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Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, HI

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON TO EXECUTE AND SIGN A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND KANEHUNAMOKU VOYAGING ACADEMY, AND TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRPERSON TO EXECUTE AND SIGN ALL FUTURE SUB-GRANT AGREEMENTS UNDER THE NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

This submittal requests the Board's approval to authorize the Chairperson to execute and sign sub-grant agreement between the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy (KVA) under the re-established National Maritime Heritage Grant program, and to delegate authority to the Chairperson to execute and sign all future sub-grant agreements under the National Maritime Heritage Grant program.

BACKGROUND:

The National Maritime Heritage Act, 1994, provides National Maritime Heritage Grants assistance to State Historic Preservation Officers to allow States to make National Park Service approved sub-grants to applicants for preservation or education projects designed to preserve maritime resources and to increase public awareness and appreciation for its maritime heritage.

On June 24, 2015, the National Park Service authorized the transfer of \$45,899.00 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), for a two year sub-grant to KVA under the re-established National Maritime Heritage Grant program for a preservation and education project known as, Papahana Hooloaua Public Outreach, to preserve historic maritime resources and to increase public awareness and appreciation for maritime heritage in Hawai'i.

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The Papahana Hoolauna Public Outreach project provides an introductory level instruction in traditional Hawaiian navigation to all interested schools and organizations. The instruction is both land and sea based involving traditional Hawaiian sailing and way-finding skills and techniques, along with the history and materials used in long-distance non-instrumental voyaging and voyaging canoes.

DISCUSSION:

The Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy is a nonprofit corporation operating exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501 (c.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It was established on April 14, 2014 and has provided instruction in traditional Hawaiian navigation for O'ahu charter schools and organizations serving mostly Native Hawaiian youth. To date KVA has reportedly served 15 schools and over 400 individuals of all ages. In addition, support for the KVA programs have been largely attributed to funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Therefore, as traditional Hawaiian navigation is an essential part of the maritime culture and history of Hawai'i, and whereas SHPD is authorized to administer a comprehensive historic preservation program including financial assistance to the counties, public, and private agencies involved in historic preservation activities,

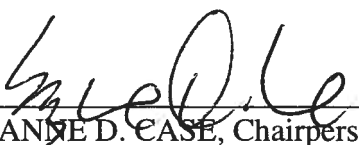
We respectfully recommend that the Board authorize the Chairperson to execute and sign the sub-grant agreement between the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy under the re-established National Maritime Heritage Grant program, and to delegate authority to the Chairperson to execute and sign all future sub-grant agreements under the National Maritime Heritage Grant program.

Respectfully submitted,



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SHPD Administrator

APPROVAL FOR SUBMITTAL:


SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson

Board of Land and Natural Resources