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May 15, 2024

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2025 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Mazie K. Hirono
United States Senator

**Hirono, Mazie(D-HI) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City and County of Honolulu, Department of Facility Maintenance	To conduct a green stormwater infrastructure planning study in the vicinity of Kaelepulu Stream on Oahu.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$600
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife	To safeguard invertebrate facilities that were recently moved to a baseyard in Pearl City with hardening infrastructure and provide equipment upgrades to laboratory facilities to protect sensitive species.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$600
Honolulu Museum of Art	To repair and upgrade the existing roofing system while retaining the historical integrity of the original roof, resulting in improved energy efficiency and mitigating pest problems.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$750
Honolulu Board of Water Supply	To provide water system interconnectivity by upgrading a control valve assembly and installing water line connections for controlled release of water from the Pearl Harbor 285 system into the Metropolitan 180 system to support water system reliability and adequacy.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$1,600
Friends of the Judiciary History Center of Hawai'i	To strengthen the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center's ability to steward historic collections, expand public access to Hawaiian cultural material/historic resources, and increase the museum's capacity to offer educational services, community partnerships, public programs and exhibitions.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$750
Bishop Museum	Funding will support Digital Preservation and Public Access to Documents, Knowledge, and Objects of Hawaii's History.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$750
Honolulu Board of Water Supply	To provide water system interconnectivity with the installation of a control valve assembly and water line connections to allow the controlled release of Pearl Harbor 285 system water into the Metropolitan 180 system, supporting water system reliability and adequacy.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$1,600
County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management	To replace the reinforced concrete floor where municipal solid waste is offloaded, build a level unloading area for trucks ejecting waste materials, add a load-out bay, improve leachate and storm water collection systems, and install a tamper crane to level out trailer weight during loading.	County of Hawaii HI	\$2,960
County of Hawaii Department of Water Supply	To replace gas chlorination systems with liquid chlorination systems. The liquid chlorine system will ensure a more reliable supply of disinfectants for treatment of the drinking water systems and result in a safer working environment by eliminating significant hazards associated with chlorine gas.	County of Hawaii HI	\$1,440
County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management	To update the sewage pump station and force main that are over 50 years old and at the end of their life. They help to protect the discharge of wastewater from the Koea residential area into nearby coastal waters.	County of Hawaii HI	\$6,560
The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii and Palmyra	To increase wildfire mitigation efforts and planning for priority watershed/wildland areas across Hawaii. Will work closely with stakeholders to reduce fuel-loads, maintain firebreaks and access routes, increase communication capabilities, and develop plans with guidelines for a resilient future.	County of Hawaii, County of Kauai, County of Maui HI	\$632
San Diego Wildlife Zoo Alliance	To increase capacity for recovering endangered Hawaiian birds by improving the facilities caring for and rearing them. Improvements include creating capacity to provide a more authentic diet of native insects, food storage, clearing invasive plants, and keeping out invasive animals.	County of Hawaii, County of Maui HI	\$2,000

Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc.	The project is a Hawaiian Homesteader clean water resource development and distribution project to support homestead occupancy while establishing community-based work opportunities.	County of Maui HI	\$1,360
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife	To provide infrastructure upgrades to harden a rare species facility in Olinda, Maui that houses a predator-proof snail enclosure, three greenhouses of rare plants, and a lab for endangered fern propagation and endangered snail rearing in the event of an emergency.	County of Maui HI	\$910
Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands	Funding will support community outreach, a feasibility study and a grant program for low-income families to close cesspools on Molokai.	County of Maui HI	\$4,960
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife	To study the potential to establish a seed extractory in Hawaii. There is a growing demand for locally adapted native plant materials to restore wildlife habitat for their recovery., but unlike the continental U.S., there is currently no seed extractory to serve Hawaii and the Pacific Region.	State-wide HI	\$250
Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands	To assess the Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Land's non-homestead lands for large capacity cesspools and allow for public outreach for health, safety and environmental impacts.	State-wide HI	\$3,200
Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission	To establish "Fireshed Partnerships" to bring together the owners and managers of the fire-prone, largely unmanaged lands surrounding the state's most vulnerable communities to specify and initiate actions for largescale, cross-boundary wildfire risk reduction.	State-wide HI	\$1,713
Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands	To address wildfire hazards by creating firebreaks in strategic locations, preparing a Statewide Wildfire and Mitigation Plan for all DHHL lands, and partnering with the community to provide training and build capacity to manage Hawaiian Home Lands at the local level.	State-wide HI	\$10,000
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife	To provide the scale and scope of resources needed to undertake large-scale reforestation work in Hawaii to inform climate and resilience discussions.	State-wide HI	\$185