

## Application Submittal Checklist

*The following items are required for submittal of the grant application. Please verify and check off that the items have been included in the application packet.*

- 1) Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)
- 2) Declaration Statement
- 3) Verify that grant shall be used for a public purpose
- 4) Background and Summary
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*Luika Imaoka*

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

LUIKA IMAOKA: BOARD PRESIDENT

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

JANUARY 14, 2024

DATE



STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

**CERTIFICATE OF VENDOR COMPLIANCE**

This document presents the compliance status of the vendor identified below on the issue date with respect to certificates required from the Hawaii Department of Taxation (DOTAX), the Internal Revenue Service, the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

**Vendor Name:** Ho'oulu Lahui

**DBA/Trade Name:** Ho'oulu Lahui

**Issue Date:** 01/08/2024

**Status:** **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX3345

UI#: XXXXXX4559

DCCA FILE#:

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

Form	Department(s)	Status
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Compliant
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Compliant
COGS	Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Exempt
LIR27	Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations	Compliant

**Status Legend:**

Status	Description
Exempt	The entity is exempt from this requirement
Compliant	The entity is compliant with this requirement or the entity is in agreement with agency and actively working towards compliance
Pending	A status determination has not yet been made
Submitted	The entity has applied for the certificate but it is awaiting approval
Not Compliant	The entity is not in compliance with the requirement and should contact the issuing agency for more information



**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF  
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant is awarded;
  - b) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
  - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
  - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant.
- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
  - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided.
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
  - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

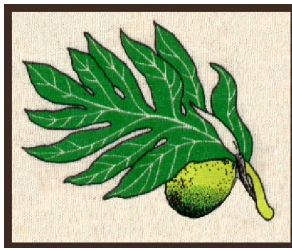
Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

Ho`oulu Lāhui  
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Luika Imaoka*  
(Signature) January 14, 2024  
(Date)

Luika Imaoka  
(Typed Name) Board President  
(Title)



# Ho'oulu Lāhui

## Declaration of Public Purpose

### §42F-102

January 10, 2024

**Ho'oulu Lāhui declares that these funds will be used for public purpose.**

#### **The public purpose for the grant;**

The \$99,950.00 funds awarded to the 501c3 non-profit entity; Ho'oulu Lāhui will be committed for the use of public purpose only. Individuals, students, families and many community collaborators/partners Islandwide will benefit from the supplies and services that will be provided by the multiple resilience hubs and daily meal service delivery for partnering Kua O Ka Lā public charter school and as part of the Hawai'i Island resilience hub network. The ability to transport goods and services to our hub sites and for community distribution is essential to our ability to support our public purpose and benefit.

RESILIENCE is the ability of the public and their communities to anticipate, accommodate and positively adapt to or thrive amidst changing conditions and hazard events. Resilient communities enjoy a high quality of life, reliable systems, with educational and economic vitality, and they ensure resources for present and future generations. The term resilience includes emergency preparedness and response and providing essential resources such as food distribution. We look forward to supporting these important public purpose initiatives in support of our thriving communities Island wide.

*Luika Imaoka*

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Luika Imaoka  
President, Governing Board of Directors  
Ho'oulu Lāhui Inc.

## Application for Grants

*If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter “not applicable”.*

### **I. Certification – Please attach immediately after cover page**

#### **1. Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)**

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate from the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2023.

#### **2. Declaration Statement**

The applicant shall submit a declaration statement affirming its compliance with [Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#).

#### **3. Public Purpose**

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to [Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#).

### **II. Background and Summary**

This section shall clearly and concisely summarize and highlight the contents of the request in such a way as to provide the State Legislature with a broad understanding of the request. Please include the following:

#### **1. A brief description of the applicant's background;**

The educational non-profit 501c3 of Ho'oulu Lāhui was formed in 1995 through a community grassroots effort with the vision to awaken Hawaiian culture, values, and lifestyle in partnership with the community to achieve unity, harmony and lokahi (total well-being). Ho'oulu Lāhui has a broad range of identified purposes which seek to meet the diverse needs of our students, families and community at large.

