, and completion of all of the operational recording and accountability reports that they have.

So, in summary, those are the two. We did not have any additional applications for this cycle, as the Board can see. There are additional funds that will be available for Cycle Two that we can open up once the contracting and all of those items are completed.

We'll leave it at that; and are ready for any questions by the committee.

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

**Chair Waihe'e** recognizes Trustee Trask.

**Trustee Trask:** I wanted to ask about what kind of follow-up we're getting now with the Iwi Kupuna awards. What I'm referring to are to some of the requests that we were getting for persons who were leaving to retrieve the Iwi Kupuna in museums from abroad. Then they were bringing them home, but we were not getting any kind of an actual document, report from them. Were those Iwi ever reinterred, and if so, where were they re-interred.

I had some inquiry from my island, because people were happy that they knew that Iwi had been brought back from a museum in Europe. They never heard again, but they're looking for Iwi that were taken from the area and the shoreline of Kahikolu Church, before it was actually constructed.

**Trustee Trask:** I didn't know what to tell them. When I checked with the office is when I learned that we fund Iwi repatriation, but sometimes the people doing the repatriation don't send us a report, so it's hard to say. To tell beneficiaries, *yes, the Iwi came back, here is when they were reinterred*, but it seems like there's a break there. This is my question. *Are we still having that problem?*

**Pouhana Hussey:** Trustee Trask these Iwi Kupuna Repatriation Grants are for in-state only. They're not for International or out of State, so these are all for local activities.

Any of the international kinds of events, would come through the regular budgeting process. It's in that budget process that the Board would be informed of the different forays into the different countries. So, this particular grant award, and the *re-award to*, for example, the Hawai'i Church of Hawai'i Nei is for local Iwi Kupuna repatriation activities in each of the communities.

**Trustee Trask:** *Do we get our report back from them?*

I'm inclined to vote Yes, but when I do vote yes, and they receive the funding and undertake the Iwi repatriation, *will we receive a report back from them?*

To me, I feel like it's the same whether it's coming back from Frankfurt or it's coming back from the Bishop Museum in Honolulu. There still should be some indication that the job was done and most importantly, where the Iwi went, for those on Neighbor Islands that know that something is coming home. I don't know there's a break in communication there somehow.

**Pouhana Hussey:** So, for these two awardees, the Hawaiian Church of Hawai'i Nei, is an inaugural grantee, when we first opened up Iwi Kupuna. So those are local activities, and their markers are making of the baskets, doing the kapa.

So, the markers, for what they are spending their money on, that's the Grant monitoring report. The appendix, provided in the Action Item, is an example of a grant monitoring report.

The Grants Officer works with them. *Did you spend the money in accordance with what it was supposed to be spent on? Are you on time?* This particular grantee, August 31 and September 30 are the markers to close out their first-year grant. That's why Administration is recommending to award with the condition, that they finish up their first-year grant. They finish it and we will then open up funding for the second year.

**Trustee Trask:** *Our Grant team has taken a look at that report, and this is the kind of report we want?*

**Pouhana Hussey:** Correct, and they will monitor not only the expenditures, but also the activities that the grantee said that they were going to do - and they will monitor. If you said you were going to do so many workshops and produced so many items; they will monitor – to match what you said you were going to do.

**Trustee Trask:** I'm so happy for this, and now, what I will do is that if I get further inquiries, I'll direct them to these materials and say, *look at this, here's a sample of something that comes back to our board*. Thank you very much for that.

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

There are no further questions nor is there further discussion.

**Chair Waihe'e** asks if there is anyone signed up to testify on this matter.

**RM Staffer Akina** states for the record that there is no one signed-up to testify on RM #22-18; neither in-person, nor virtually.

**Motion 1 - Huliauapa'a**

**Trustee Ahuna** moves to approve the following Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and 2023, Community Grant – Iwi Kupuna Repatriation & Reinterment disbursement totaling \$50,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530):

Organization	Award Amount
Huliauapa'a	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Trustee Akaka** seconds the motion.

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

There is no further discussion.

