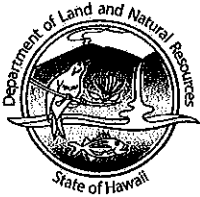


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Subject: The Nature Conservancy - The Maunalua Bay Reef Restoration Project ARRA Grant Application

Dear Reviewer:

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) have been requested to submit a letter of support for the Nature Conservancy's proposed project entitled "The Malama Maunalua Bay Reef Restoration Project". This project is being proposed independently by a non-profit conservation organization, and while the state is submitting our own proposals for priority projects, we recognize that this independent project is a benefit to the environment, natural resources, communities, and will help boost our economy by putting people to work improving important ecosystems in Hawaii. We therefore support their efforts and will work with the applicants, if they are successful, to assist their implementation of the project.

To implement the project, the applicant will need to obtain the approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to conduct the work on State lands. This will involve a right of entry or similar agreement with standard conditions and assurances for having the necessary state, federal, and county permits or approvals to conduct the work on State land.

Please note that the Department is planning to submit its own grant requests under this program, and this endorsement does not displace or surpass any support or priorities for any other Department of Land and Natural Resources projects that may be submitted.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "LH Thielen".

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