

# Feral Animal Relief and Recovery Grant Program for Farmers and Ranchers

## A. Purpose of the program

The purpose of this program is to provide micro grants to eligible Maui County resident farmers and ranchers with sustained economic losses resulting from the loss of pasture forage for cattle, death of cattle, destruction of farms, reduced crop yields, and other agriculture property damages arising directly from the excessive axis deer population since July 1, 2021.

## B. Eligible Activities

Permissible uses include costs expended in protective/mitigating measures, relating to seeds, replanting efforts, livestock replacement, fencing, fuel, labor, and rental equipment as necessary to restore the producers' agricultural operations to functioning status. The maximum allowable award is up to \$30,000.

## C. Eligible Applicants

Requirements are that an applicant:

Shall be a citizen of the United States of America or a legally registered alien and a resident within the islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai (grant area).

Must describe their losses, that are directly attributable to the axis deer overpopulation, how the financial assistance will be used, and what measurable outcomes and benefits in agricultural production are expected resulting from the financial assistance by June 30, 2023.

Must be operating on more than 12 acres but less than 40 acres within the grant area and possess a State General Excise Tax License for the farming business as of July 1, 2021.

Must have been in business long enough to file at least one Federal and one State tax return.

Applicants shall not be disqualified based upon receipt of COVID-related grant funding from supplementary sources.

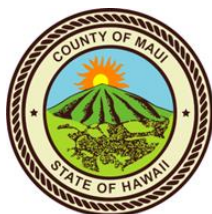
## D. Terms and conditions of the grant

Grants will be made to Sole Proprietors, Corporations, Partnerships, Non-profit or not-for-profit organizations or LLCs.

If farm or ranch is owned by more than one entity or person, each owner must complete an application and submit it, as well as all owners must be residents of Maui Nui for at least a year before July 1, 2021.

## E. Process & Expectations

Applicants will present quotes for the cost of the products or services to be purchased with this grant application. Upon notification to the applicant that their application has been selected for funding, quotes with w-9s must be presented to Lokahi Pacific for payment for the total amount to be awarded.



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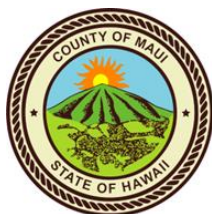


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Grant funds will be awarded with efforts to ensure equitable distribution among applicants in Maui, Molokai and Lanai with preference given to socially disadvantaged farming applicants such as women and native Hawaiians.

***Application Deadline: Applications must be hand delivered, emailed, or postmarked no later than 4 pm on August 15, 2022. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come-first-served basis until funds are exhausted. Please DO NOT wait until the deadline to file your application.***

***Questions? Please contact the Lokahi Pacific office at 808-242-5761, extension 23. You can also email Susie Thieman at [susie@lokahipacific.org](mailto:susie@lokahipacific.org) for further assistance.***



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## CHECK LIST

***Thank you for your interest in this program. Please use this checklist of documents needed to complete your application package. The County of Maui and Lokahi Pacific reserve the right to request additional documents at any time.***

1. Feral Animal Relief and Recovery Grant Program for Farmers and Ranchers application (including any co-applicants)
2. Certificate of Vendor Compliance or Certificate of Good Standing (dated within the past 6 months) from <https://vendors.ehawaii.gov>
3. Business type specific requirements: (provide the applicable one)
  - a. Sole Proprietorship: Schedule C or Schedule F of Federal Personal Tax Returns 2020 & 2021.
  - b. Partnership: Partnership Agreement and Schedule C or F of Personal Tax Returns of each partner for 2020 & 2021.
  - c. Corporation: Corporate Federal Tax Returns for 2020 & 2021, Incorporation Documents, Corporate By-Laws.
  - d. LLC: Articles of Organization, Personal Federal Tax Returns for all members for 2020 & 2021
  - e. Non-Profit: Articles of Organization, Form 990 Federal Tax Returns for 2020 & 2021.
4. Business Registration certificate.
5. General Excise Tax Filings or Form G49 or G45 filings for 2020 & 2021.
6. Grant Narrative. Minimum one full page in size 12 font; maximum two full pages. Narrative should include: This relief initiative is to provide emergency financial assistance to eligible Maui Country Residents (Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i) farmers and ranchers with sustained economic losses resulting from the loss of pasture forage for cattle, death of cattle, destruction of farms, reduced crop yields, and other agriculture property damages, arising directly from the excessive axis deer population since July 1, 2021. Please submit 'Before and After' photos if available. Applicants must describe their losses, that are directly attributable to the axis deer overpopulation, how the financial assistance will be used, and what measurable outcomes and benefits in agricultural production are expected resulting from the financial assistance. Awardees will be required to submit a final report detailing the actual expenses paid for with the grant funds and the actual outcomes and benefits.



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