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

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	Motion 1: 10:12 a.m. Vote: 10:13 a.m.
<b>LEINA'ALA</b>	<b>AHU ISA</b>						<b>EXCUSED</b>
DAN	AHUNA	1		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		2	X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE			X			
<b>CARMEN HULU</b>	<b>LINDSEY</b>						<b>Arrived at 10:19 a.m.</b>
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

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

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

**Motion 2 - The Hawaiian Church of Hawaii Nei**

Trustee Ahuna moves to approve the following Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and 2023, Community Grant – Iwi Kupuna Repatriation & Reinterment disbursement totaling \$50,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) for the Hawaiian Church of Hawaii Nei (HCHN), subject to the satisfactory completion of the following FY 2021 grant activities:

- 1) Performance Progress Report & Invoice, submitted before the 7/31/2022 deadline and currently under review by the assigned Grants Officer;
- 2) Performance Final Report & Invoice, due 8/31/2022;
- 3) Closeout Report due 9/30/2022; and
- 4) the Grants Program review and sign off of the reports, closing the 2021 Iwi Kupuna Reinterment & Repatriation grant for HCHN in good standing.

Organization	Award Amount
The Hawaiian Church of Hawaii Nei	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

Trustee Akaka seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion.

There is no further discussion.

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

							Motion 2: 10:14 a.m. Vote: 10:15 a.m.
TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)		EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	1	X				
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		X				
KELI'I	AKINA		X				
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA		X				
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE		X				
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY						Arrived at 10:19 a.m.
MILILANI	TRASK		X				
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E		X				
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>

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

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

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**B. ACTION ITEM RM #22-19: Approve the Awarding of Community Grants – ‘Āina, from Solicitation #22-06, Published April 1, 2022, Application Deadline May 27, 2022\***

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

**Pouhana Hussey:** Thank you, Chair Waihe‘e. Trustees, for the ‘Āina awards, there were six applications in the cycle, and two recommended for awarding. The details of the reasons recommended, either the scoring points, the feedback from the external reviewers, and then, if there is a partial recommendation that Administration has made a calculation of what that partial recommendation of awarding would be.

So, you'll find that in the materials - that out of the six applications, two are being recommended for awarding, and we're ready to answer any questions you may have.

**Chair Waihe‘e** asks if there are any questions or testimony.

There are zero questions and zero registrants to testify.

**MAIN MOTION:**

**Trustee Ahuna moves to approve the following Fiscal Year 2022, Community Grants – ‘Āina disbursements totaling \$275,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) for:**

<b>Organization / Island</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
1. Ke Ao Hāli‘i	\$100,000
2. Na Moku Aupuni o Ko‘olau Hui	\$75,000
3. Aina Hookupu o Kilauea	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>

**Trustee Akaka seconds the motion.**

MAIN MOTION							Motion: 10:17 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	1					
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		2				
	AKINA						
RM VICE CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA						
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE						
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY						Arrived at 10:19 a.m.
MILILANI	TRASK						
RM CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E						
TOTAL VOTE COUNT							

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

**Pouhana Hussey:** Chair Waihe'e, I'd like to call attention to the Trustees that the Action Item actually excludes the seventy-five thousand award. We received information between the initial information provided to the Trustees and the actual application.

The applicant, the process, they went to scoring, but they had not fulfilled all of the awarding recommendations. So, the Action Item awarding is the motion that is in the Action Item, and so that's minus the seventy-five thousand for Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui.

**Pouhana Hussey:** So, we recommend a friendly amendment, because we are not putting forward the seventy-five thousand for awarding, we are recommending, that goes to the second cycle. E kala mai for the confusion.

**AMENDMENT:**

Trustee Lee moves to amend the motion to remove the 2. Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui award amount of \$75,000, from the Fiscal Year 2022, Community Grants – 'Āina disbursements from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530).

Organization / Island	Award Amount
2. Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$75,000</b>

Trustee Ahuna 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**.

