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Latest Castle Grants To Aid Eight Causes

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Harold K.L. Castle Foundation's three-pronged focus of strengthening education, marine conservation and the Windward community got a big boost in October.

The foundation awarded \$1.4 million spread over eight grants to support everything from invasive algae removal to student-athletes.

The awards are as follows:

* \$670,000 over three years to fund directors of advancement and finance positions at Le Jardin Academy. The money will help recruit and support the jobs, which will boost the International Baccalaureate school's class offerings.

* \$249,000 for the New Teacher Center, which focuses on bolstering the effectiveness of school principals through an enhanced relationship with area complex superintendents. To this end, the grant facilitates a partnership with University of Washington's Center for Educational Leadership.

* \$153,825 for University of Hawaii Foundation's Kaneohe Bay fish-flow study, which tracks certain species of fish and monitors their life cycle from egg to dinner table. The hope is that the knowledge will improve marine resource management.

* \$110,000 for Kaneohe-based Marimed Foundation, in support of its therapeutic and oceanic job-training programs for Hawaii adults and teens.

* \$70,000 to fund Feed The Hunger Foundation, a group that gives small loans and technical assistance to Hawaii food producers. FTHF also has branches in California.

* \$60,000 for Positive Coaching Alliance, Hawaii chapter, to help Windward student-athletes, coaches and parents move out of a "win-at-all-costs" mindset and into one focused on building an athlete's character and education.

* \$40,000 to Kako'o 'Oiwī to continue the removal of invasive algae from Kaneohe Bay and clearing of non-native mangrove from near-shore waters. The group will build a biodigester and biochar machine to turn the invasive plants into helpful compost.

* \$30,000 to Hawaii Presidential Center, to explore the possibility of building the Obama Presidential Library in the president's home state.

For more information on the foundation's efforts, visit www.castlefoundation.org or <https://facebook.com/haroldkcastlefoundation>.