JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00 am  
**PLACE:** OHA Board Room, Nā Lama Kukui  
560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**AGENDA (Amended)**

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Joint Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and Resource Management
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BAE-RM #19-05

Action Item Issue: Consideration of Scope of Work and Qualification and Requirements as defined in the proposed RFQ in selecting a professional executive search and consulting firm to assist the Joint Committees on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) and Resource Management (RM) for the recruitment and selection of a Chief Executive Officer.

I. Action:
To approve the Scope of Work and Qualification and Requirements as defined in the proposed RFQ in selecting a professional executive search and consulting firm to assist the Committees on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) and Resource Management (RM) for the recruitment and selection of a Chief Executive Officer.

II. Issue:
Whether the Joint Committees on BAE and RM should authorize and approve the Scope of Work and Qualification and Requirements as defined in the proposed RFQ in selecting a professional executive search and consulting firm for assisting the committees for the recruitment and selection of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
III. Background:
The current CEO contract will expire on June 30, 2019 requiring the recruitment of a CEO. The recruitment process should be initiated immediately to ensure an efficient transition with minimal disruption to the organization.

The Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 10-10 is as follows:

The board by a majority vote, shall appoint an administrator who shall serve without regard to the provisions of chapter 76 for a term to be determined by the board. The board, by a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled, may remove the administrator for cause at any time.

The OHA BOT Bylaws Article VIII on the Committees of the Board is as follows:

(A) (1) (n) The Committee on Resource Management shall, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment carry out the recruitment and selection of the Administrator.

The OHA BOT CEO Recruitment Policy is as follows:

**Chief Executive Officer Recruitment and Selection**
3.10.9. The BOT appoints the CEO following a search process for identifying and hiring a CEO. At its first regularly scheduled meeting or special meeting after it learns that the CEO position is vacant or will soon be vacant, the BOT will establish the time period, budget, and arrangements for the hiring process of a new CEO. While the hiring process may involve the use of non-board members or search firms, such arrangements will assure the participation of some Trustees in all aspects of the recruitment and interview process. The full BOT shall participate in the final selection of the CEO from a group of candidates determined to be qualified for the position through an open and fair hiring process. The BOT will immediately commence employment contract negotiation upon selection of the best-qualified candidate.

The BOT Operations Manual figures 45 and 46 offers two recruitment alternatives to include in house recruitment utilizing the OHA Human Resources Department or external recruitment using a professional search firm (see Attachment A – Figure 45. Administrator recruitment and selection and Attachment B – Figure 46. Recruitment Process using a Professional Search Firm). The main difference between these two approaches is whether the OHA HR Department or a professional executive search and consulting firm completes the part of the process that includes advertising for the CEO position, screening the applications, conducting reference checks, and making recommendations to the BOT on the top candidates. All other functions in the process would remain the responsibility of the Trustees to include interviewing and final selection of the CEO.
Action Item BAE-RM #19-03, approved by the Joint BAE-RM Committee on April 24, 2019 and approved by the Board of Trustees on May 2, 2019 attempted to harmonize the OHA BOT Bylaws and Executive Policies with HRS § 10-10 relating to the recruitment and selection of a CEO.

Action Item BAE-RM #19-03 approved funds to contract with a professional search firm to aid in the recruitment and selection of a CEO.

This action item (BAE-RM #19-05) will finalize the language on the RFQ that pertains to trustee responsibilities, in particular the Scope of Work section and the Qualification and Requirements section.

IV. Discussion:

Following the approval of Action Item BAE-RM #19-03 by the board, the next step is to solicit a RFQ. The Scope of Work and Qualifications and Requirements of the RFQ will need to be approved by the Joint BAE-RM Committee. These currently read as follows:

**SCOPE OF WORK**

The Successful Offeror shall provide and perform the services required in a satisfactory and proper manner as determined by the OHA. The services shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

1. Solicit input from the Board of Trustees or a sub-committee thereof, through meetings and/or interviews to understand the role, responsibilities, qualifications and appropriate experience needed for the position.

