

RESOLUTION NO. 337 23**A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A PUBLIC ACCESS, OPEN SPACE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION MAINTENANCE FUND STEWARDSHIP GRANT TO THE FRIENDS OF AMY B.H. GREENWELL ETHNOBOTANICAL GARDEN.**

WHEREAS, Section 10-15 of the Hawai'i County Charter provides for a Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund to acquire lands and easements in the County of Hawai'i for public outdoor recreation, education, and preservation of coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-16 of the Hawai'i County Charter establishes a Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Maintenance Fund (hereinafter "Maintenance Fund") to preserve these lands, promote public safety, and maintain a healthy stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-16(h) of the Hawai'i County Charter provides that the Maintenance Fund may be used for a stewardship grant program for properties purchased via the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund, which allows 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations to apply for grant-in-aid project funding for steward projects; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Amy B. H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to support Hawaiian cultural traditions of land use and plants and conserving the plant resources of traditional Hawaiian cultural activities as well as to ensure the continuance of this national treasure as an ethnobotanical garden; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden has submitted a Maintenance Fund stewardship grant application to continue providing land stewardship and cultural education for the properties situated in Kealakekua, District of South Kona (TMK: (3) 8-2-013:002, 003, 014; 8-2-014:043 and 8-2-015:059), which were acquired via the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund after adoption of Resolution No. 155-19; and

WHEREAS, during its September 12, 2022, meeting, and pursuant to Section 2-217 of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 Edition, as amended), the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission forwarded a positive recommendation for this project to the Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, Communication No. 336.1, issued by the Director of Finance on September 19, 2023, submitted for the Council's consideration four applicants for stewardship grants for various properties that have been acquired by the County using the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, in Communication No. 336.1, the Director of Finance's recommendation is that the Friends of Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden will be able to complete its project in accordance with the project description submitted and in strict adherence to the conditions governing the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Maintenance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that awarding a stewardship grant to the Friends of Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden will allow it to continue its ongoing plant preservation, restoration of various sites and buildings as well as to create a community-based stewardship curriculum and creation of ADA pathways throughout the garden; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that awarding a stewardship grant to the Friends of Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden will benefit the community-at-large by demonstrating that maintenance fund monies can be utilized to preserve the land, promote public safety, and maintain a healthy stewardship of those properties that have been acquired using Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation funding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I, that pursuant to Section 10-16(h) of the Hawai'i County Charter, a Maintenance Fund stewardship grant shall be awarded to the Friends of Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden in the amount of \$171,370.00.

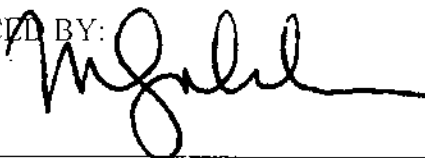
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 10-16(g) of the Hawai'i County Charter, funds from the stewardship grant awarded by this resolution shall be used for public safety maintenance and preservation of the Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden properties, identified as tax map keys (3) 8-2-013:002, 003. 014; 8-2-014:43; and 8-2-015:059.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Finance and the Department of Finance, Property Management Division.

Dated at _____, Hawai'i, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

INTRODUCED BY:

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FOR:



COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL
County of Hawai'i
Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on _____

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

| | AYES | NOES | ABS | EX |
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Reference: C-569/LAAC

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