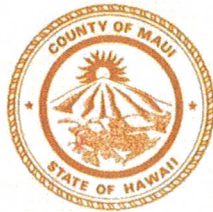


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SUBJECT: GRANT MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY FISCAL YEAR 2021 WATERSHED PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM – APT-12

In compliance with Section 3.36.120(6), Maui County Code, below is the Department of Water Supply (DWS) Watershed Protection Grants Program Report for Fiscal Year 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic makes work harder for Grantees in Fiscal Year 2021. In addition to their rigorous work on the ground, staff turnover hampers steady, reliable progress. The ongoing COVID-19 crisis also makes it difficult to find volunteers and to keep everyone safe while field managers try to stay in-step with changing safety protocols and social distancing rules. Although our Grantees are fully committed to accomplishing their deliverables, it is clear that they have not been operating at full potential because of the COVID-19 crisis.

Since grant contracts were not executed simultaneously, the Notice to Proceed were issued at different times. Some Grantees are scheduled to complete FY 2021 obligations by October, 2021, while the University of Hawaii (UH) Grantees will only be submitting their 1st Quarter Reports (FY 2021) that same month. With COVID-19 still lingering, Grantees struggle to maintain optimal staff levels. Some employees moving to easier work for more money as the County makes an economic recovery from COVID-19. Although DWS is flexible enough to allow Grantees to hire outside contractors to aid in fencing, fence maintenance, invasive plant and animal control and outreach, contractor costs are steadily rising.

Based on submitted progress reports so far in FY 2021, we are currently benchmarking the performances of the following Grantees:

1. East Maui Watershed Partnership (UH) –1st Quarter Report Due October 2021
2. Waikamoi East Maui Upcountry Source Protection Program (TNC) – Started 2nd Quarter

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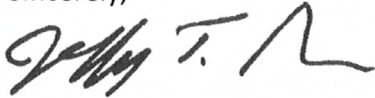
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3. Mauna Kahalawai Watershed Partnership (UH) -- 1st Quarter Report Due October 2021
4. Maui Invasive Species Committee (UH) — 1st Quarter Report Due October 2021
5. Auwahi Forest Restoration Project (FAFRP) – Started 4th Quarter
6. Honokowai and Wahikuli Source Protection (TNC) – Started 2nd Quarter
7. Pu`u Kukui Watershed Preserve (LPP) – Started 3rd Quarter
8. East Moloka`i Watershed Partnership (TNC) – Started 2nd Quarter
9. Hawai`i Agriculture Research Center (Develop Wilt Resistant KOA) – Started 4th Quarter
10. Hawai`i Agriculture Research Center (Develop Disease Resistant OHIA) – Started 4th Quarter

We expect Grantees to continue to make progress despite COVID-19 setbacks, and to comply with the General Terms and Conditions of their Grant Agreement with DWS. We will continue to monitor and receive project updates from upcoming quarterly reports. These reports will also help us ensure that all expenditures stay within allowable accounting and auditing procedures. Enclosed is the DWS benchmarking matrix which is aligned with the Council's benchmarks developed in FY 20.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at extension 7834.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E.
Director of Water Supply

Encl: Projected Matrix for FY 21

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ADMINISTRATIVE											COMMUNITY NEEDS		SUSTAINABILITY					
GRANTEE	WATERSHED PROTECTION	# OF YEARS REC'D COUNTY FUNDING	GRANT #	FY 21 AWARD	FY 21 OUTSIDE FUNDERS	FY 21 TOTAL DWS AND OUTSIDE FUNDERS	FY 21 PAYMENTS	GRANT APPLICATION (5 pts) DWS Benchmark No.5	RESPONSIVENESS (5 pts) DWS Benchmark	RECORDS & REPORTING (10 pts) DWS Benchmark No.4	MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS (50 pts) DWS Benchmark No.1	USE OF FUNDS (10 pts) DWS Benchmark No.2	EFFORTS TO SECURE OTHER FUNDING (10 pts) DWS Benchmark No.3	% OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR PROJECT (10 pts)	% OF COUNTY FUNDS AGAINST TOTAL PROJECT COST	MAXIMUM SCORE (100 pts)	REMARKS	
East Maui Watershed Partnership - UH		16	WC1068	\$450,000	\$250,000	\$700,000	\$0.00	5	5	0	30	10	10	5	64%	60	Q1 report due on 10/21	
Waikamoi Source Protection - TNC		25	WC1031	\$260,000	\$385,853	\$645,853	\$49,329.40	4	4	8	30	8	10	7	40%	64	Q2 report due on 11/21	
Mauna Kahalawai Watershed Partnership - UH		24	WC10133	\$600,000	\$802,500	\$1,402,500	\$0.00	5	4	0	30	8	10	7	43%	57	Q1 report due on 10/21	
Puu Kukui Watershed Preserve - LLP		8	WC1044	\$320,000	\$545,783	\$865,783	\$0.00	5	4	6	30	6	8	7	37%	59	Q3 report due on 9/21	
Honokowai & Wahikuli Source Protection - TNC		6	WC1029	\$76,300	\$170,853	\$247,153	\$35,646.90	4	4	8	25	7	8	7	31%	56	Q2 report on 11/21	
Auwahi Forest Restoration Project - FAFRP		5	WC1094	\$141,000	\$81,000	\$222,000	\$59,912.73	5	5	8	25	8	6	4	64%	57	Q4 report due on 1/22	
East Molokai Watershed Partnership - TNC		22	WC1132	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$28,399.30	4	3	5	30	8	10	7	33%	60	Q2 report on 10/21	
Maui Invasive Species Committee - UH		22	WC1134	\$260,000	\$937,093	\$1,197,093	\$0.00	4	4	0	25	8	10	9	22%	51	Q1 report due on 10/21	
Hawaii Agriculture Research Center - KOA		9	WC1091	\$56,500	\$71,370	\$127,870	\$22,802.65	3	5	7	25	6	6	8	44%	52	Q4 report due on 1/22	
Hawaii Agriculture Research Center - OHIA		1	WC1092	\$75,000	\$74,980	\$149,980	\$35,114.47	3	5	7	25	6	6	8	50%	52	Q4 report due on 1/22	

Additional Notes:

DWS criteria considered to fall within the DWS benchmarks include considerations for benefits received by the public, project cost-benefit to enhance water supply and sustainability, project administration and management, ability to complete and accomplish deliverables on time, performance over time, and amount of other secured outside funding.

In addition to the internal evaluation criteria and benchmarking used by DWS to evaluate Grantee performance, the benchmarking matrix developed by the Council in 2020 contain benchmarks which have been aligned with the DWS internal benchmarking criteria. Benchmark scores are normalized for consistency. Although the DWS evaluation process is more in-depth for analysis and accounting purposes, this assures that the Council's benchmarks are scaled proportionately and supported by our internal evaluation process and benchmarking procedure.

Grantees may receive a higher score after finishing a quarter as DWS benchmarks based on quarterly reports and responsiveness.

The score of "0" may indicate that a Grantee may not be in compliance OR DWS does not have any reporting to evaluate.

Meeting Community Needs is greatly affected by Covid-19, whereby Grantees are not able to interact with the public as part of their public outreach efforts that DWS supports.