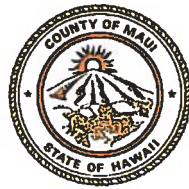


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Aloha!

We are pleased to introduce ourselves as the newly created Grants Division for the Maui County Department of Agriculture. We are looking forward to tackling new projects and working with our department leaders to provide much needed services in our agricultural communities across Maui County. Our newly formed Grants Division is currently staffed with both a Grant Coordinator (David Nakama) and a Grant Management Specialist III (Jennifer Lookabaugh). Our small but mighty team is preparing to take over the new Agricultural Grants that OED is currently requesting applications for in the upcoming fiscal year.

Currently our Grants team is working to develop a strong foundation to provide support and funding for our ag related producers, family farmers, and ranchers by creating user-friendly grant applications, workshops, and training materials that will enhance the ability of small-scale agricultural entities to obtain funding for their projects. As we develop these processes, we are keeping in mind the unique conditions that affect our island communities and the people we serve.

With the new fiscal year approaching, we are developing future funding opportunities related to monies that have been allocated to our department for specific project areas. Some of these areas will include projects related to the following:

- Agricultural Education and Apprenticeship Training
- Agricultural Promotion and Technology
- Feral Animal Control and Recovery

Future requests for applications for these specific funding areas will be announced at a later date. As of now, we are pleased to be working with all of you as we build our capacity for supporting the needs of our agricultural community.

Mahalo,

David and Jennifer