

IT Committee

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Hi folks,

In conjunction with item IT-52, Feral Animal Management on Maui, please allow me to offer the attached document for the committee's review on Monday. The document provides a table of the grants awarded with FY21 funds and their current status, and also provides some data about the Department's plans for FY22 procurement of funds.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this material, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

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FY2021 FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

Organization	Program	Amount	Description	Update
Assessment				
Living Pono Project for Kia LLC	Axis Deer Assessment Study	\$98,800	To accurately assess ungulate population levels, with an emphasis on feral axis deer, in some of Maui County's agricultural and watershed areas (Ulupalakua to Paia) where population data is largely unknown.	Project in startup phases. No significant activity reported yet. Next report due Oct 21, 2021 & Jan 21, 2022.
Lana'i				
The Nature Conservancy	Lanai Terrestrial Program	\$95,000	To reduce the number of feral animal, specifically feral axis deer, present in the Kanepu'u area of Lanai through fencing and hunting.	Ordered program materials (fencing, game cameras) and started land surveying. Next report due Oct 21, 2021 & Jan 21, 2022.
Lanai Resorts LLC	Axis Deer Management	\$193,919	To manage non-native axis deer on Lanai through a combination of population control and infrastructure improvement with traps, corals, and organized hunting.	Program is startup phase. No significant activities implemented yet. Next report due Oct 21, 2021 & Jan 21, 2022.
Moloka'i				
The Nature Conservancy	Molokai Terrestrial Program	\$99,929	To eliminate feral animals, specifically feral axis deer, in 175 acres of coastal fenced area in Mo'omomi Preserve, Molokai through fencing and hunting.	Ordered program materials (fencing) and started land surveying. Next report due Oct 21, 2021 & Jan 21, 2022.
The Molokai Humane Society for the Molokai Hunting Club	Molokai Feral Axis Deer Management	\$197,800	To manage the overpopulation of feral axis deer on the island of Molokai through targeted and systematic hunts.	Reported activities/outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 hunts organized (72 proposed) • 387 deer removed (1,200 proposed) • 11,556 lbs of venison donated (10,000 lbs proposed). Program has mostly completed. GMD is in the process of verifying expenses and documentation of program outcomes.
Maui				

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Living Pono Project	Feral Chicken Relocation and Egg Donation	\$25,000	To trap and relocate feral chickens in the central Maui (Kahului/Wailuku) and donate eggs.	Program in startup phases. Has begun trapping and relocating chickens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 chickens removed (1,000 proposed). Next report due Oct 21, 2021 & Jan 21, 2022.
Living Pono Project for Maui Nui Venison	Maui Deer Management and Venison Donation	\$138,966	To reduce the breeding axis deer female population on Maui and donate 10,000 lbs of venison.	Program has started up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 USDA Certified harvests (55 proposed) • 379 Does removed (1,600 proposed) • 3,100 lbs venison donated (10,000 lbs proposed) • 2 community organizations identified for donation Next report due Oct 21, 2021 & Jan 21, 2022.
Lokahi Pacific for the Kula Hunting Club	Kula Hunting Club	\$26,162	To improve the effectiveness of Kula Hunting Club's hunting efforts around the Kula Ag Park to control axis deer populations in the area.	Program has started up and equipment has been ordered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 harvest organized (52 proposed) • 100 deer removed (330 proposed) • 3,300 lbs venison donated (16,500 proposed) Next report due Oct 21, 2021 & Jan 21, 2022.

FY2022 FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- FY22 Invitation to Apply post on October 1
- Application due date October 31
- Proposed program performance period: January to December 2022 or similar up to, but not exceeding, 12 months.
 - Majority of FY2021 grant program are scheduled to end December 31, 2021.
- DHHC will consult with DLNR and other program specific organizations regarding further program parameters to better align grant programs with existing efforts for feral animal management.
- One or multiple program can be awarded so as the combined maximum funding does not exceed \$250,000 each for Maui, Lana'i and Moloka'i islands.
 - Multiple programs can be awarded
 - An organization can apply for multiple programs

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- Application can address any species including but not limited to cats, chickens, deer, pig, goats, sheep, cows, etc...
- Previously funded programs are eligible to apply provided that program must demonstrate program improvements
- A program totaling no less than \$150,000 for Moloka'i must include an axis deer management specialist (job description and/or expected function pending)
- County funds may not be expended to operate pet cremation services, direct release quarantine services, or any other earned-income activities not related to contractual obligations.