In 1998 the Charter School legislation was passed and the Hawaiian focused Kua O Ka Lā Charter School emerged as a result of the successful programs run by Ho'oulu Lāhui. Ho'oulu Lāhui is an independent non-profit but one of its key priority objectives is to support Kua O Ka Lā through facilities development, transportation, grant funding, and programmatic support.

In 2018 the Kilauea eruption consumed the 600 acre campus developed by Ho'oulu Lāhui and home to Kua O Ka Lā Charter School. Upon our devastating loss in 2018, the non-profit and school subsequently relocated to Nani Mau Gardens in Panaewa bordering Hilo and Puna and surrounded by Hawaiian homelands. We are now entering our long term stabilization phase of recovery and in

the process of rezoning and subdividing to purchase 5 acres of the property. We have secured \$500,000.00 towards to property purchase. We have positioned ourselves to be a community education center/resilience hub also housing the Charter School.

Since its creation Ho' oulu Lāhui has raised and managed over 15 million dollars in local state and Federal grants and offered successful programs for our community youth and families. We believe that investing in the education of our community is the key to changing the trends of destitution facing our community currently. Our programs are culturally driven; yet support the skills necessary to succeed in today's technological world and challenging economic conditions. Ho'oulu Lāhui strives to support and develop local access to, and coordination of daily meal service/delivery and programs which safeguard the education, our environment, as well as the health, cultural well-being, and economic self-sufficiency of our community which will build resilience.

In order to fully realize our operations as (3) community resilience hubs we must secure a new van. Our current van is over 20 years old and at its time to retire the vehicle. The van will allow for the pick up and delivery of daily breakfast and lunch services directly impacting food security for 200 students. It will allow for supplies and other resource distribution to the 3 sites Islandwide. The van will also support cultural and educational field trip visits for students and `ohana.

We are working to stabilize both of our organizations and the community at large through the resilience hub programs and services. The funding of a van will provide a big step forward in addressing the transportation gap in our ability to achieve these goals and our ability to deliver food, resources and students around the Island.

## **2. The goals and objectives related to the request;**

In 2020, after the 2018 Kilauea eruption, Hawai'i County, dedicated partners, stakeholders, and many community members came together to create the Kilauea Recovery and Resilience Plan. One of the Recovery Priorities in the plan is to “create a network of multifunctional community resilience hubs.” Resilience Hubs are trusted, community-serving, and physical spaces that can house a range of programs and services that effectively work at the nexus of community resilience, emergency management, climate change mitigation, and social equity. These resilience hubs will encourage collaboration across issues, sectors, and social conditions to address challenges and empower communities to become more self-determining, socially connected, and successful before, during, and after disruptions. To help sustainable economic recovery, resilience hubs can provide the local community with food, meals, childcare, education, job training, technology supplies, and critical infrastructure.

In 2021, CDFA selected Hawai'i County as one of six communities across the nation to participate in the CDFA-USDA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program, which brings dedicated technical assistance to the region. CDFA and Hawai'i County, agreed to identify financing solutions and opportunities to align capital with the resilience hubs concept. Ho`oulu Lahui and KOKL emerged as sites and recommended in the report for immediate consideration and funding because it already has a school on site and serves as an important community asset with the capacity to be successful due to the years of successful program, events and financial management behind both organizations. Both organizations (HL & partnering KOKL) continue to have core to their mission, a programmatic focus on Hawaiian culture, indigenous agriculture practices, local

foods, health and wellness and being formal Resilient Hub sites (3 locations Puna, Hilo, Miloli`i) to support community capacity building through education and resource support.

Communities are more self-determining when we implement hyper-local solutions that support residents before, during, and after disruptions addressing essential needs and quality of life concerns.

Resilience Hubs build island wide resilience, build relationships, share resources, and provide access to place based educational opportunities.

