

Friends of D.T. Fleming Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe Summary

Mission: To sponsor, fund, protect, and preserve the Fleming Arboretum in its mission to protect, propagate, and support reforestation of Maui's native watershed forest on Haleakala.

Category: Environment Preservation & Education

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Grant History:

2015: \$25,000	2019: \$10,000	2023: \$15,000
2016: \$10,000	2020: \$10,000	2024: \$15,000
2017: \$5,000	2021: \$10,000	
2018: \$10,000	2022: \$10,000	

TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE: \$120,000

2025 Request: \$15,000 for general operating support

Notes:

- Group formed in 2002.
- Collecting native plant species to preserve and propagate throughout island.
- Martha Haulani Vockrodt-Moran, granddaughter of DT Fleming, died June 2020.
- Goal is to make the arboretum a native plant seed resource and educational facility.
- Most income generated by donations and helicopter eco-tours. All severely limited by COVID.
- 2021 Focus: protecting arboretum plant collection from deer and glycine (an invasive vine). Efforts working!

2022: Continue reforesting Haleakala watershed and to expand marketing for awareness of the arboretum and preservation and protection of native plants.

2023: Increasing educational programming for local schools and specialized donor events for fundraising purposes.

- Need funds to have State specialists inspect endangered trees/plants to maintain health of species.

2024: Need to repair roof on museum building.

- Most visitors engage in volunteer activities during their visit.
- Biggest revenue source is heli-tours w/Blue Hawaiian Helicopters. Not back to pre-pandemic levels.

2025: Expanding revenue sources and networking opportunities.

- Roof repaired.
- Cub scout badge work and gala event spaces.



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Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe, Inc.

January 29, 2025

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Dear Directors of the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation,

The Friends of the D.T. Fleming Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe (FOFA) is most grateful for the opportunity to submit a grant proposal to the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation. Over the years, Dorcy funding has contributed greatly to the progress of the Arboretum, steadily strengthening the Arboretum as a conservation and educational resource supporting reforestation efforts of Maui's native watershed forest on the southern slopes of Haleakala.

Friends of the D.T. Fleming Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe was created as a 501 c 3 organization (EIN 74-3042528) in 2002 to carry on the original work David Thomas Fleming began in 1950. The D.T. Fleming Arboretum was planted in 1952 within the Pu'u Mahoe cinder cone as a seed resource to restore the native dry land forest watershed on the south slopes of Haleakala. Today, the Fleming Arboretum is Maui's oldest and largest living collection of native plants, a South Maui mid-elevation dry land Rare Plant & Wildlife Reserve, active seed resource and Old Forest Restoration. We carry on Fleming's vision to preserve native dry land forest on the south slopes of Haleakala through projects and programs involving the community in our work.

Currently, within the 6 acre arboretum, there are 19 different species that are considered Threatened and Endangered species – a total of 92 plants, as well as 13 Maui County Exceptional trees. The Fleming Arboretum holds Rare Plant Research Permit which allows us to care for those Threatened and Endangered species. We are most proud of the Alani and Cookei which continue to flourish in the Arboretum. From one seeding Alani, in existence in 2002 living in the arboretum, 2 additional Plant Recovery Reserves were created to ensure their survival with 36 seedlings

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and 5 seeding copies. Four only Cookei individuals in existence were gifted to the Arboretum in 2012, as there was no suitable area for them on Molokai at the time. Today, Pu'u Mahoe protects 5 individuals and 6 copies. Our Cookei grove was designated as one of Maui's Exceptional Trees in 2016 and remains so today.

The number of individuals/volunteers, from Hawaii and the mainland, visiting the arboretum this year was 284. Of that number, about 150 spent time volunteering during their visit to the arboretum. Several Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops continue to volunteer their time, camp overnight and work on badges. Some of the other volunteer groups were the Native Hawaiian Plant Society, Maui Green and Beautiful as well as the Sierra Club. Our partnership with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters continues. Although there were 14 eco-tours/landings in 2024, we haven't reached our pre-covid number of tours.

The Fleming Arboretum once again hosted the St. Jude's Trail ride, a ten mile ride from Thompson Ranch in Keokea to the Fleming Arboretum for "cowboy stew"! This year there were 40 horses and riders along with folks traveling on ATV's, through private ranch lands to Pu'u Mahoe. The ride was started in 1992 by the Thompson family and the Arboretum has been their final destination for over 10 years.

