Friends of Maui Waena Intermediate School Summary

Mission:

To support Maui Waena Intermediate Middle School programs.

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Contact:

Jennefer Suzuki, After School Coordinator

Address:

795 Onehee Avenue, Kahului, HI 96732

Grant History:

N/A

2025 Request:

\$40,000 for after-school programming general operating support.

Notes:

- Maui Waena Intermediate is one of the largest middles schools in Hawaii with 1078 students.
- 14 after school programs with 500 students participating.
- Funding required shutting down some programs.
- Competitive programs require travel to national conventions.
- Clarification received. After school program is short \$100,000. At least \$40,000 would restore gardening and summer programming.



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From: Sent: To: Subject:	Jennifer Suzuki <jennifer.suzuki@k12.hi.us> Saturday, January 4, 2025 3:51 PM tammy@dorcyfdn.org Re: Dorcy Hawaiian Grant Application</jennifer.suzuki@k12.hi.us>
Aloha,	
foundation to be able to help clubs we were forced to close	Our after school program is short \$100,412. We would love your us keep the current clubs open and assist us in bringing back the other e due to funding cuts, but we understand that that is probably too much to st \$40,000, we can bring back gardening and continue to offer our summe
Please feel free to contact me	e for any more information you may need.
Looking forward to hearing fro	om you,
On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 5:49 Al	M < <u>tammy@dorcyfdn.org</u> > wrote:
Aloha, Jennifer!	
I received your application. Wi	ll you please clarify for me the amount you are requesting?
Mahalo!	
Tammy	
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Dear Members of the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation,

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Maui Waena, the nonprofit supporting Maui Waena Intermediate, one of the largest middle schools in the state of Hawaii, with a student body of 1,078. Our school is a Title 1 institution (over 49% free/reduced lunch), serving a diverse community, including 20% English Language Learners (ELL). As the after-school coordinator, I have the privilege of overseeing our dynamic after-school program, which offers 14 clubs ranging from robotics and media production to cooking and tutoring. This program is essential for providing our students with enriching, hands-on experiences that go beyond the classroom.

Our after-school program has 496 students registered, and on average, about 200 students attend daily. However, due to severe budget cuts this year, we were forced to discontinue some of our most valuable clubs, including gardening, electronics, and chorus. These clubs provided practical skills, creative outlets, and a deeper understanding of key areas like sustainability and technology. Their absence has left a gap in the opportunities we can offer to our students, particularly those from low-income families who rely on these programs for growth and engagement.

In addition to these challenges, our nationally recognized media program will be competing at the Student Television Network's annual convention in Tampa. While this is a tremendous honor, the travel expenses are prohibitive for many of our talented and deserving students. Without financial support, these students, who have worked tirelessly to earn their place, may not be able to participate in this life-changing opportunity.

Similarly, our robotics team, which recently won the World Championship Excellence Award at the VEX IQ World Championships, faces significant financial hurdles. The cost of traveling to these competitions is extensive, and we have many students who are unable to afford the expenses, despite their dedication and achievement.

We are seeking funding from the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation to help reinstate our discontinued clubs and to provide financial support for students who wish to participate in these prestigious competitions. Your grant would ensure that all students—regardless of their financial circumstances—have the opportunity to engage in enriching extracurricular activities and represent our school on national and international stages.

We believe that every child deserves access to high-quality educational enrichment programs, and with your support, we can continue to offer our students the full range of opportunities they need to succeed. We deeply appreciate your consideration and would be grateful for the chance to partner with the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation to support the future of our students.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or documentation.

Sincerely, Jennifer Suzuki

After School Coordinator Friends of Maui Waena

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