

State of Hawaii  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement  
Honolulu, Hawaii

June 8, 2012

Board of Land and  
Natural Resources  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**SUBJECT:** Request for Authorization to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation for Partial Support for the Establishment of a Fisheries Enforcement Unit Initiative in the Main Hawaiian Islands to Improve the Health of Nearshore Ecosystems

BACKGROUND

Conservation International Foundation (CI), the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation (Castle Foundation), and the State of Hawaii (State) Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), are launching a joint initiative to improve fisheries compliance in the Main Hawaiian Islands. The initiative has five main components:

- Improve the core capacity of DOCARE,
- Create pilot Fisheries Enforcement Units (FEUs) within DOCARE,
- Expand fisheries monitoring by DLNR fisheries biologists,
- Strengthen DLNR capacity to coordinate and support Makai Watch communities.
- Increase support directly to community non-profit organizations to conduct Makai Watch surveillance, education and monitoring.

DISCUSSION

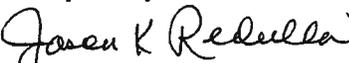
The Castle Foundation grant provides partial support for the establishment of a stand-alone Fisheries Enforcement model developed in coordination with Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. The project is intended to heighten community education and awareness within a specific region that will positively affect resource user behavior and public support for DOCARE.

Communities within the project area will engage in a formal partnership with DLNR to serve as stewards for the protection of fisheries resources. In turn, DOCARE will focus on increasing enforcement actions to better manage and protect the marine resources in the project area. Two positions, an Education Officer and a Field Supervisor (CREO IV), will be hired as part of the Fisheries Enforcement Unit pilot initiative.

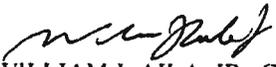
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the Chairperson to execute the Castle Foundation grant award, subject to: (1) the terms and conditions set forth herein, (2) such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson, and (3) review and approval of the Department of the Attorney General.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for RANDY K. AWO  
Acting Chief of Enforcement

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., Chairperson

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