AMENDMENT						Motion: 10:19 a.m. Vote: 10:20 a.m.
TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA						EXCUSED
DAN		2	X			
KALEIHIKINA			X			
KELI'I			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	1		X			
CARMEN HULU			X			
MILILANI			X			
CHAIR JOHN			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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

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

**MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED**

Trustee Ahuna moves to approve the following Fiscal Year 2022, Community Grants – 'Āina disbursements totaling \$200,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) for:

Organization / Island	Award Amount
1. Ke Ao Hāli'i	\$100,000
2. Aina Hookupu o Kilauea	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

Trustee Akaka 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**.

MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED							Motion: 10:17 a.m. Vote: 10:20 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	1		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		2	X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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

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

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**C. ACTION ITEM RM #22-20: Approve the Awarding of Community Grants – Mo'omeheu from Solicitation #22-07, Published April 1, 2022, Application Deadline May 27, 2022\***

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

**Pouhana Hussey:** Thank you, Chair Waihe'e, and thank you, Trustee Lee and Trustees for the last one.

This is Mo'omeheu, the culture-based items. There were two applicants, and one is being recommended to move forward. That is the sole-awardee action that's there for the Board's consideration.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is anyone signed-up to testify on this agenda item.

RM Staffer Akina states for the record that there is no one signed-up to testify on RM #22-20; neither in-person, nor virtually.

**Trustee Ahuna moves to approve the following Fiscal Year 2022, Community Grants – Mo’omeheu disbursements totaling \$99,840 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) for:**

Organization / Island	Award Amount
1. Hui Mālama O Ke Kai Foundation, O’ahu	\$99,840
<b>Total Cycle 1 Recommendation</b>	<b>\$99,840</b>

**Trustee Lindsey seconds the motion.**

**Chair Waihe’e** asks if there are any questions.

**Chair Waihe’e** recognizes Trustee Akina.

**Trustee Akina:** I have a couple of questions about this. First, I think many of us are aware that Civil Beat published an article this week, talking about the decline in the enrollment of Native Hawaiian males in college. In fact, one of the things they pointed out was that over the last ten-year period, when we compared this last year to ten years ago, there are thirty-percent fewer of Hawaiian males in college now.

So, I wanted to just ask a couple of questions.

First, does this grant, which I think is a marvelous grant in terms of its intention; *does this grant in any way address the issue of fortifying the Native Hawaiian male population in college?*

The second question, given how wonderful this grant is, is *why have only two parties applied for it?*

**Pouhana Hussey:** Chair Waihe’e, I’ll address Trustee Akina’s first question.

This particular grant focus is on youth versus college males, as an example where the Civil Beat article focused on. This particular one is focusing on youth and their families, and particularly with ku’i ‘ai boards and that whole piece. So, these are the culture-based awards. So, I’m sorry, Trustee, that’s a long answer for a short answer, which should be, this doesn’t address that age group.

**Trustee Akina:** Thank you for your response, KP, but, as I read the Action Item, I understood that it had also to deal with preparation of young people for career and college, which would take place while they are in high school. So that’s really what I’m asking, is whether at that stage in high school we would be specifically focusing on getting more males into college.

**Pouhana Hussey:** I apologize, Trustee Akina, definitely. There's always that connection, even though the activity is in one sector. The foundation is always being built for that next career and college steppingstone.

So, we can follow up if it's specifically addressing males. Which this one doesn't specify that it's addressing males, just as a whole, but we can certainly ask them and ensure that they have that orientation, which they probably do, just not explicitly called out.

**Trustee Akina:** I'm not necessarily saying that we need to revise this particular grant. Perhaps, in the future, as we look at the research going forward.

My second question was simply, with the opportunity that this grant offers, why we only had two applicants.

**Pouhana Hussey:** In terms of recruitment, that is a good question. We're hoping that putting out the second cycle will also have people realize that there are opportunities, including the one applicant that wasn't recommended for awarding this cycle. That they would come back and provide the specificity that some of the external reviewers called out.

**Trustee Akina:** It may be a good opportunity, given the recent newspaper article to get the word out that we have these funds available in the next cycle.

**Pouhana Hussey:** I will share with the Trustees, that among the reviewers, as they review the categories, if an applicant addresses a gap area that no other applicant is bringing forward, those are plus points.

So, to your point, Trustee Akina, if the application came in and they were identifying a sector that remained to be a gap, for example, eighth grade math on the neighbor islands is usually a gap area in education. The reviewers would call that out, as plus points, because this particular applicant covers a sector that isn't being covered by anyone else.

