REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2003 Management-Oriented Research Grants Program

Proposals due: September 15, 2003 by 4:00 p.m.

The Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance’s research grants program is a competitive program with $40,000 from the Packard Foundation. The primary purpose of the grant program is to initiate and support research that will result in improved management strategies and practices essential to conserving Hawai‘i’s native ecosystems.

Program Goals

- encourage researchers to address the problems faced by managers of Hawai‘i’s native ecosystems;
- develop effective, science-based management approaches for Hawai‘i’s protected native ecosystems;
- promote and maintain working relationships between scientists and resource managers;
- effectively communicate the results of conservation science to managers;
- promote interagency collaboration and stimulate new partnerships.

General Research Priorities

The Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance seeks to promote effective, long-term management of Hawai‘i’s native ecosystems using the best available scientific information. Research proposals that address clear links between management and research will be given first priority. A meeting between the program officer (Hamblin-Katnik) and the interested land manager and researcher is highly encouraged prior to submission.

Proposal Guidelines

a. Five-page maximum, exclusive of CV’s (12-point font and 1-inch margins)
b. Application form (see www.hawaiiconservationalliance.org grant announcement page)
c. Proposal using the following format:
   - Problem statement
   - Anticipated improved management strategy/practice
   - Methodology or approach
   - Schedule of activities
   - Description of deliverable products
   - Personnel and Partners
   - Budget

Problem Statement:

Briefly describe the significance of the problem, as well as the manner in which the proposed work will make a contribution to solving or understanding the problem. The problem statement should describe the scientific question and how this research will affect the development of improved management practices. Provide a brief review of past and current research relevant to the problem.

Anticipated Improved Management Strategy/Practice:

Briefly describe the current management strategy/practice that addresses the problem described, as well as the anticipated improved management resulting from the proposed research. This section need not be exhaustive, but it must explain the practical application of the research. Applicants are reminded that this program is aimed at research efforts that will lead to science-based management approaches for Hawai‘i’s protected native ecosystems.

Applicability of Results:

Provide a list of locations in Hawai‘i where the research will be applicable beyond the research study area. Submit the name of land managers who are interested and will benefit from this information.

Methodology or Approach:

Describe the objectives, approach, and methodology used in the proposed project.
Schedule of Activities:

Provide an activities timetable, including start date and project completion date. Project completion date must include the completion of deliverable products. Your project is not required to be completed prior to June 15, 2004, however the funds expended during the life of this grant must have specific deliverables.

Description of Deliverable Products:

Describe how the project will effectively communicate the research results to Hawaii’s resource managers. Applicants are reminded that the Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance maintains a website of conservation science for natural resource managers, can assist in organizing workshops, and coordinates the annual Hawai‘i Conservation Conference.

Personnel and Partners:

Indicate who will carry out the research, as well as a brief statement of the investigator(s’) qualifications and experience with regard to the proposed work. Include a CV for all personnel. It is our expectation that this program will lead to strong, long-term partnerships between the scientific community and resource managers. Provide a brief statement of how the resource manager responsible for the study area will be involved in the proposed project. Multi-partner projects are encouraged.

Budget:

Clearly delineate costs to be met by the grant and those to be provided by other sources. Although there are no matching requirements, matching funds and services are desirable.

Grant Size

We reserve the right to grant several smaller quantity grants in the area of $5,000, with no grant over $10,000.

Project Selection & Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by an advisory panel representing resource managers and the scientific community. In addition to supporting research that will lead to improved management strategies, it is the intent of the program to support research of the highest quality. The criteria to be used in evaluating proposed projects include: 1) relevance to Hawaii’s conservation issues; 2) clearly developed hypotheses and methods; 3) utility of research results; 4) applicability of results; and 5) how the results will be communicated to resource managers.

Schedule

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