Last year we completed the new roof on the FOFA cabin while maintenance of the arboretum continues to be FOFA's focus. In the fall of 2024, we were fortunate to receive assistance in the arboretum through funding received by the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources and the Dept. of Forestry and Wildlife to assist in the preservation of native plants. At least two knowledgeable and experienced workers have assisted with expanding deer fencing and maintenance of the Arboretum two to three times a month at no cost to FOFA! With our limited staff, this help has been a true gift.

We continue our efforts to build and strengthen our donor base and encourage giving opportunities through targeted Arboretum visits for possible donors and educators several times a year. This year FOFA donated 3 private picnics and tours to the Lahaina Restoration Fundraising Gala, not only to give back to our community but also spread awareness of the Arboretum; we also had group of 10 local painters visit the arboretum.

Funding for The Friends of the D.T. Fleming Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe comes from several sources: grants, donations and eco-tours. In 2024, we were fortunate to receive grants once again from a Donor Advised Fund with the Hawaii Community Foundation as well as the grant from the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation. We also received a \$3,000 USDA grant to assist with control of Spanish needle, fireweed, lantana and glycine.

We continue to receive good reviews from various professionals that walk the arboretum several times a year. During those visits they harvest seeds to share with other arboretums or the state as appropriate.

We request \$15,000 from the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation to assist us in preserving the Fleming Arboretum in accordance with FOFA's mission: to sponsor, fund and assist in the protection and preservation of the Fleming Arboretum and its mission to preserve Hawaiian native plants through protection, propagation and distribution. With your assistance we will continue to protect this precious resource for the future.

Thank you for considering our proposal for funding. We look forward to a time when we can welcome you to the D.T. Fleming Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Moran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David M. Moran
Friends of the D.T. Fleming Arboretum - President

The Friends of D T Fleming Arboretum
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Friends of DT Fleming - BOH	17,749.38
Petty Cash	125.00
Total Checking/Savings	17,874.38
Total Current Assets	17,874.38
Fixed Assets	
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Roof 2024	20,236.05
Fencing-2020	4,440.30
Bench	1,144.00
Shed / Lua	72,857.12
Accum depr - building	-69,097.00
Total Fixed Assets	29,580.47
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TOTAL ASSETS	47,454.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to PELLC	11,156.47
Total Other Current Liabilities	11,156.47
Total Current Liabilities	11,156.47
Total Liabilities	11,156.47
Equity	
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	31,624.07
Net Income	4,674.31
Total Equity	36,298.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	47,454.85

The Friends of D T Fleming Arboretum
Profit & Loss
January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributed support	
Dorcy Grant	15,000.00
Indiv/business contribution	5,507.63
State and County Grants	3,130.58
Total Contributed support	23,638.21
Total Income	23,638.21
Gross Profit	23,638.21
Expense	
Business expenses	
Fees and Licenses	25.00
Paypal Fees	72.56
Total Business expenses	97.56
Cabin Expense	
Electricity	526.80
Telephone	593.18
Total Cabin Expense	1,119.98
Grounds	
Mulch, Fertilizers, Chemicals	240.89
Repairs / Supplies	1,095.00
Water	1,170.07
Total Grounds	2,505.96
Misc Expenses	
Hospitality Expense	475.00
Facility Maintenance	4,020.00
Insurance - Liability	764.47
Vehicle use reimbursement	4,800.00
Total Misc Expenses	10,059.47
Printing, Publications, Postage	
Postage, shipping, delivery	150.00
Total Printing, Publications, Postage	150.00
Non-personnel expenses	
Equip rental & maintenance	400.89
Office Supplies	150.00
Web and Internet Site	
Office, Computer & Program Use	198.99
Total Web and Internet Site	198.99
Total Non-personnel expenses	749.88
Occupancy expenses	
Property Taxes	300.00
Total Occupancy expenses	300.00
Other personnel expenses	
Accounting Fees	3,981.05
Total Other personnel expenses	3,981.05
Total Expense	18,963.90
Net Ordinary Income	4,674.31
Net Income	4,674.31