2. Act as an unbiased party providing a fair recruitment process.

3. Assist to ensure the position's description, salary and responsibilities are relevant and current in terms of the market.

4. Assist to develop an accurate and attractive job description. See Attachment 1 – CEO job description.

5. Provide a recruitment strategy specifically designed to attract a diverse pool of highly qualified and competitive candidates, including women, men, and members of underrepresented groups, and timetable for completion of the work in consultation with the BOT.
6. Conduct outreach recruiting through a number of different channels including advertising in nationally-recognized publications likely to attract qualified candidates, proactively reaching out to candidates in the marketplace that may not be actively seeking the position not just locally but on a national or global level.

7. Screen potential applicant’s qualifications against those required in the job description, identify those meeting minimum qualifications and follow up with telephone interviews to clarify each applicant’s credentials.

8. Prepare a written summary of five (5) candidates with the most promising qualifications for the position within two (2) to four (4) weeks from execution of contract.

9. Conduct in-depth reference checks (minimum 3), background checks and verify specific credentials for each potential candidate such as educational background, and conduct criminal, financial, media and civil litigation checks. Through these reference checks, ascertain the candidate’s strength in personal dimensions identified by the job description as well as the contractor’s interview with stakeholders.

10. In the event politically sensitive or potentially embarrassing issues arise from the candidate’s background, conduct in-depth interviews with the principle parties to clarify the issues and clearly present to the OHA a picture of the event.

11. Select qualified candidates for presentation to the BOT.

12. Facilitate scheduling of interviews with prospective candidates and participate in a process with the OHA for interviews and coordinate candidates’ participation in interviews.

13. Debrief with the OHA following interviews and identify additional candidates if necessary.

14. Notify non-selected candidates as soon as the offer letter has been signed by the chosen candidate.

15. In the event that the selected candidate leave employment with the OHA before a period of one year, an additional recruitment and selection process will be conducted at no cost to the OHA.

16. Attend BOT meetings as required by the BOT.
QUALIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Successful Offeror's qualifications and requirements shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

1. The Successful Offeror shall have at least ten (10) years' knowledge, experience and expertise in searching for executive management staff.

2. The Successful Offeror shall have at least ten (10) years' experience in working with indigenous entities or organizations or entities that serve indigenous people; preferably experience in working with Native Hawaiian organizations/entities or organizations/entities that serve Native Hawaiians.

3. The Successful Offeror shall have at least ten (10) years' experience in identifying potential contacts and conducting personal outreach recruiting through a number of different channels.

4. The Successful Offeror shall have an extensive network of contacts, are able to work discretely and maintain a database or list of qualified candidates and can usually provide an immediate list of the best candidates available within two (2) to four (4) weeks of their retainment.

5. The Successful Offeror shall have at least ten (10) years' experience working with government agencies.

6. The Successful Offeror shall have at least ten (10) years' experience targeting Hawaiian audiences.

7. The Successful Offeror shall provide references or proof of successful placements for the past ten (10) years.

8. The Successful Offeror shall comply with all State, Federal, and County requirements and shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, goods, services, and materials as required to complete this Scope of Work.

The Board of Trustees directly oversee the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), therefore it is of direct relevance that the Scope of Work and Qualification and Requirements stipulated in the RFQ meet the expectations of the Board of Trustees.
V. **Recommended Action:**
To approve the Scope of Work and Qualification and Requirements as defined in the proposed RFQ in selecting a professional executive search and consulting firm to assist the Joint Committees on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) and Resource Management (RM) for the recruitment and selection of a Chief Executive Officer.

VI. **Alternative Action:**
A. Do not approve the Scope of Work and Qualification and Requirements as defined in the proposed RFQ in selecting a professional executive search and consulting firm to assist the Committees on Resource Management (RM) and Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) for the recruitment and selection of a Chief Executive Officer.