**Trustee Akina:** Mahalo.

**Chair Waihe'e** asks if there are any other questions.

**Chair Waihe'e** recognizes Trustee Trask.

**Trustee Trask:** I just wanted to follow up on what Trustee Akina is raising here. *Do we have within our Grant application process, a section or question that probes this, so that we have some data coming back?*

**Pouhana Hussey:** *Data collected by the awardee themselves, or data that we provide as part of the solicitation, Trustee?*

**Trustee Trask:** No, I'm talking about data on both, and the reason why is because Civil Beat has a very bad habit of looking at articles, and drafting articles, in a way that always makes Hawaiians look bad, including this office.

**Trustee Trask:** So, when I see something like this from Civil Beat; number one, I always want to check and verify their data, but number two, I want to be cautious, because they have a habit of inviting people to do things, because they would like to see a different change, but they do not themselves ensure that equity is maintained.

So, I'm not looking for a way to adjust numbers to please Civil Beat. If Civil Beat is saying that we don't have enough Hawaiian males being funded, I would like to know what we're looking at to address the problems.

When I saw that article, I thought it was very interesting that Civil Beat pointed out that there were less males, but they didn't point out that America had gotten into problems in places like Afghanistan and elsewhere, and when that happens, it's the young males that go. There are women in military, but there are much fewer.

So, whenever I see something with Civil Beat, I'm very cautious, but I feel like it's my job, as a Trustee to look at this and see; *do we need to have a special outreach for our young men? What's impacting this?*

You never see that kind of analysis from Civil Beat, because they're rushing to a conclusion to point the finger of blame at a Hawaiian, but we have to take a look at it. I don't know what the purpose could be or what could be the reason, but if we need to look at it, let's do it. I don't want to leave our young men out.

**Trustee Trask:** I also don't want to assess the situation like Civil Beat does globally, so they can point the finger at OHA and not go up to the University of Hawai'i or other programs, and not take a look at what else is happening in the world. Thank you.

**Chair Waihe'e** recognizes Trustee Lee.

**Trustee Lee:** Thank you, Chair Waihe'e. To follow up on what Trustee Trask was saying, she has a very good point, and if you read all the comments on that article from Civil Beat, somebody from the University of Hawai'i actually did respond.

Their response stated the recent push over the last six to eight years, about Continuing Education doesn't just mean college. They pointed out studies that the UH has done that shows that a lot of males, *and they only addressed males because that's what the article addressed*, are transitioning from high school to trade schools, versus college.

They also pointed out that their studies have shown that the kids going to trade school are actually making significantly more income in today's market in Hawai'i, specifically, than, kids that are graduating with a four-year degree.

They used teaching degrees as the example. They have people graduating from Electrician School, Plumbing School, or joining a Carpenters Union, making upwards of three to four times as much as a Teacher coming out with a four year degree.

**Trustee Lee:** So, to Trustee Trask’s point, Civil Beat took a very, skewed view of this without looking at the entire picture that a lot of students from high school are foregoing college for taking on a trade. Which they believe, they have proven, that they can make a better living at - working in a trade versus going to college.

**Chair Waihe’e** recognizes Ka Pouhana.

**Pouhana Hussey:** Thank you, I did want to follow up also on Trustee Akina. When the applicants apply, in the application, it is their responsibility to also cite the demographics of the community that they are trying to address with the program.

So, they will give the community, they will define what that community is, and then they will give the statistics of that community to which this grant is trying to address. So, this specific applicant, in the Grant application itself, they call out the community, the high school graduation rate, the persistence rate once they go to college, and that is why they are utilizing this program to address those specific statistics.

So, part of the process is for them to state... and often the statistics or the data they're using comes from OHA's data books. That's the value of our research is to provide a foundation for them to utilize in this grant, but in other grants as well.

**Chair Waihe’e** asks if there are any further questions or comments.

There are no further questions, nor comments.