*Project Goal:* With this funding, we will purchase one 15 passenger van to support our 3 Resilience Hub centers in Puna, Hilo and Miloli`i in being able to provide the transportation required to support the delivery of support resources, daily breakfast and lunch meal services, other resource distribution and will also be available to transport students/adults for educational opportunities.

*Project Objectives:* With the funding, we will:

1. Purchase one 15 passenger van.
2. Register, insure, paint & logo/ decal the van for compliance & to transport students
3. Distribute food, & resources for resilience hub initiatives
4. Provide educational/cultural learning opportunities Island wide for students

### **3. The public purpose and need to be served;**

Transportation availability provided by purchasing a 15 passenger van will support the following public purpose opportunities provided by the community education center/resilience hub/public school.

**EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RESOURCES, FACILITIES, FOOD, PLACES, SERVICES & PROGRAMS** that promote full family engagement, build social connections, increase individual and household resilience, and improve residents' health and wellbeing

- Availability of transportation for goods, resources and persons.
- Expand Access to Healthy Food
- Improve Food Security through Food distribution
- Resilience Hub - Disaster Preparedness & Capacity Building
- Increase Kupuna Services
- Enhance Community Services
- Access to Workforce Development Programs

This project directly fulfills multiple state goals, objectives and strategies, including the State of Hawai'i Aloha+ Challenge commitment to the Increased Food Self-sufficiency Strategy, which stipulates that investments in programs and projects that support greater food self-sufficiency will result in economic, social and environmental benefits.



Food Security: 3. HRS 226-7 (7) Strengthen diversified agriculture by developing an effective promotion, marketing, and *distribution* system between Hawai'i's food producers and consumers in the State, nation, and world.

Community Resilience: Section 2 Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes: Farm to school meals, which stipulates that by 2030, the department shall meet the local farm to school meal goal that thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products.

In 2022, the legislature also passed SB 338 Related to a Food Hub Pilot Program 3, which stipulates that strengthening the State's food security may be supported by establishing food hubs, which are centrally located facilities with a business management structure that facilitates the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and marketing of locally produced food products. By actively coordinating these activities along the value chain, food hubs provide wider access to institutional and retail markets for small to mid-sized producers, and increase consumers' access to fresh healthy food, including those consumers in underserved areas and "food deserts."

Additional state and county level plans which this project and public benefit purpose supports include:

- Aina Aloha Economic Futures
- Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan
- Hawai'i Agribusiness Plan 2021
- Transforming Hawai'i's Food System Together
- County of Hawai'i General Plan 2040
- County of Hawai'i Climate Action Plan (2020)

This capital grant request seeks to fill a gap thwarting East Hawai'i - the availability of transport capacity. We are a publicly funded entity that is committed to uplifting our community including our environment and from keiki to kupuna.

#### **4. Describe the target population to be served; and**

Ho`oulu Lahui and Kua O Ka Lā Charter School provide programs/services in lower Puna, Hilo and Ka`u including Miloli`i but welcome keiki to kupuna Island wide to participate. We have historically and predominately served our Native Hawaiian population with a focus on our 'at-risk-spopulation. Currently, partnering Kua O Ka Lā has approximately 55% Native Hawaiian students. Both organizations have extensive community collaborators and partners that work together to fulfill our mission.

#### **5. Describe the geographic coverage.**

We service the entire Island of Hawai`i. While our main campus is now in Panaewa which borders Hilo and Puna, we have 2 satellite sites, in Nanawale in the District of Puna and Miloli`i in the

District of Ka`u and we provide support to students, families and community individuals and organizations Islandwide.

### **III. Service Summary and Outcomes**

The Service Summary shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant's approach to the request. The applicant shall clearly and concisely specify the results, outcomes, and measures of effectiveness from this request. The applicant shall:

#### **1. Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities;**

This is a simple one time purchase of a 15 passenger van. We have secured 6 quotes already and upon successful announcement of the grant award, our financial officer will begin the purchase process with Ford. Once the van is paid for and secured, we will have the van painted and decaled for compliance. We will register the van and get it insured. This will all be done by our financial officer with assistance from the transportation driver to move the vehicle to locations i.e. for painting. Vehicle scheduling for use already exists and will continue with a reliable new vehicle.

