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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 2023 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	Project will take a cost-effective, resilient approach to managing storm water impacts by installing two (2) types of GSI (i.e. biofiltration and tree box filters) to replace damaged and aging hardened storm drainage structures in the urban Honolulu area. The project will assess how effective locally produced engineered soil media and native vegetation can remove pollutants typically found in urban runoff. GSI incorporates natural elements into its designs through the use of vegetation, soils, sand and gravel to restore some of the natural hydrological processes in areas with dense storm water impacts caused by urbanization such as pavement and buildings.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$679
Division of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii	To fully fund the Maunawili Forest Legacy project on Oahu. The project will support climate resilience, cultural resources and practices, improve stream and wetland water quality, and sustain habitat for endangered water birds.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$3,605
Department of Water Supply, County of Hawaii	To construct a deep well beneath the basal lens at a location that reduces the infrastructure (tanks, transmission lines and related improvements) required to bring high quality water to development areas. Currently, the development of high-level sources are generally long distances from the development sites where the need for affordable housing is most needed.	County of Hawaii HI	\$2,080
Department of Water Supply, County of Hawaii	To replace large, under-registering meters to customers that use significant amounts of water. Accurate readings will result in proper billing to customers and provide the Department accurate data to reduce unaccounted water (water loss) while evaluating water systems for required annual water audits. Providing accurate billing information will also allow customers to evaluate their systems for inefficiencies or leaks.	County of Hawaii HI	\$80
Department of Public Works, County of Kauai	To serve as a prerequisite to system expansion ensuring system reliability that must be expanded to conform with State legislation to replace all cesspools in the state by 2050. Inspection ensures integrity of the collection and conveyance system, identifies areas requiring repair/replacement before expansion adds more raw effluent flow.	County of Kauai HI	\$1,200
Division of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii	To fund a habitat restoration and invasive species removal project.	County of Maui HI	\$1,000
Division of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii	To fund a habitat restoration and fire prevention project that reduces erosion and protects coastal and nearshore habitats.	County of Maui HI	\$1,000
Division of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii	To prevent the extinction of Hawaii's critically endangered native forest birds by focusing on developing and scaling a new intervention to suppress invasive <i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i> (Cq) mosquitoes, which are the vector of avian malaria in Hawaii, by using <i>Wolbachia</i> , a type of bacteria naturally present in more than half of the world's insects, to create incompatible mating events leading to the decline of the population of Cq mosquitoes and reduction of avian malaria infections for Hawaii's native forest birds.	Maui County and Kauai County HI	\$2,300
Division of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii	To purchase equipment necessary to locate and remove species that prey on endangered plants and animals in priority areas.	Statewide HI	\$1,000
Division of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii	To provide meaningful control of the invasive strawberry guava tree in Hawaii.	Statewide HI	\$200
San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance	To renovate and repair facilities used to educate and engage with the community on Hawaiian bird conservation.	Volcano HI	\$800