



## Community Grants Program 2025 Funding Opportunity

Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial Fund (*Kaua'i*)  
'Ewa Beach Community Fund (*O'ahu*)  
Kahuku Community Fund (*O'ahu*)  
Kahuku Wind Community Fund (*O'ahu*)  
Ka Papa O Kākuhihewa Fund (*O'ahu*)  
Lāna'i Community Benefit Fund

**[Online Application Deadline: Monday, May 19, 2025, 4:00 p.m. HST](#)**

### OVERVIEW

The Community Grants Program provides project or program-based funding to nonprofit organizations benefitting the communities and people of Hawai'i. Specific community funds established at Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) support the Community Grants Program. Advisory Committees will review proposals and make grant recommendations to support projects or programs that are most consistent with the purpose and priorities of each fund.

#### **Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial Fund and Kauai Community Grants Program (Kaua'i)**

The Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial fund was established with the broad purpose to *"support organizations that benefit the people, flora and fauna of Kaua'i."* In addition, funding may be available for a broad range of community needs, including culture and arts, education, environment, health and human services, and sciences.

#### **'Ewa Beach Community Fund (O'ahu)**

The purpose of the fund is to *"support activities and projects of charitable agencies that work to improve the quality of life of the residents of the 'Ewa area."* Preference will be given to projects that address a community need and benefit the 'Ewa Community that:

- Are conducted by organizations based in the 'Ewa area, have a history of involvement in the 'Ewa community, or are partnering with an 'Ewa organization, with strong preference given to groups based in 'Ewa Beach;

- Involve or serve youth, particularly out of school time, or the elderly;
- Are supporting program expenses, as opposed to personnel expenses.

### **Kahuku Community Fund (O‘ahu)**

The fund was established with a broad purpose, *“to be used for charitable and community purposes within the geographic district of Kahuku, bounded by Turtle Bay and Malaekahana.”* Preference will be given to projects that address a community need and benefit the Kahuku community in the following areas:

- Educational opportunities, including early care and education
- Recreational opportunities
- Economic sufficiency for self, family and community; such as emergency assistance to individuals and families
- Social conditions such as crime, poverty, substance abuse or domestic violence
- Health care
- Strategic action plan around future development of the Kahuku community
- Greater understanding of traditional and contemporary cultural arts, practices and values of the Ko‘olaupoko moku

### **Kahuku Wind Community Fund (O‘ahu)**

The fund was established with the broad purpose to *“for charitable purposes to benefit the neighboring community to the North Shore wind farm located at Kahuku, specifically the geographic area bounded by Hau‘ula to Turtle Bay”* Funding is available for a broad range of community needs.

### **Ka Papa O Kākuhihewa Fund (O‘ahu)**

The purpose of the fund is *“to promote resource conservation programs for the community that would affect the use of natural resources such as water and land. The goal is to promote and support programs that create and instill a conservation ethic in our keiki and ‘ohana, an attitude that recognizes and respects living on an island of finite resources.”*

Preference will be given to projects that:

- Promote natural resource conservation through:
  - Environmental Education, including curriculum for school-based programs, workshops, conferences, or seminars;
  - Video or film projects or public service announcements (PSA) promoting energy conservation, environmental education, natural resource stewardship or conservation;
  - Implementation of hands-on natural resource stewardship projects such as reforestation, eradication of invasive species, or reclamation of streams;
  - Alternative, renewable energy projects in conjunction with education programs; or
  - Acquisition or preservation of land for the purposes of conservation or sustainability, in perpetuity;
- Benefit the geographical community identified by the zip codes of 96707 and 96792, essentially the Wai‘anae Coast and Kapolei. Note: Groups not based in this community must demonstrate

a partnership with an organization or community group based within the area by submitting a letter of commitment from the community partner;

- Focus on youth (approximately 10-25 years), although intergenerational projects where youth are learning from the knowledge and experience of kupuna will also be considered; and
- Demonstrate commitment to support the local economy by spending majority of the funds within the community.

### **Lānaʻi Community Benefit Fund**

The purpose of the fund is to *“promote and enrich the lifestyle of the residents of Lānaʻi through the support of educational, cultural and recreational activities for the Lānaʻi community with special emphasis on youth, young adults and senior citizens.”* All projects must benefit the Lānaʻi community.

Preference will be given to projects that focus on youth, young adults or senior citizens and:

- Provide educational activities;
- Provide cultural activities; or
- Provide recreational activities.

### **ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS**

This funding opportunity is for nonprofit organizations, fiscally-sponsored organizations, community-serving groups with a charitable purpose, a program of a church, or a project of a Hawaiʻi DOE school.

