

Hawai'i Public Seed Initiative Mini-Grant Reporting Guidelines The Kohala Center – 2015

Please answer the following questions as carefully and accurately as possible. This will assist us in preparing our end of year report to the funders of the HPSI. You must use this format to prepare your final grant report.

This report will be due on or before **December 1, 2014**.

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1. Your Name (Printed please)

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2. The name of your project and Island on which it took place.

Maui Seed Savers- Education Grant

3. Which goals and outcomes outlined in your project proposal have been met and which (if any) are still in process?

In 2015 we hosted our 2nd Annual Fall Seed and Plant Exchange in collaboration with Hawaii Farmer's Union United State Convention. The event was great success that celebrated a culture of saving and sharing seeds and plants and allowed us to share with the community the visions being implemented by the Hawaii Public Seed Initiative, as well as information on properly saving seeds.

We also hosted a Seed Saving workshop and field day at Mahele Farm, a community farm in Hana. This event also acted as a mini seed exchange. This event engaged a community on Maui actively involved in seed saving in addition to many people who seed saving was new to. It created a bridge for the HPSI seed work in the Hana community and we are hopeful that next year we can continue this work by hosting a Hana Seed and Plant exchange.

We have plans to host another seed saving workshop in the early spring of 2016.

4. How many community members have been involved in the project and what were their roles?

Elan Goldbart and myself were the main organizers of the exchange and workshop. Collectively we created marketing materials and advertised the events as well as brought the materials needed, including seed cleaning materials, seed saving handouts, the Maui Seed Pledge, signs, tables, chairs etc. We both taught and shared at each event.

Mahele Farm acted as hosts in Hana and invited their community and supported by providing their classroom and farm venue.

We had about 10 volunteers help set up and host the seed and plant exchange and another 10 or so that helped break down the event.

5. How many regular volunteers have worked in this program?

Regularly it has been Elan and myself, and a group of around 10 that consistently show up to help run the events.

6. Please describe the results of your project.

a. What was produced?

Overall the biggest thing produced was inspiration. We shared a wealth of knowledge related to the HPSI and seed saving that inspired our community to participate more in seed saving and to understand the value of locally saved seeds. Many plants and seeds were exchanged and an awareness of pests and invasive plants was shared as this year we introduced a no soil policy as fire ants have recently been found on Maui.

b. Were any events held in conjunction with this project to promote it? If so please give a short description, attach photos or any media generated. If a crop was grown please answer the most appropriate questions below.

- 1) How much seed was produced?
- 2) How much food or product was produced?
- 3) How many plants were put into production for this project?
- 4) What seed variety(s) were used for this project?
- 5) What was the source(s) of the seed obtained?
- 6) Was the seed used in the project open pollinated or hybrid?
- 7) What farming methods were used?
 - a) Organic?
 - b) Other (please describe).

7. If your project was a community event, workshop or seed exchange please describe the events including;

a. Title and Date and location of event.

Art and Culture of Seed Saving- Mahele Farm- October 17, 2015

2nd Annual Fall Seed and Plant Exchange at the Maui Tropical Plantation in conjunction with the Hawaii Farmer's Union United State Convention- November 15, 2015

- b. Approximately how many people attended this event?

Workshop in Hana- 30-40 people

Seed Exchange- over 120 people

- c. Where other activities associated with this event?

(Workshops/presentations/demonstrations etc.)

Workshop included a mini seed exchange and a focus on Hawaiian canoe plants which included an hour class on saving Hawaiian banana varieties.

Seed Exchange included a mini presentation on seed saving a hands on demonstration table.

8. How do you think this project affected or influenced your community?

Overall our project opens people's awareness to the importance of nurturing diversity founded in locally evolved plants. It also inspires people to spend more time cultivating in their gardens and to share genetic diversity with others as it means having that genetic diversity available for the future.

9. How has the Hawai'i Public Seed Initiative assisted the development of your program in this funding period? Suggestions for improvement of services?

Our community is so grateful! Overall it has allowed these events to continue to inspire the community without us having to charge for events (which would limit people's ability to attend) or spend a lot of time seeking funding.

10. What were the greatest challenges you encountered in conducting this project?

Surprisingly finding the right venues has been a challenge.

11. What do you think this project's greatest success was?

The sweetness of the connection that happens between the people that attend. We strive for our events to be a really slow talk story event, and it is amazing to hear the stories people share.

12. Will you continue this project in 2015 and if so what are the greatest needs for your program in this next year?

We will definitely continue in 2016, our needs for the exchanges and workshops are minimal, though finding more human resources to have more seedy events is our next step.

13. Additional comments?

Thank you!

14. Please supply any photos, videos or newspaper stories that pertain to this project.

15. Your signature below indicates that HPSI & The Kohala Center have permission to use this information and any media for program purposes.

Please sign and date this form;

Signature of Preparer: _____ Evan Ryan _____

Date Submitted: _____ 12/16/2015 _____

Thank you for your thoughtful answers, please address this report to;

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Please keep a copy of this for your records. You may send this electronically or by mail. The Kohala Center, P.O. Box 437462, Kamuela, Hawai'i 96743;

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