



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
\$273,732.09

BILLED
\$273,732.09

RECEIVED
\$87,235.00



PROJECT UPDATE: Jan '26 – July '26

- Staff has planted 13,070 native plants in Honokanai‘a through this project, exceeding the 8,000 original requirement. This is a breakdown of plants installed over this 12-month period:
 - 9,830 ‘Aki‘aki
 - 3,100 ‘Ākulikuli
 - 100 Pōhuehue
 - 40 Kou
- Purchase of three UTVs and construction material for water catchment construction has been completed.
- Staff is currently working with County of Maui officials to receive full reimbursement of expended amounts.
- The cost of three UTVs came in under the expected budget cost and a complication in an operations equipment order resulted in a difference in the award amount and the final billing amount.