

HAWAII

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



LWCF Funded Places in Hawaii

Federal Program

Ala Kahakai NHT
Hakalau NWR
Haleakala NP
Hanalei NWR
Hawaii NWRs
Hawaii Volcanoes NP
James Campbell NWR
Kalaupapa NHP
Kaloko-Honokohau NHP
Kealia Pond NWR
Kilauea Point NWR
Makena Beach
Oahu Forest NWR
Puuhonua Honaunau NHP

Federal Total \$ 168,600,000

Forest Legacy Program \$ 21,800,000

Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6) \$ 19,700,000

State Program
Total State Grants \$ 38,600,000

Total \$ 248,700,000

LWCF Success in Hawaii

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Hawaii's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Hawaii has received approximately \$249 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Hawaii Volcanoes and Haleakala National Parks, James Campbell and Hakalau National Wildlife Refuges, and Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP) grants are also funded under LWCF, to help protect working forests. The FLP cost-share funding supports timber sector jobs and sustainable forest operations while enhancing wildlife habitat, water quality and recreation. For example, the FLP contributed to places such as the Kainalu Forest Watershed in Maui County, Kealakekua Ranch in South Kona County and Kukaiau Koa Forest in Hawaii County. The FLP assists states and private forest owners to maintain working forest lands through matching grants for permanent conservation easement and fee acquisitions, and has leveraged approximately \$22 million in federal funds to invest in Hawaii's forests, while protecting air and water quality, wildlife habitat, access for recreation and other public benefits provided by forests.

LWCF state assistance grants have further supported hundreds of projects across Hawaii's state and local parks including James Kealoha Beach Park Addition in Hawaii County.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Hawaii economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation generates \$7.8 billion in consumer spending in Hawaii, 68,000 jobs which generate \$2.4 billion in wages and salaries, and produces \$604 million annually in state and local tax revenue. Each year, 162,000 sportsmen and 262,000 wildlife watchers combine to spend \$374 million on wildlife-associated recreation in Hawaii.



Group viewing Halema'uma'u, Hawai'i
Volcanoes NP Credit: NPS
Top: Ala Kahakai NHT Credit: NPS

**SUPPORT PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION AND FULL FUNDING
FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

LWCF in Hawaii

Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail

The 175-mile Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail was established in 2000 for the preservation, protection, and interpretation of traditional Native Hawaiian culture and natural resources. It was created with extensive support from community members, landowners, and other stakeholders, and continues to operate under community based management. One LWCF project has been completed on Ala Kahakai, providing \$2 million to continue the work of protecting this important Hawaiian cultural and environmental site, but there is still significant need for additional funds to contribute to the completion of the trail. In FY18, a request of \$6 million in LWCF funding was submitted to the National Park Service to protect the cultural landscape which includes an ancient fishing village and lands important to the local community for subsistence fishing and gathering.

Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for Hawaii

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
FLP	Kamehamehenui Forest Project	\$1,000,000	Schatz, Hirono/Gabbard

The Fiscal Year 2019 President's Budget:

The President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget proposal would gut the Land and Water Conservation Fund, reducing the program's budget by over 100% from enacted levels. Under this proposal, no projects would be funded for federal land conservation at America's National Parks, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and other public lands. State grant programs to support local recreation facilities, state parks, wildlife habitat, and other community conservation priorities would also be completely wiped out. Without robust LWCF funding in FY 2019, Hawaii's conservation and outdoor recreation needs could be put on hold or lost forever.

FY18 Enacted vs. FY19 Budget Request Comparison

Agency/Program	FY18 Enacted Funding	FY19 President's Budget
National Park Service	\$46,935,000	- \$1,212,000*
Bureau of Land Management	\$24,916,000	- \$6,608,000*
U.S. Forest Service	\$64,337,000	- \$17,000,000*
Fish and Wildlife Service	\$53,839,000	\$6,953,000
Sec. 6 Habitat Conservation	\$19,638,000	\$0
Forest Legacy Program	\$67,025,000	- \$4,000,000*
Highlands Conservation Act	\$10,000,000	\$0
American Battlefield Protection	\$10,000,000	\$0
State & Local Assistance	\$124,006,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$425,000,000	- \$12,867,000*

*proposed rescission of already appropriated LWCF funds



Canoe in front of Hale o Keawe temple, Puuhonua Honaunau NHP
Credit: NPS

LWCF is a simple idea: that a portion of offshore drilling fees should be used to protect important land and water for all Americans. These are not taxpayer dollars. Unfortunately, the promise of LWCF has been broken. The program is authorized to receive up to \$900 million each year—but most of these funds have been diverted elsewhere. Now is the time to fix this and ensure that funds retained in the LWCF account are used for their intended conservation and recreation purposes.

LWCF supports the acquisition of land and conservation easements to protect our national parks, wildlife refuges, forests, trails, and BLM sites, grants funds to the states for local and state park needs, protects critical wildlife habitat, watersheds and recreational access, and conserves working farms, ranches and forestlands that enhance local economies.



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