

Mahiʻai Technical Assistance Program Overview

The Kauaʻi Mahiʻai Technical Assistance Program seeks to address the gap in capacity-building operational support for minority farmers and ranchers in obtaining access to educational resources, one-on-one consulting, and general technical assistance.

We aim to enable minority farmers and ranchers in developing their skills to increase operational capacity and revenue generating opportunities at all levels. The program consists of two central components: one-on-one consulting and resource referrals, and a monthly workshop series centered around the areas in which participants are most interested in expanding.

The Mahiʻai Technical Assistance Program is in pilot mode, funded by County of Kauaʻi's Office of Economic Development and G. N. Wilcox Trust, Bank of Hawaii Charitable Foundation Services. This program is currently funded from January 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018. After this time additional funding will be needed for continuance. Resources available include:

Mahiʻai Mondays Workshops

Both agricultural and business focused workshops will be held each month, typically on the 1st Monday of the month from 3pm to 6pm. Join our e-newsletter to receive notification of topics and schedule. Refreshments will be available, highlighting local value-added market opportunities. Workshops are open to any interested parties.

Technical Assistance & Referrals

It can be difficult to navigate the many programs and resources available for farmers and ranchers. Through technical assistance and referrals, we aim to help guide and connect you with the most effective programs and resources to meet your needs.

After submission of the attached application and confirmation of eligibility, we will schedule an initial 1-on-1 meeting on your farm to discuss your goals and areas of needed assistance.

Based on the outcome of this initial meeting, follow-ups may include referrals and introductions to various programs, resources, and connections to meet your specific needs; and/or assistance with completing grant/loan applications and other paperwork needed to obtain resources needed by your operation.

Technical assistance is only available to minority farmers and ranchers.

Important Information:

- Program Information Session will be held at Malama Kauaʻi Community Farm in Kalihiwai on Monday, February 5th, 2018 at 3pm. Directions can be found at <http://www.malamakauai.org/mk/contact-us/>
- Participants must complete an end-of-program survey in August 2018.

Please submit the attached application as a first step!

Mail a hard copy to: Malama Kauaʻi, ATTN: Mahiʻai Assistance, P.O. Box 1414, Kilauea, HI 96754

Scan & email to: Naoshi at mahiai@malamakauai.org

In-Person: At the Information Session on Mon., Feb. 5th, 2018 at 3pm

Mahi'ai Technical Assistance Program Application

All application forms and specific applicant info will remain confidential and will only be used by program staff to understand your situation and goals, and ultimately to better serve you. Only aggregated, de-identified data will be utilized for program/public reporting.

Applicant Information	
Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	
Street Address: _____	
Mailing Address (if different): _____	
<i>I am a: (please check all that apply)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> DHHL Ag Lot/Homestead Lessee <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Other Minority <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning (under 10 yrs exp.)	
Applicant Land Use Information	
# of Acres Leased/Owned: _____ # of Acres in Ag Production: _____ # of Acres <i>Desired</i> in Ag Production: _____	
Do you own or lease? <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Lease	
Use of Land / Crops / Animals: _____	
Do you <u>currently</u> farm primarily to: (select one)	Do you <u>wish to</u> farm primarily to: (select one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy the outdoors / hobby	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy the outdoors / hobby
<input type="checkbox"/> Feed family / subsistence	<input type="checkbox"/> Feed family / subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn extra money / part-time job	<input type="checkbox"/> Earn extra money / part-time job
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn base income / professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Earn base income / professional
Please tell us about your agricultural goals & how we can support you	
I am most interested in help with:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation System Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> On-Farm Power Generation (ex. solar) <input type="checkbox"/> Expanding to Value-Added Production <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock & Pasture Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Planning & Financials Development <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Technical Expertise <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Sales Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Securing Land <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Please tell us a bit about your goals for increasing your agricultural production and the main barriers preventing you from being more agriculturally productive.	
What workshop topics are you most interested in for the workshop series?	
Acknowledgement of Participation	
I am committed to following through on appointments, referrals, and resources to help expand and strengthen my farming and/or ranching operations. I also commit to completing an end-of-program survey for Malama Kauai in August 2018 to help provide feedback and recommendations on future programming.	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>