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

							Motion: 10:22 a.m. Vote: 10:31 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	1		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY		2	X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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

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

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### **D. ACTION ITEM RM #22-21: Approve the Awarding of 'Ohana Grants from Solicitation #22-09, Published April 1, 2022, Application Deadline June 10, 2022\***

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

**Pouhana Hussey:** Thank you, Chair Waihe'e. Trustees, 'Ohana Grants were combined with the COVID-19 to provide a larger amount, as well as segmented by island. So, you will see in the original budgeting that there were big line items for 2.5 million dollars, and then we sub-allocated that to each of the islands, based on overall Native Hawaiian population. We did call out Lāna'i and Ni'ihau to be handled separately. In the past, we haven't had some very targeted applications, nor awarding.

So, we decided to pull that out so that we can work with the on-island community to more effectively get those dollars to the community itself. So that's why Lāna'i and Ni'ihau are pulled out, but the rest of it is just provided for allocation purposes, and so you will see the three awardees.

There were four applications, and three recommended for awarding. One of the applications was very similar to the 'Ahahui, when we awarded a sponsor organization that the Board had already approved sponsorship for, had applied for additional dollars and Administration, had recommended that they just continue to be awarded the fifteen thousand sponsorship dollars, and not be awarded additional amounts in fairness to other sponsorship applicants.

This is the same situation as the Kalihi-Palama application, who asked for more than the already approved fifteen thousand dollars for each year, so that's the reason Administration is not recommending that for awarding. In addition, they did not score highly, so sort of a moot issue on that, but that's why they are not being recommended for awarding, even if they had high scores by external reviewers.

**Chair Waihe'e** recognizes Trustee Lee.

**Trustee Lee:** Thank you, Chair Waihe'e. Ka Pouhana, given that this is the second instance this has happened - in the Grant process or Grant application, does it inform the sponsored, that they are not eligible for a Grant.

The only reason why I ask is, well, as you know, I know you've written many grants. Grant writing is a long process, and a lot of these are volunteers doing that. *So, are we letting them know up front, don't waste your time filling out this grant, because you can't get it?*

**Pouhana Hussey:** I think it's a little of both, they are more than welcome. For example, Kalihi-Palama is more than welcome to apply for a grant, and they have many other programs that they can apply for, so we wouldn't know ahead of time.

Yet, as the application comes in, and it's specifically for a sponsorship event, I think it would be informative to all who apply, letting them know, *if you're going to apply for a grant specifically for an event that you already received a sponsorship, then that's an ineligible application.*

**Pouhana Hussey:** If you're going to apply for something else, then you're more than welcome to apply. So, I think that clarification behooves us to make clear to future sponsorship applicants.

**Trustee Lee:** *So, we don't currently do that?*

**Pouhana Hussey:** We do not currently do that, but obviously we should.

**Chair Waihe'e** recognizes Trustee Trask.

**Trustee Trask:** Colleagues, I had a call on this. I know what the process is, I understand this, but I had a call on this, and I'm not really sure if the person that called me was affiliated with any of these groups, I don't know.

What they told me was that - we have a problem with our program, and this is what it is. Because it takes months for people to write grants, as Brendon is saying, put things in, they're checked on their budget and double-checked. They submit the grants and then what has happened right here in the U.S., that in a four-or-five-month period, while they're going through it, inflation occurs.

So, we know that the program needs ten thousand dollars, yet by the time we give them the ten thousand we know that inflation has occurred, and they really won't be able to do it unless they get another three or four grand.

He asked me the question, why doesn't OHA look at the reality of our lives, everyone else is dealing with inflation. We know what it is, it's in the paper and on the news, but when we submit grants to you, you ignore it and deny us, and if we come back for more, your criterion is that you will ignore inflation and fund us with a grant that is not going to be enough at the end.

I don't really have any answers for this colleagues, but I wanted to bring it to your attention, because we know the truth of that every time we go to KTA in Hilo, every time we go fill up gas, you know.

I don't know - RM Committee Chair, and BAE, and Sylvia, *is it time that we look at inflationary adjustments in the grants that we award, and how would that be an adjustment that we could put into our own budget process?*

So, we don't get another horrible article from Civil Beat, accusing us of violating our own internal procedures.

