

2020 WATG DESERVING DESIGNS

ABOUT THE PROJECT

WATG, a leading global multi-disciplinary design firm founded in Hawaii in 1945, celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2020. In honor of this milestone, WATG's Honolulu office will donate its professional experience in landscape architecture to design and build a project that will make a positive, lasting impact on a local community or organization. Focusing on landscape and sustainability, the opportunity celebrates WATG's Hawaii-Pacific roots and founding principles: creating destinations and spaces for people, the use of sustainable materials, environmental preservation, and offering innovative design solutions.

WATG is seeking proposals for landscape-focused projects from non-profit organizations, schools and educational institutions, foundations or for-profit companies with an established community service program. The project must be based on Oahu.

The value of WATG's professional design services and volunteer installation labor will be provided on a "pro bono" basis at no cost to the selected project recipient. In addition, WATG will donate up to \$20,000 to purchase materials, tools, and associated installation costs.

Applications are due January 27, 2020. WATG will select an award recipient in February and begin work on the project during spring of 2020.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The project must make a positive impact on an organization or community and the environment.
- Applicants can be a non-profit organization, school/educational organization, foundation or a for-profit company with an established community service program.
- Applicants will need to provide some manpower to assist WATG in the installation and maintenance of the project, with work being assigned that is within the volunteers' capabilities.
- For-profit businesses are welcome to nominate a deserving non-profit project.
- The proposed project should fill a currently unmet need or transform a currently unused or under-utilized outdoor area in a way that will make a positive difference to the community of users who will engage with that space.
- The project should be a permanent installation.
- The project will not include soil removal.
- The project must be of reasonable size and scope and be limited to a single outdoor location within a property owned or leased by the applicant, such that the WATG estimated value of the project materials and associated costs does not exceed \$20,000. In general, that budget typically supports a project area of up to 400 SF.
- Design and installation will be performed by WATG staff and/or community partner(s)

and will not be included in the estimated value of the project.

- Installation by WATG includes:
 - Unskilled labor of 12 – 15 people for manpower.
 - 1 – 2 skilled laborers to oversee the installation and ensure design continuity.
 - One 8-hour day, once per month for 5 months.
- Work to be completed by WATG staff:
 - Soil amendment (light mixing of soil).
 - Final grading of soil.
 - Dig holes not to exceed 7-gallon size pots for trees and shrubs.
 - Plant layout with a skilled laborer to oversee.
 - Planting of smaller plant material to include ground cover, perennials and small shrubs.
 - Lay sod (if included in plan as a sustainable option to meet the needs of the project intent).
- Work not included:
 - Machinery for digging in compacted soil or holes larger than 7-gallon pots.
 - Additional plant material that exceeds the \$20,000 donated by WATG.
 - Hardscape installation laborers and materials.
 - Soil and soil amendments.

Ineligible projects include those that may have been previously initiated in part or whole by another design firm, part of a new construction or major renovation project, require any city or state permit or do not meet zoning or code requirements. In addition, a site that is considered inhospitable, inaccessible or has been tested or classified as environmentally hazardous will not be eligible.

WATG reserves the right to meet with the selected applicant to verify the information contained in the application prior to finalization of award.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Applications for the 2020 WATG Deserving Designs award must be submitted to WATG by January 27, 2020. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Applications can be sent via email, mail or hand delivered to the following address:

WATG

Attn: Lisa Harding / Tiffany Lee
700 Bishop Street Suite 800
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Email: honolulu@watg.com

If submitting by email, please include “Deserving Designs 2020” in the subject line of your email.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants are required to complete all sections of the [2020 WATG Deserving Designs Award Application/Nomination Form](#), which can be found at WATG's website here: <http://bit.ly/WATGDD>. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.

Additional instructions:

- Please type or print and include signature. Digital signature for email submissions is acceptable.
- Answer questions completely and accurately and provide appropriate attachments. If approved, this application will become part of a contract.
- All information provided will be kept confidential.
- Retain a copy for your records.

For clarification questions or technical difficulties, applicants may call Lisa Harding at WATG's Honolulu office (808) 521-8888 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or send an email to honolulu@watg.com.

Please note that WATG staff will not be able to provide review/guidance or recommendations about specific projects outside of the formal application review process. Award finalists may be requested to meet in person to respond to questions or provide clarification.