



County of Maui Greens Grant Program (Greens Grant)

BACKGROUND

The proposed project will enhance 2.69 acres of a seasonal mixed palustrine emergent and scrub-shrub coastal wetland habitat located in Honokanai‘a and 1.5 acres of wetland habitat in Honukanaenae in the ‘ili of Kealaikahiki on the southwestern end of Kaho‘olawe. The overall mission of this project is to restore wetlands and stabilize sand dunes on the coastline of Kealaikahiki ‘Ili by introducing native vegetation (8,000 native plants), removing invasive alien species, and constructing of waterflow control devices and sediment traps across the 1.75 acres of road. **Grant Life: January 2025-June 2026.**

DELIVERABLES

- Directly enhance 2.69 acres of palustrine emergent and scrub-shrub coastal wetland habitat in Kealaikahiki ‘Ili by removing invasive alien plants, reintroducing native plants in the efforts to reducing siltation within 18 months of the project start date.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$ 284,470

FUNDER: County of Maui: Department of Environmental Management Environmental Protection & Sustainability Division

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Hire a second ORS II for a one-year period.
- ✓ Plant 8,000 plants and removal of invasive plant species.
- ✓ 2.69 of 2.69 acres have been enhanced through plantings and invasive removal.

Purchase 3 new UTVs

Water catchment construction in Honokanai‘a.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

SPENT
\$93,887.67

BILLED
\$87,235.00

RECEIVED
\$87,235.00



PROJECT UPDATE: July '25 – Oct. '25

- Over this reporting period we have planted 4,403 native plants in the project area (11,903 to date, exceeding the 8,000 requirement).
- Weed cloth was placed and weighted over a 6'X 60' area of non-native/invasive buffel grass edging next to native 'aki'aki grass. This process of weed removal will allow for the 'aki'aki to naturally fill into the vacated area.
- Hand weeding in the Honokanai'a wetland
- Road repairs were conducted on the Kuamo'o (K-1) in efforts to reduce sedimentation runoff into the water.
- The grant project has been extended by 6 months and increased in budget by \$110K for the purchasing of 3 new UTVs and the development of a water catchment system in Honokanai'a.