



Hawai'i Conservation Program

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Hawaiian gallinule

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced 2022 funding for Hawai'i Conservation Program projects. Six new bird conservation and community engagement grants totaling \$530,600 were awarded. The awards announced generated \$562,200 in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$1,092,800.

The Hawai'i Conservation Program aims to strategically protect and enhance essential habitats in Hawai'i, from mauka to makai (from the mountains to the ocean), to reduce extinction risk and sustain resilient populations of native species. The Hawai'i Conservation Program business plan outlines NFWF's goals and strategies to restore, improve and protect habitat and wildlife throughout the main Hawaiian Islands over the next 10 years.

The projects awarded will support the goals and priorities of the Hawai'i Conservation Program and business plan by addressing direct threats and improve habitat conditions for endemic bird species to establish robust populations and increase area of occupancy, while incorporating community outreach and engagement.

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Assessment of Kiwikiu and Mosquito Populations in Waikamoi Preserve, East Maui - III (HI)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$53,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$53,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$106,000

Continue assessing the status of the western subpopulation of kiwikiu (Maui parrotbill) and mosquitoes carrying avian disease in the Waikamoi Preserve on Maui. Project will fill information gaps on the presence, distribution, abundance, and seasonality of kiwikiu and avian malaria carrying mosquitoes that are essential to developing an effective landscape-level mosquito control strategy.

Initiating a Reintroduction Strategy for 'Alalā in Maui Nui (HI)

Grantee: State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Grant Amount:..... \$99,200
 Matching Funds:..... \$99,300
 Total Project Amount:..... \$198,500

Support a reintroduction program for 'alalā, a culturally significant bird that currently exists only in captive breeding facilities, to establish a self-sustaining wild population in Maui Nui, Hawai'i. Project will hire two 'alalā monitoring associates who will be responsible for assessing bird condition, following movements, recording behavior of released birds, and will integrate lessons learned from past reintroduction efforts.

Improving Elepaio Predator Control on O'ahu (HI) - II

Grantee: Pacific Rim Conservation

Grant Amount:..... \$29,500
 Matching Funds:..... \$30,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$59,500

Continue rat control in the southern extent of the Honolulu Watershed Forest Reserve on O'ahu to protect O'ahu elepaio from rat predation. Project will improve the efficacy of rat control methods and expand the scale of trapping activities into 3 new territories for a total of 45 territories under management resulting in increased O'ahu elepaio reproductive success and supporting population growth.

Saving Hawai'i's Imperiled Forest Birds XIV

Grantee: American Bird Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$270,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$301,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$571,000

Continue conservation activities to protect forest birds in Hawai'i. Project will: 1) restore native dry forest and maintain 48 miles of fence around palila critical habitat on Hawai'i, 2) conduct cat, rat, and mongoose control on 16,270 acres on Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island, 3) survey and monitor kiwikiu and palila populations, 4) conduct mosquito surveys on Kaua'i and Maui, and 5) support coordination of the Birds, Not Mosquitoes committee to develop and deploy a landscape-scale mosquito control tool.



Hawaiian petrel | Credit: Pūlama Lāna'i

Improving Native Habitat for 'Ua'u on Lāna'i (HI)

Grantee: Pono Pacific Land Management

Grant Amount:..... \$36,400
 Matching Funds:..... \$36,400
 Total Project Amount:..... \$72,800

Identify and establish a 10-acre area to initiate systematic removal of invasive plants to promote regeneration of native species and increase vegetative cover within 'ua'u (Hawaiian petrel) nesting habitat on Lāna'i. Project will perform herbicide treatment and physical removal of invasive plants, and conduct native seed collection, nursery propagation, out-planting, and outreach events in partnership with the local community.

Supporting Reintroduction and Recovery of 'Alae 'Ula in Hawai'i

Grantee: State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Grant Amount:..... \$42,500
 Matching Funds:..... \$42,500
 Total Project Amount:..... \$85,000

Conduct a reintroduction feasibility study for 'alae 'ula (Hawaiian common gallinule) to support recovery efforts for establishing a new population on a third island in Hawai'i. Project will identify source populations, model population scenarios, create site assessment criteria and conduct preliminary post-site assessments on potential translocation sites, and engage local community members and organizations to develop partnerships to provide ongoing support and expertise.