

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and Honua Consulting partner to offer community project grant focusing on Kauai's north shore

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) Pacific Islands Region and Honua Consulting, Inc. are offering three \$1,000 grants that will encourage students, young professionals, and/or emerging cultural practitioners to conduct community projects that will benefit natural resource preservation and restoration on the north shore of Kauai.

The goal of this program is to work with Kauai-based non-profit organizations to develop three (3) short-term aina-based research projects that benefit natural resource preservation and restoration on the north shore of Kauai. ONMS' Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary boundary on Kauai embraces the north shore of the island, and these grants will foster projects located in these sanctuary communities. Awarded projects will receive a \$1,000 grant from Honua Consulting in partnership with the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuary (ONMS) Pacific Islands Region (PIR).

Awardees must agree to share their projects with the community, through press releases, interviews, media availability and/or other outreach opportunities. This could include being interviewed for a brief video that will highlight the project. Should the recipients wish to make a short video about the project, a small, nominal stipend (in addition to the specified grant funds) may be available to support the production of the video.

Organizations can apply for multiple projects. For application details, contact Kehau Watson at watson@honuaconsulting.com. Completed applications and documents must be received by 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time on February 28, 2014. Awardees will be notified by March 7, 2014.