VII. **Time Frame:**
Immediate action is recommended.

VIII. **Attachment:**
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Joint Committees on Resource Management
and Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment
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BAE/RM #19-06

Action Item Issue: Fiscal Biennium 2020-2021 Community Grant Recommendation: Ahupuaʻa O Molokaʻi

Reviewed by: 

Maile Luʻuwai 
Date 
Pou Kākoʻo Kākoʻo Kaiāulu, Grants Manager

Reviewed by: 

Sylvia Hussey 
Date 
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Kamanaʻopono M. Crabbe, Ph.D. 
Date 
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John D. Waihee, IV. 
Date 
Luna Hoʻomalu Kōmike BAE, BAE Chairperson

Reviewed by: 

Dan Ahuna 
Date 
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I. Action Item:

To approve and authorize the disbursement of $40,500 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and $40,500 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund Ahupua’a O Moloka’i; a Fiscal Biennium 2020-2021 Community Grant recommendation.

II. Issues:

Whether or not the Board of Trustees (BOT) should approve and authorize the disbursement of $40,500 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and $40,500 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund Ahupua’a O Moloka’i; a Fiscal Biennium 2020-2021 Community Grant recommendation.

III. Discussion:


Community Grant Land Strategic Priority applicant Waipa Foundation was recommended in the Action Item, but Waipa Foundation rescinded its application after the Action Item was finalized. Ahupua’a O Moloka’i was the next highest scoring applicant in the Community Grant Land Strategic Priority category. Ahupua’a O Moloka’i was not included in BAE/RM Action Item #19-04.

This action seeks BOT consideration for approval to fund Ahupua’a O Moloka’i under the Community Grants Program.

An individual recommendation summary for Ahupua’a O Moloka’i is attached as Attachment A – Individual Recommendation Summary Sheet.

IV. Funding Source:

Preliminary funding for this recommendation was authorized on September 27, 2018 via BOT approval of RM #18-09 - OHA’s Preliminary Fiscal Biennium 2020/2021 General Funds and Community Grants Budgets for FB 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

V. Recommended Action:

To approve and authorize the disbursement of $40,500 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and $40,500 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund Ahupua’a O Moloka’i; a Fiscal Biennium 2020-2021 Community Grant recommendation.
VI. Alternatives to Recommended Action:

A. Approve and authorize all funding.

B. Approve and authorize partial funding.

C. Do not approve any funding.

VII. Timeframe:

Immediate action is recommended to effect notification of awards and commencement of grantee contracting.

VIII. Attachment:

A. Individual Recommendation Summary Sheet
Ahupua‘a O Moloka‘i

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to provide direct support and education to Native Hawaiians of Moloka‘i to grow significant native crops (of both land and sea) to further economic sustainability—while requiring ahupua‘a stewardship through restoration efforts and service learning.

BENEFIT TO HAWAIIANS

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- Moloka‘i

FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

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PROJECT INFORMATION

- Ahupua‘a o Moloka‘i began in the early 1990s and received its non-profit Federal recognition in 2007. Since then, it has advocated for the advancement of our Hawaiian Homestead communities and its people. We are the unifying organization that connects all our individual Hawaiian Homestead communities of Moloka‘i.
- Ahupua‘a o Moloka‘i started the first phase of its Hānai a Ulu program this year with $84,300 in funds from the Department of Hawaiian Home Land’s Peer to Peer grant. This program was intended to move our homesteaders one step forward based on their farm/agricultural readiness, through 5 areas/subprograms: Seed Savers, Start-up Subsistence Gardening, Training and Certifications, Plant Nurseries, and Farm to Market. The program to be funded with the OHA Grant is the Start-up Subsistence Garden and will support Native Hawaiians growing significant crops on a small scale.
- There is a need to increase activity on our homesteads on Moloka‘i in the area of agriculture as it was intended by Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole. Many Moloka‘i Native Hawaiians struggle economically. By lowering the bar to enter into farming through providing direct education, supplies, and support, this program will provide homesteaders the tools to produce crops.