**Pouhana Hussey:** Trustee Trask, that is definitely a reality. Some of the constructs of the way OHA grants are currently structured is we don't fund one hundred percent, anyway, of the entire programming. We ask for a twenty percent match for them, not all of them require a match during the time of COVID.

We didn't require any matches in COVID. We just wanted the monies to get out, but now we look to twenty percent for them to match. Then we look at them, and we cap the entire budget, because we want to make sure we have money for as many people as can apply.

**Pouhana Hussey:** I would love to come to the Trustees with a problem that we have too many applications; they're all worthy and Trustees I need another one hundred thousand to fund. We're not there yet, but we are prepared for that.

So again, quality of applications. In their budgeting process, some of the things that they should think about: if they are anticipating an increase in salary, they should factor that into their budget as they project the two-year period.

Part of that is also about understanding their budget and crafting that budget with the reality. As well as adjusting the budget. Sometimes people leave, and now they don't have that function anymore. They now have to go to a third party rather than their own employee, and that's where the Grants Officer works with the program to realign their budgets within that.

The other way we could do it, is conditional awarding.

For whatever the amount, say fifty thousand, and if the Trustees are in agreement, then the award gets a plus ten percent or whatever that number. We can factor that into the awarding conditions.

That would definitely need to be approved by the Trustees in terms of this plus factor. Right now, the budget, the matching, the other funds that they bring in are signs of the applicant. If they're getting funds from multiple sources, that's also a good sign of an awardee who is able to manage all of those pieces.

We talked earlier about grants for kāko'o, help with grant writing, help with, again not exciting stuff, but back office accounting, and HR, and reports, and things, and data; kāko'o grants. That would be helpful for them, so that would be needed to be brought forward to the Trustees and then a budget, considered for that.

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

There are no further questions, nor comments.

**Chair Waihe'e** asks if there is anyone signed-up to testify on this agenda item.

**RM Staffer Akina** states for the record that there is no one signed-up to testify on RM #22-21; neither in-person, nor virtually.

Trustee Ahuna moves to approve the following Fiscal Year 2022, Community Grants – ‘Ohana disbursements totaling \$165,000\*\* from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) for:

Organization / Island	Award Amount
Papahana Kuaola – O’ahu	\$100,000
Ke Kula o Piilani – Maui	\$85,000
Hana Arts - Maui	\$80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$165,000**</u></b>

**\*\* Note:**

**The sum presented in the Action Item is incorrect. The correct summation is \$265,000. This issue will be addressed at the Board-level when this issue is listed on the Board agenda.**

***This summation issue was resolved at the September 15, 2022 Board meeting in Hilo Hawai’i.***

Trustee Akaka seconds the motion.

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

							Motion: 10:43 a.m. Vote: 10:44 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	1		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		2	X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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

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

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**E. ACTION ITEM RM #22-22: Approve the Awarding of Homestead Community Grants, from Solicitation #22-11, Published April 14, 2022, Application Deadline June 10, 2022\***

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

**Pouhana Hussey:** Thank you, Chair Waihe'e. Trustees, this is the first cycle for Homestead Grants, and there were two applications and two recommendations for awarding. The scores, we also take the recommendations from the external reviewers, and then adjust.

So, this is an example where one of the recommended awardees was adjusted for a partial award, because that was the recommendation, and their scoring aligned to that recommendation.

**Chair Waihe'e** asks if there is anyone signed-up to testify on this agenda item.

**RM Staffer Akina** states for the record that there is no one signed-up to testify on RM #22-22; neither in-person, nor virtually.

**Trustee Ahuna** moves to approve the following Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023, Community Grants – Homestead disbursements totaling \$90,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) for:

Organization / Island	Award Amount
Keaukaha Pana'ewa Community Alliance	\$50,000
Homestead Community Development Corporation	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>

**Trustee Akaka** seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e calls for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

							10:45 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	1		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		2	X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
VICE-CHAIR LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**VI. 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**.

							10:46 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
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			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Chair Waihe'e adjourns the RM meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Melissa Wennihan  
Trustee Aide  
Committee on Resource Management

As approved by the Committee on Resource Management (RM) on September 27, 2022.

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