

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: University of Hawaii

Project Title: Analysis of Feral Pig Eradication Techniques

Program Contact: Jim Kraus

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

☐	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
☐	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
☐	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
☒	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on a variety of demonstrable factors such as location; property ownership; voluntary support capacity; cost-sharing ability, if applicable; technical expertise; or other such unique qualifications.
☐	(5) Emergencies: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

The University of Hawaii (UH) supports the Hawaii DLNR by sponsoring the local watershed partnerships throughout the State. UH can bring a unique combination of experience, research and educational opportunity, manpower and local knowledge to conservation efforts on Hawaii island. The Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge is a partner in the Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance (MKWA), which is a collaborative group of landowners combining Federal, State, Local agencies and private landowners engaged in restoration of native forest lands, control of invasive species, and recovery of endangered species over the greater Mauna Kea landscape. The Refuge currently controls feral pigs with temporary staff and short term land management contractors. With additional directed efforts provided by the watershed partnership coordinator and additional staff provided by the University we will optimize this program and complete a comprehensive evaluation of our methods of pig control. Service funding through this grant can catalyze other non-federal funding opportunities for the partnership by bolstering habitat security in the core conservation area of the MKWA and encouraging expanded conservation efforts by neighboring managers. No other current partner can bring the combination of local talent and technical support needed across the landscape of different ownership and relationships to qualify for this project role.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

James G. Kraus 6-2-16
Program Representative Sign and Date
James G. Kraus
Printed Name of Program Representative

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.

Kevin Foerster 6/3/16
Authorized Signator Sign and Date
Kevin Foerster
Regional Chief, NWRS