

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1102**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable  
Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable  
Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Cultural Learning Center at Waihe'e Refuge** in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Hawai'i Land Trust** located at **126 Queen Street, Suite 306, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**.

The funding would be used to renovate the historic Dickey House on Waihe'e Refuge into an environmental and cultural education center. The classrooms and facilities will provide pre-K through post-secondary students on Maui a base for land-centered STEM, environmental, and cultural programming. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because students on Maui lack a comprehensive educational facility to directly engage archaeological and cultural sites and outdoor and conservation programming. Furthermore, while located in a rural community with a population of just over 9,000, this center would be less than an hour from 80% of Maui's K-12 schools.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

Lastly, I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have a financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jill Tokuda  
Member of Congress