

## CRITERIA FOR ED FUND MONSON GRANTS

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1. Promote plans, developments, projects, activities to enhance and improve the general welfare of the people of Oahu by protecting its natural environment and/or implementing plans designed to maintain or improve the quality of life of its citizens. Examples:
  - enforce developers' requirements re affordable housing
  - develop and enforce laws re public use of shorelines, scenic open spaces and natural resources
  - promote use of public funds to buy agricultural or conservations and vacant lands for future parks, affordable housing and/or permanent open spaces
  - sue to force public agencies to require compliance by public and private developers to regarding all planning, land use and zoning regulations in the public interest
  
2. Protect public interest against development, projects, or activities that don't promote the above welfare, environment, or quality of life. Examples:
  - proposals to build rail transit systems that won't lessen traffic congestion or air pollution and would place heavy financial burden on taxpayers
  - developments that violate density, height, open space, setback, other planning and zoning regulations
  - proliferation of golf courses on agricultural or conservation land geared for use by nonresidents
  - proposals to change tax policies and regulations that benefit upper income groups at expense of others
  - proposals to change island plans and land use regulations to allow privately initiated development proposals inconsistent with existing planning policies or otherwise not in public interest

Above purposes to be carried out by:

- Salary of an executive secretary on a matching dollar for dollar basis, with funds allocated by the organizations
- Studies and analyses of specific issues in the general fields described
- Seminars, workshops, publications, and other public education designed to create broader public understanding
- Community action, including networking, coordination with other concerned groups and individuals; and education of public officials to press for acceptance of purposes
- Suing to challenge public or private action when it is deemed to violate planning, zoning, or environmental laws and regulations (lawyers' fees limited to costs plus substantially reduced fees, or matched dollar for dollar