

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 the **Moloka'i Food Hub Expansion** in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Sust'ainable Molokai**, located at **P.O. Box 250, 40 Ala Malama Avenue Suite 211, Kaunakakai, Hawai'i 96748**.

The funding would provide the space for the construction of a warehouse and packing area; commercial walk-in reefers for storing fresh farm products; commercial walk-in freezers for storing frozen food products; dry storage; a commercial kitchen; offices and meeting space; commercial use spaces; and incorporate emergency resiliency features. It would help facilitate the processing of locally grown produce to decrease food costs on the island, increase local jobs, and increase economic opportunities for the community while decreasing food insecurity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would sustainably enhance the food security of the island of Moloka'i by facilitating the availability and affordability of fresh, healthy, and locally grown food while creating jobs and economic opportunities for residents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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