- Applicants must be responsive to the priorities identified by the Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial Fund, ʻEwa Beach Community Fund, Kahuku Community Fund, Ka Papa O Kākuhihewa Fund, or the Lānaʻi Community Benefit Fund as specified above.
- Organizations currently funded by HCF with overdue final reports are not eligible to apply.
- Organizations may apply to more than one fund; however, a separate application must be submitted for each fund to which an organization is applying.
- Organizations may submit up to one application per fund, per year.

### **GRANT RANGE**

Grants are generally awarded for one year and will usually not exceed \$10,000. For requests of more than \$5,000, preference will be given to 501(c)(3) organizations, or groups with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### **Online Application**

- This application is available for online submission through the Hawaiʻi Community Foundation’s Grants Portal. New users may register for an account here [https://hawaiicf.smartsimple.com/s\\_Login.jsp](https://hawaiicf.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp). Registered users may log in to their account to submit an application. Please give yourself adequate time before the submission deadline to access the system and familiarize yourself with the application process and requirements. Please reference our [Applicant User Guide](#) for further instructions.
- Only complete and timely applications will be accepted.

- The online application has fillable boxes with character limits. The character counts in MS Word may not match the character counts in the application. If you cut and paste your work into the application, please be sure your text fits the space provided.

## ORGANIZATION PROFILE

- As part of the online application your organization profile must be certified prior to submission of grant applications and must be certified every 6 months. Information needed to complete your organization's profile includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter (not required if previously applied to the Foundation or if applying through a fiscal sponsor)
- Number of full-time, part-time, or regular volunteer staff
- Organization Mission
- Service Location(s)
- Types of services provided (including age, gender, and target populations served)
- Financial Statements
  - Annual Operating budget for current year
  - Income statement (or profit/loss statement) for the most recently completed fiscal year
  - Balance sheet for the most recently completed fiscal year
  - Audited financial statements are preferred but not required
  - Local units of national organizations must submit local unit financial information
- Board of Directors List

## APPLICATION

The application consists of 4 tabs. Information needed to complete your application includes, but is not limited to the following:

- **Program Overview:**
  - Provide general information and characteristics about the program including program title, duration, program location(s), ages and genders served, and the CHANGE sector(s) your program most closely aligns with.
  - For more information about the CHANGE framework, please visit our website <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/change>.
  - If you have a fiscal sponsor, you will be asked to identify your fiscal sponsor. Please note, your fiscal sponsor must first be registered in the Grants Portal prior to submitting your application.
- **Program Information:**
  - **Organization Description:** Describe the history and mission of the organization/program. What is the organization's experience implementing this program and staff capabilities to conduct the proposed work? (*Maximum 2,500 characters = ¾ page*)
  - **Problem or Opportunity:** Describe the need or opportunity you are trying to address and why this is critical. (*Maximum 3,000 characters = ¾ page*)
  - **Program Activities:** Describe the activities that will be completed to address the need/opportunity. Explain why you chose this approach. Provide a program timeline.

Describe how your project aligns with the priority of the fund you are applying.  
(Maximum 3,500 characters = 1 page)

- **Expected Results:** Describe what you hope to achieve and how you will measure the effectiveness of your program. (Maximum 3,500 characters = 1 page)
- **Budget:** Provide your total program budget, amount requested through this application, and upload a copy of your program's budget, showing income and expenses, indicating sources of income that are pending and secured.
- **Supporting Documents & Certification:** Upload any additional required documents as listed in the application guidelines.

#### **FISCAL SPONSORS**

- Resolution by fiscal sponsor's board of directors authorizing fiscal sponsorship
- Fiscal sponsor's agreement form
- Both forms can be found at: <http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/grants/fiscal-sponsor-materials>
- Fiscal sponsor's IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have questions about this funding opportunity, please contact:

- Maggie Pulver at [mpulver@hcf-hawaii.org](mailto:mpulver@hcf-hawaii.org) or (808) 566-5590 for the Lāna'i Community Benefit Fund
- Uri Martos at [umartos@hcf-hawaii.org](mailto:umartos@hcf-hawaii.org) or (808) 245-4585 for the Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial Fund
- Kehau Meyer at [kmeyer@hcf-hawaii.org](mailto:kmeyer@hcf-hawaii.org) or (808) 566-5537 for the 'Ewa Beach Community Fund, Kahuku Community Fund, or Ka Papa O Kākuhihewa Fund

For general questions about the Community Grants Program, please send an e-mail to [communitygrants@hcf-hawaii.org](mailto:communitygrants@hcf-hawaii.org).

For technical assistance with the online application process, please submit a support ticket at <http://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/ticket>.