

Hui o Laka

The Koke'e Natural History Museum

Civilian Conservation Corps Grant in Aid **A Report to the Annual Meeting, 30. November 2013**

Through the enthusiasm of Representative Dee Morikawa, and the strong support of the Kauai delegation to the 2013 Hawaii State Legislature, Hui o Laka will be awarded a \$50,000 Grant in Aid to continue the renovation of the CCC Camp.

This follows an earlier Grant in Aid, originally of \$250,000, from the 2007 Hawaii State Legislature. Through an effective partnership with Kauai Planning & Action Alliance, that amount grew to over \$306,000. We were able to renovate Barracks A, Barracks B, and the Mokihana Cabin [formerly the Foreman's Cabin]. Barracks A is now a shop and exhibit preparation area, Barracks B a dormitory, substantially as it was when built in 1935, and the Mokihana Cabin is now our premier overnight accommodation.

This Grant in Aid, when the Governor releases the funds, will be used to renovate the Administration Building, now used as Hui o Laka offices, and to stabilize Barracks C, with new windows and expanded offices for our tenant, the Koke'e Resource Conservation Program, led by Katie Cassel.

A good deal of the work planned cannot be accomplished in-house, even with the many skills of our maintenance supervisor, "L B" Schraepfer. We will bring back Kikiaola Construction, who has worked with us for many years on the CCC Camp. Their president, Mike Faye, and foreman, Mark Isoshima, know the Camp well. Through their broad experience in historic preservation and renovation, they have provided cost-effective and innovative solutions to these historic buildings.

We will continue to submit applications for Grants in Aid for renovation of the Camp. Parks is delighted to have us maintain these important buildings and has been a strong supporter in the Legislature. We'll continue working building by building, and one day we expect to rebuild the Recreation Building, where our Trustee Emeritus Bruce Wichman saw his first movie, and to provide a commercial kitchen in the Mess Hall. We're fortunate to have as consultants Jim Niess and his son Peter Niess, both architects with Maui Architectural Group as well as Koke'e leaseholders. Our team is committed and ready to proceed as soon as funds are available.

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