

Grant funds gardening program

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Hualalai Academy is the recipient of a \$6,000 grant for gardening from the Kohala Center. The Kohala Center is known for identifying and supporting high-quality teaching.

"Now we are able to diversify and greatly improve our existing gardening program," said Dan Sabo, third-grade teacher and gardening coordinator. "The children are always excited to go outside to dig and plant."

The gardening grant will also be used to hire a gardening resource teacher, Shani Dutton.

"I'm doing this to help rekindle a bond between children and their food. Children are so disconnected from where their food comes from and lack of understanding about basic gardening principals. For them to see and realize that tiny seeds can grow into enormous plants is just so amazing," Dutton said.



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Roy McGrath, a student at Hualalai Academy, waters plants in the schools garden. The academy has received a \$6,000 grant from the Kohala Center for its gardening program.