#### **2. Provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service;**

Quarter 1: Secure invoices, make payment and purchase the 15 passenger van

Quarter 2: Vehicle compliance including registration/insurance,

Quarter 3: Vehicle to be painted & decal van.

Quarter 4: Daily breakfast and lunch meal distribution, resilience hub initiatives, student field trips occur

All final grant reports submitted on time.

#### **3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results; and**

This is a one time request for funding a van and the purchase and putting the van into operation will be the outcome and evaluation for this request.

- The vehicle will be painted and decaled for compliance.
- The vehicle will be inspected for quality assurance and registered/insured for compliance.

4. List the measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency). The measure(s) will provide a standard and objective way for the State to assess the program's achievement or accomplishment. Please note that if the level of appropriation differs from the amount included in this application that the measure(s) of effectiveness will need to be updated and transmitted to the expending agency.



<b>Grants Received 2021</b>			
1)	Kamehameha Schools	Per Pupil (For KOKL)	\$ 130,083.45
2)	OHA	Ahahui Grant	\$ 3,655.00
3)	Kamehameha Schools	Weinerg Grant (For KOKL)	\$ 17,653.82
4)	Hawaii Community Foundation	Healing Art & Imu Project	\$ 14,120.00
5)	Kamehameha Schools	HIKI	\$ 7,000.00
6)	County Of Hawaii	Community AG-Based Resilience	\$ 10,000.00
7)	NHEP HIKI	Hiki grant	\$ 431,052.00
<b>Total 2021 Grants</b>			<b>\$ 613,564.27</b>
<b>Grants Received 2022</b>			
1)	Kamehameha Schools		\$ 136,800.00
2)	Kukio Community Fund	Kukio community fund under instrument of Gift DTD	\$ 19,630.00
3)	Hawaii People Funds	GP22 grant for Ku-A-Kanaka	\$ 6,562.00
4)	Aloha 'Aina HTA	Ike Honua 'O Keahialaka	\$ 33,000.00
5)	Kamehameha Schools	Catalytic	\$ 211,450.00
6)	Kamehameha Schools	Ōlino	\$ 200,000.00
7)	Atherton Family Foundation		\$ 15,000.00
8)	Emmerson Collective Garden	AINA UP	\$ 10,000.00
	Emmerson Collective	KOKL	\$ 10,000.00
9)	NHEP HIKI	HIKI grant	\$ 418,134.00
10)	Liliuokalani Gardens for Genki Hou	Friends of Liliu`okalani	\$ 1,500.00
11)	Hawai`i Community Foundation	Puna Strong	\$ 40,000.00
<b>Total 2022 Grants</b>			<b>\$ 1,102,076.00</b>
<b>Grants Received 2023</b>			
1)	Kamehameha Schools-Kaia`ulu Grant	`Āina Momona	\$ 184,575.00
2)	Kamehameha Schools-Kaia`ulu Grant	Kolo Ke A'a	\$ 128,283.00
3)	USDOE Native Hawaiian Education	HIKI grant	\$ 504,594.00
4)	Waiohinu Restoration	County of Hawai`i contingency	\$ 2,650.00
5)	Genki Hou Project	County of Hawai`i contingency	\$ 2,750.00
6)	Emmerson Collective		\$ 10,000.00
7)	Mellon Foundation Grant	for EA Ecovercity	\$ 150,000.00
8)	ELCA Lutheran Disaster Grant		\$ 5,000.00
9)	USDA	Farm to School Curriculum	\$ 24,610.49
<b>Total 2023 Grants</b>			<b>\$ 1,012,462.49</b>

**Total 2024 grants: \$500,000.00**  
**No 2025 grants have been committed.**

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2023.

