

Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee on 2022-10-05 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 10-05-22 09:00

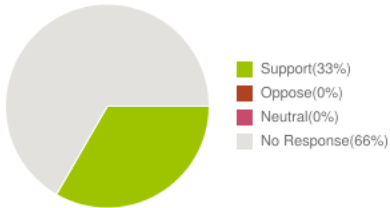
eComments Report

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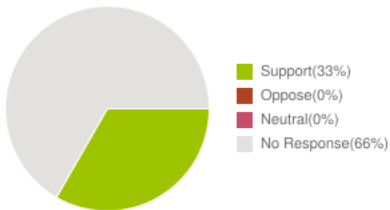
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
CARE-78 MISC ROOTED KEKAHI ME KA AINA (GRANT G5522; ROOTED KEKAHI ME KA AINA) (CARE-78)	1	1	0	0
CARE-75 CC 21-547 MAUI COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS (CARE-75)	1	0	0	0
CARE-18 CC 20-529 FLOODPLAIN AND DRAINAGE AREA MANAGEMENT (CARE-18)	1	0	0	0

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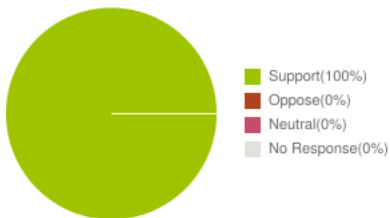
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Agenda Item: eComments for CARE-78 MISC ROOTED KEKAHI ME KA AINA (GRANT G5522; ROOTED KEKAHI ME KA AINA) (CARE-78)

Overall Sentiment



Robin Knox

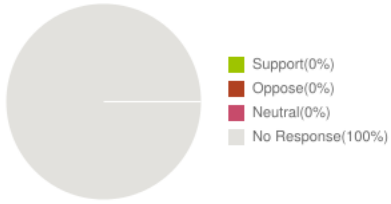
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Submitted At: 9:21am 10-05-22

I support the work of Rooted Kekahi Me Ka Aina

Agenda Item: eComments for CARE-75 CC 21-547 MAUI COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS (CARE-75)

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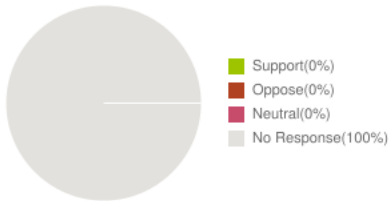
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Testimony on grants

Agenda Item: eComments for CARE-18 CC 20-529 FLOODPLAIN AND DRAINAGE AREA MANAGEMENT (CARE-18)

Overall Sentiment



Robin Knox

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 10-05-22

I support further alternatives analysis

Testimony of Robin Knox

CARE Committee

October 5, 2022

Items: CARE 78, CARE 15, and CARE 18

CARE 78

A timeline and brief history of the beach reserve is outlined below to provide the committee with context for the discussion of the Waipuilani Beach Reserve Grant

1930-1940 Established by Territory of Hawaii to allow the public free travel along the beach. These lands subsequently became property of State of Hawaii

1950's through 1990's adjacent property owners petitioned the state for use of state property located on the beach reserve between private property and the sea

1994 Research by Environment Hawaii revealed permit violations, unpermitted uses, encroachments, and efforts by private property owners to limit public access

1998 Kihei-Makena Community Plan Implementing Actions included Transfer State Beach Reserves to County jurisdiction, acquire other beachfront properties, prepare an enhancement plan, and partner with community to establish a continuous trail/greenway/bikeway.

In 2009 -2010 Timeframe DLNR undertook efforts to correct these violations

2010 Uluniu Beach Reserve Association sought an easement for land management purposes, however the MOA was never executed because the fair market value of the easement was too high..

2011 Revocable permits issued to private property owners in the easement area were terminated

2018 BLNR approved set aside of 2.788 acres adjacent to and South of Waipuilani Park to be transferred to County for park purposes. This would resolve encroachment of County restrooms onto state lands in the reserve. The existing Waipuilani Park is also part of the beach reserve that was transferred to the County .

2019 DLNR requested approval to amend the 2018 action of BLNR to increase the area from 2.788 acres to 24.197 acres

October 2021 Rooted Kekahi Me Ka Aina receives County grant to clean up area of Beach Reserve immediately South of the Waipuilani Park and to identify the barriers to community groups taking care of beach reserve lands. Obtaining the ROE permit took more effort and time than anticipated, making completion of grant on schedule challenging

Current Understanding that DLNR has to clean up the areas to be transferred to the County; status unknown

CARE 75

I have worked on several County grants for community groups who are working to restore wetlands and beach reserve areas. In every case, the ability to perform the work was hampered by the amount of time that it took to get the contract once the grant was awarded.

For instance, the Save the Wetlands Hui our current FY 2023 grant was funded in the budget as a line item, and proposal was submitted in on June 16, 2022.

We responded to request to correct deficiencies in the grant application on June 23, 2022.

I emailed Maria Ornellas in the Mayor's Office on July 25, 2022 to determine grant status and was told it was under review.

We responded to a request for revisions to our grant application on August 12, 2022 to change the name of the fiscal sponsor from Hawaiian Land Trust to Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, and to correct an error in the itemized budget,

On September 6, 2022 I contacted the Mayor's Office via email about the status of our contract, and advised that our work is seasonal and needs to be done timely. On September 7, I received this reply

"Thank you for your email. Unfortunately, your grant proposal is still in its review phase.

The Grant Review Committee is reviewing your past reports as well as your current proposal making sure your deliverables are in place.

Your patience is appreciated and will keep you updated once its review is completed.

Subsequently, in mid to late September, I called the Mayor's office twice to check on status. I reiterated that our work was seasonal, that the delays were inhibiting our ability to complete the work, that we had subcontractors and non-profit resources on our team that we might lose if we don't start soon, and lastly that we had scheduled scientific experts to participate in the project the first week of October.

. I was told it was still under review, that there were delays due to staff availability, and that the competitive grants had to be reviewed and awarded before the staff could get to our grant.

The project has a one year schedule proposed to being July 1, 2022 and end June 30, 2023.

Due to the seasonal nature of the work, it will be more challenging to complete some tasks, and our project performance period is reduced to 8 months due to the contracting delays.

CARE 18

I thank the committee for scheduling this item. I support pursuing alternatives analysis and funding of watershed and wetland restoration efforts to mitigate flooding and provide for drainage. The alternatives analysis is preferred in my opinion as it is more resilient, adaptable, aesthetically pleasing and much less costly.