

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

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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 **Māla'ai Garden Pavilion** in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Māla'ai** located at **67-1229 Mamalahoa Highway, Kamuela, Hawai'i 96743**.

The funding would be used for replacing the current outdoor shelter of Māla'ai, the Culinary Garden of Waimea Middle School. The current shelter functions as an outdoor classroom for more than 200 students. Unfortunately, it is a roof with no sides and thus provides insufficient protection from wind, rain, and the other elements, thereby inhibiting Māla'ai's ability to offer food systems education during even moderately inclement weather. The new pavilion will shelter students and teachers from the elements, ensure secure storage of supplies and equipment, and provide Māla'ai with a safe learning environment for students to learn about career opportunities in the agricultural industry such as beekeeping, soil conservation, wildlife biology and more.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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