Unrestricted assests = \$122, 000.00

## **V. Experience and Capability**

### **1. Necessary Skills and Experience**

*The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the request. State your experience and appropriateness for providing the service proposed in this application. The applicant shall also provide a listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.*

Ho`oulu Lāhui has been in operation since 1995 and has secured and managed over 15 million dollars in local, state and Federal funds over that duration. We have annual audits with no findings. Ho`oulu Lāhui raised the funds and built partnering Kua O Ka Lā school campus with greenhouses and offices at our prior location (pre eruption) and provided transportation to the campus students.

In 2020 we secured a \$500,000.00 County grant in order to bring the new post eruption campus site at the Nani Mau in to compliance with the County and Fire Codes in order to receive our certificate of occupancy in order to operate a school at the site. We completed the project on time including all reports and are in good standing with this project. We have just secured another \$500,000.00 towards the purchase of the property/facility.

Over the 20 years we have developed and successfully implemented numerous strategic plans including conceptual master plans, facilities plans, forestry plans, waste management of an Ahupua`a Plan and other strategic operating plans. We are currently working on a fund development plan and a business plan.

We are in good standing with all funders and feel confident that adequate planning, preparation are in place to successfully manage this award for this much needed initiative. We have the experience and capacity to successfully adminster this grant and operate and schedule the van use for success.

### **2. Facilities**

The applicant shall provide a description of its facilities and demonstrate its adequacy in relation to the request. If facilities are not presently available, describe plans to secure facilities.

While nothing can replace our 600 acre original home of Pu`ala`a in Puna, we are working hard and have legal agreements and the deposit funding in place to purchase and stabilize our non-profit and

partnering school with facilities that meet the learning needs of the students, families and the community programs we offer. The van will be housed safely at our main site in Panaewa at the Nani Mau Gardens and will be scheduled from use for the other sites. Our facilities are safe, and allow us to fulfill our mission which has a strong focus on resilience, our Hawaiian culture, our environment and our community relationships.

## **VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing**

### **1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training**

The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern and proposed service capacity appropriate for the viability of the request. The applicant shall provide the qualifications and experience of personnel for the request and shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction relative to the request.

This van just requires the simple purchase of a 15 passenger van and getting it legally compliant to operate. This will be handled in kind by our Fiscal officer with support from the drivers if need be. Fiscal Officer: This (in-kind) position will manage the grant fiscal management and reporting.. She has worked with the organization for over 6 years and has a Bachelor Degree in Commerce. She has worked closely with the development director and managed close to 2 million in grants with 100% on-time reporting.

### **2. Organization Chart**

The applicant shall illustrate the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision. If the request is part of a large, multi-purpose organization, include an organization chart that illustrates the placement of this request.

See the organization chart attached.

### **3. Compensation**

The applicant shall provide an annual salary range paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position title, not employee name.

Executive Director:	\$60,000.00
Project Director:	\$57,000.00
Fiscal Officer.	\$52,000.00

## **VII. Other**

### **1. Litigation**

The applicant shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgement. If applicable, please explain.

N/A

**2. Licensure or Accreditation**

The applicant shall specify any special qualifications, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation that the applicant possesses relevant to this request.

N/A

**3. Private Educational Institutions**

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution. Please see [Article X, Section 1, of the State Constitution](#) for the relevance of this question.

N/A

**4. Future Sustainability Plan**

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2024-25 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2024-25, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

This is a one time request for the van purchase. Funding is available for van operations (i.e. fuel and maintenance.) once purchased and made compliant for operations. The life of the van should provide us with 20 years of service and operation.

# BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Ho`oulu Lāhui

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
A. PERSONNEL COST	0	0		0
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance			800	
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
9. Professional Fees: van painting and decal			7,300	
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES			8,100	
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES			91,850	
E. CAPITAL				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99,950</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>				
(a) Total State Funds Requested	99,950			
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0			
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0			
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	0			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>99,950</b>			
Budget Prepared By:				
	Susan Osborne	Susan Osborne	808 640-3439	Phone
	Name (Please type or print)	Name (Please type or print)	808 640-3439	Phone
	<i>Luika Imaoka</i>	<i>Luika Imaoka</i>	01/14/2024	Date
	Signature of Authorized Official	Signature of Authorized Official	01/14/2024	Date
	Luika Imaoka: Board President	Luika Imaoka: Board President		
	Name and Title (Please type or print)	Name and Title (Please type or print)		



## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Ho`oulu Lahui

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
N/A				
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
<b>TOTAL:</b>				N/A
<p>The Director and fiscal officer will oversee all aspects of the grant purchase, vehicle compliance and grant management.</p>				

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Ho`oulu Lāhui

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Ford Model 1 15 passengar van	1.00	\$91,850.00	\$ 91,850.00	91850
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	1		\$ 91,850.00	91,850

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

We have secured 6 quotes for 15 passenger commercial vans. This quote secures the vehicle in Hilo and was the most reasonable.

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Ho`oulu Lahui

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2022-2023	FY: 2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE	0	0	91850	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>91,850</b>			
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>						
This is a one-time purchase of a 15 Ford passenger van.						

**GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID**

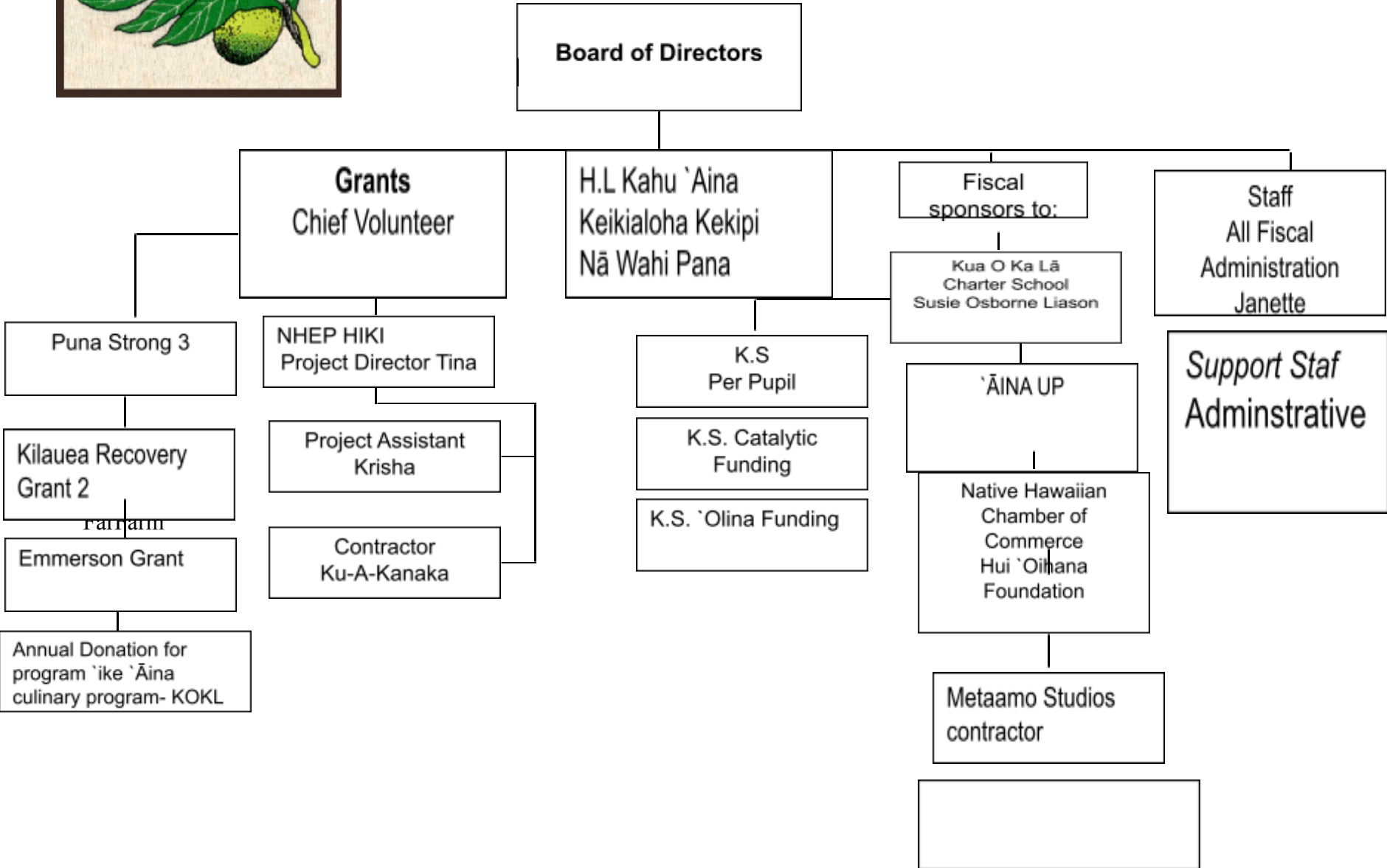
Applicant: Ho`oulu Lahui

Contracts Total: -

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# HO'OU LU LĀHUI ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2023-2024



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House Committee on Finance  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

### **Re: Letter Of Support for Ho'oulu Lāhui's submittal of 2024 Capital State Grant in Aid**

Aloha!

We wholeheartedly **support Ho'oulu Lāhui's State Grant In Aid application** seeking funding for the acquisition of a Ford 15-passenger van. This van is intended for the efficient distribution of food, supplies, and resources across three Resilience hub sites in Puna, Hilo, and Mīloli'i. Additionally, the van will play a crucial role in supporting Kua O Ka Lā Charter School's daily transport needs for meal services from external vendors and facilitating place-based field trip opportunities for students and 'ohana throughout the Island.

In line with our County's "Recovery & Resilience Plan" post the 2018 eruption, the establishment of Resilience Hubs is a key priority. These hubs, including those operated by Ho'oulu Lāhui and Kua O Ka Lā, are integral to community well-being and align directly with our goals of increasing food security, resilience, and youth development.

The proposed project also aligns with County and State objectives related to Food Security, as outlined in HRS 226-7 (7), and Community Resilience, as stipulated in HD2 SD2 (Act 175) Section 2 Chapter 302A. This act emphasizes the importance of farm-to-school meals, with a goal that by 2030, thirty percent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products.

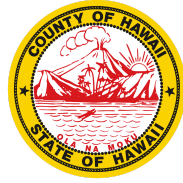
Your support in funding the acquisition of a 15-passenger van will greatly contribute to the success of these initiatives. We express our gratitude for your consideration and support.

Mahalo,

Mitchell D. Roth  
Mayor  
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**Ashley L. Kierkiewicz**  
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January 12, 2024

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
House Committee on Finance

**Letter of Support for Ho‘oulu Lāhui’s State Grant In Aid Application**

I am writing this letter in full support of the State Grant In Aid application submitted by Ho‘oulu Lāhui’s for the funding required to purchase a Ford 15-passenger van. This van will play a crucial role in supporting the distribution of food, supplies, and resources to their three Resilience hub sites in Puna, Hilo, and Miloli‘i. Additionally, it will support the partnering Kua O Ka Lā Charter Schools' place-based field trip opportunities for students and ‘ohana around the Island.

In 2021, the CDFA selected Hawai‘i County as one of six disaster impacted communities nationwide to participate in the CFDA-USDA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program. This program brings dedicated technical resources to the region, and CDFA and Hawai‘i County collaborated to identify financing solutions aligning with the Resilience Hubs initiatives. The CDFA’s final report identified Ho‘oulu Lāhui and the partnering Kua O Ka Lā Charter School as priority resilience hub projects to fund.

Resilience Hubs, as envisioned by Ho‘oulu Lāhui, will significantly contribute to our Hawai‘i Island’s sustainable and holistic economic recovery. These hubs have the potential to provide local communities with essential services such as food, meals, childcare, education, job training, technology supplies, and critical infrastructure, all of which can be further activated to support communities during times of disaster.

Given the vast size of our island, transportation is a critical factor in supporting the three sites. The acquisition of a Ford 15-passenger van will enhance Ho‘oulu Lāhui’s ability to efficiently and effectively distribute resources to these crucial Resilience hub locations, further supporting keiki and ‘ohana in meaningful ways. It also aligns with the County’s transportation goals to increase partnerships that enhance access to resources and services, and demonstrates a community-focused approach to transportation solutions.

I kindly request your favorable consideration of Ho‘oulu Lāhui’s State Grant In Aid application. This strategic investment will undoubtedly have a positive impact on community well-being, accessibility, and overall resilience, all of which aligns with Hawai‘i County’s vision for a more connected and thriving island community.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Kierkiewicz", is written below the text "Cheers,".



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# Kua O Ka Lā

A New Century Public Charter School

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Hawai`i State Capitol, Room 306  
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January 12, 2024

Re: Letter of support for Ho`oulu Lāhui s State Grant in Aid (Capital) Submittal.

Aloha,

Please accept this letter of full support for the CAPITAL Grant-In-Aid submission by Ho`oulu Lāhui for the purchase of a 15 passenger van.

We tragically lost our non-profit site which also housed partnering Kua O Ka Lā Charter School campus to the 2018 Kilauea eruption in 2018. We are working hard to stabilize the non-profit, and school including our transportation, and facilities.

Securing a new van will be instrumental in supporting our daily breakfast and lunch meal program which is provided by an outside vendor and must be picked up. The school also will utilize the van for student Island wide field trips. We work closely with Ho`oulu Lāhui in realizing our vision as a community school/resilience hub. Our 3 sites spanning Hawai`i Island are ideal for providing these community services especially food distribution.

Thank you for your consideration of funding this important request for a 15 passenger van.

Mahalo

*Susan Osborne*

Susan Osborne  
Development Director: Kua O Ka Lā NCPCS



## Rotary Club of Pāhoa Sunset

January 14, 2024

Re: Support for Ho`oulu Lāhui State Grant In Aid Submittal (capital grant)

Aloha Honorable Legislators,

The Rotary Club of Pāhoa Sunset seeks to support a vibrant and peaceful Hawai`i Island by supporting projects addressing education, Hawaiian culture, and the environment (including food security).

Over the past ten years, we have worked closely with Ho`oulu Lāhui and partnering Kua.O Ka Lā Charter School, both Rotary Corporate members. These projects include installation of a peace pole at the new location resulting from the Kilauea eruption in Panaewa. We continue to distribute dictionaries to all 3rd grade students, genki balls and food distribution. We fully support the resilience hub initiatives and see how a van is essential to providing support, goods and services for the 3 sites Islandwide.

Please support the funding for the 15 passenger van which will support essential services for our community which continues to work towards our long term stabilization resulting from the natural disaster we endured.

Mahalo

*Deborah Nichols*

Deb Nichols  
Board member/Past President



January 14, 2024

Re: Support for Ho`oulu Lāhui Grant In Aid submission for a 15 passenger van

Aloha,

I am the culinary instructor at Kua O Ka Lā Charter School. The funding and support for my program comes from Ho`oulu Lāhui and I have worked with Ho`oulu Lāhui and Kua O Ka Lā for over 20 years. Our program which supports students, `ohana and community members at large, has won numerous awards including the Sam Choy poke contest for our Spicy Ulu poke! We have developed 2 cookbooks, one being bilingual in English and Hawaiian. We focus on 100% locally grown products and organic if possible. We look at and address all aspects of food security for our Island.

Our students respond so well to the hands-on project based approach to learning and of course they especially enjoy eating the fruits of their labor!

It has been challenging for me since we have lost our campus to the eruption. My program occurs at 3 sites Islandwide and requires transporting food and supplies to Nanawale, Hilo and Ka`u.

This funding will provide for purchasing a 15 passenger van to support the transportation needs of both organizatons.

Thank you for supporting this important project.

With gratitude,

*Mariposa Blanco*

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