



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: **A HEALTHIER HAWAII CORP.**

DBA/Trade Name: **Healthy Steps Hawaii**

Issue Date: **01/22/2025**

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX2879

UI#: No record

DCCA FILE#: 327734

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	Compliant
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

THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Type of Grant Request:

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Operating

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Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Db:

A Healthier Hawai'i Corp.

Healthy Steps Hawai'i

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 82,500

Brief Description of Request (Please attach word document to back of page if extra space is needed):

A Healthier Hawai'i Corp. (Db: Healthy Steps Hawai'i) is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization based in Hawai'i. The request of \$82,500 will fund a total of 9 projects. Some highlights include a cookbook with local healthy recipes, Keiki Makers Market Winter Music Festival, a golf fundraiser, 5k run, pickleball tournament, Thanksgiving meal donation, and blood drive. These events are designed to engage the community and each target different pillars of a healthy lifestyle. Nutrition, physical health, mental well-being, and financial stability. We thank you for your consideration.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ 0

Federal: \$ 0

County: \$ 0

Private/Other: \$ 0

Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5 Fiscal Years:

\$ 0

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 2487.18

New Service (Presently Does Not Exist): ☐

Existing Service (Presently in Operation): ☒

Type of Business Entity:

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501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporation

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Other Non Profit

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Other

Mailing Address:

3270 Mele Mele Pl.

City:

Honolulu

State:

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Zip:

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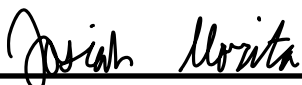
Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

Name: Josiah Morita

Title: Co-President

Email: Healthystepshi@gmail.com

Phone: (808) 237-0257



Authorized Signature

Josiah Morita, Co-President

Name and Title

1/15/2025

Date Signed

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)
Pending IRS approval, but will be forwarded when HCE certification is obtained.
- ☒ 2) Declaration Statement
- ☒ 3) Verify that grant shall be used for a public purpose
- ☒ 4) Background and Summary
- ☒ 5) Service Summary and Outcomes
- ☒ 6) Budget
 - a) Budget request by source of funds ([Link](#))
 - b) Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#))
 - c) Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#))
 - d) Capital project details ([Link](#))
 - e) Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#))
- ☒ 7) Experience and Capability
- ☒ 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing


AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Josiah Morita, Co-President
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/15/2025
DATE

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

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

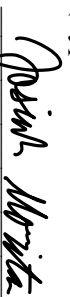
- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide 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; and
- 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.
- 4) The use of grant-in-aid funding complies with all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii (for example, pursuant to Article X, section 1, of the Constitution, the State cannot provide "... public funds ... for the support or benefit of any sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution...").

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.

A Healthier Hawaii Corp.

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



1/15/2025

(Signature)

(Date)

Josiah Morita

Co-president

(Typed Name)

(Title)



January 16, 2025

If awarded, A Healthier Hawai'i Corp. (Dba: Healthy Steps Hawai'i) agrees that funds will be used for public purposes as defined in 42F-102. Within this grant application the State shall find:

- (1) The name of the requesting organization or individual;
- (2) The public purpose for the grant;
- (3) The services to be supported by the grant;
- (4) The target group; and
- (5) The cost of the grant and the budget. [L 1997, c 190, pt of §3; am L 2014, c 96, §6]

Josiah Morita
Co-President & Co-Founder

Tyler Shimabukuro
Co-President & Co-Founder

II. Background and Summary

Background: A Healthier Hawai'i Corp. (Db: Healthy Steps Hawai'i) is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization. It was founded on August 21, 2023 by two college students seeking to give back to the local community. Josiah Morita and Tyler Shimabukuro grew up in Manoa and have a deep passion for service. While interfacing with public health experts during their summer research internship at The Queen's Medical Center, they discovered a need for an organization to raise awareness to the social determinants of health, particularly in the young adult demographic. These can be distilled into 4 distinct pillars: environment (physical and social), education, economic stability, and access to healthcare. With that in the forefront, Healthy Steps Hawai'i was born with the mission to encourage the people of Hawai'i to make small daily changes to their lifestyle in order to help them live longer, healthier lives. Our aim is to take a holistic approach to improve the overall health- physical, mental, financial, spiritual of not only the individual but the population.

Since its inception, Healthy Steps Hawai'i has hosted 7 functions, each targeting different aspects in the social determinants of health. Most recently, Healthy Steps Hawai'i co-hosted a Winter Music Festival with Keiki Makers Market in Kaka'ako. More than 500 people were in attendance for the event that provided a platform to empower keiki entrepreneurs to learn about operating a successful business. The objective was to instill confidence in the next generation of business owners and give them real-time feedback on how they could optimize their business model. Additionally, on November 26, 2024 Healthy Steps Hawai'i partnered with Foodland, UH FoodVault, UH Coalition to Stop Campus Hunger, and Tamada Sweets to donate 200 Thanksgiving meals to University of Hawai'i students who are facing food insecurity. Food insecurity is often overlooked in the college demographic, however it is prominent. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, nearly 25% of undergraduates polled in 2020 experienced food insecurity. To further highlight the issue of food insecurity in college students we appeared on a Hawaii News Now segment and proposed ways of combating this problem. Healthy Steps Hawai'i also donated 50 meal kits to the UH FoodVault in January of 2024 and prepared a homemade meal for 10 families who were lodging at the Ronald McDonald House in Manoa in June of 2024. We hosted our first annual golf fundraiser at the Hawaii Kai Golf Course

in August of 2024, which was an opportunity to share our mission and spread awareness on the social determinants of health. It was also a time to fellowship and unite stakeholders who believed in our mission.

Goals and Objectives: The goal of this request is to continue to provide the aforementioned services and expand them to other districts. We have 9 events planned for FY 26 and receiving funding will help us impact the lives of more people. We want to perpetuate our mission and the importance of addressing the social determinants of health.

Public Purpose: Healthy Steps Hawai'i looks to target all components of health and the factors that contribute to the overall well-being of an individual and population. Healthy Steps Hawai'i wants to equip people with the knowledge and tools to be able to live a healthy lifestyle that is sustainable. This starts by encouraging kids from a young age to eat healthier, get involved in sports, and teach them how to prioritize their mental health. If funded, we will strive to advance our mission and benefit the people of Hawai'i.

Target Population: The target population is kids and young adults, especially those that are afflicted by health disparities. We are most aligned with this age demographic and feel the biggest impact could be made there. Instilling healthy habits earlier on in life can help those to live healthier, longer lives. Our rationale for focusing on a younger population is to hopefully mitigate the trend in rates of chronic diseases such as: diabetes, hypertension, and obesity that have been steadily increasing.

Geographic Coverage: The geographic coverage for the current projects that Healthy Steps Hawai'i coordinates is centered on the island of 'Oahu. However, the recipes that we share on our social media page and website are received by people in the entire state. Additionally, the research that Healthy Steps Hawai'i participates in will directly affect the entire state of Hawai'i, not just the island of 'Oahu. By engaging in community outreach and spreading awareness surrounding the social determinants of health, Healthy Steps Hawai'i is able to reach a broader audience.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

Scope of Work: Our scope of work is the planning and hosting events, such as meal donations, fundraisers, sports gatherings, and markets. Majority of the work done when we are not doing events is sending emails to find sponsorships, meeting community members, and marketing on social media. During the weeks of the events, time is spent going to Costco or other stores to purchase foods in bulk. We are often meeting with collaborators to ensure that the events run as smoothly as possible. On the days of events, volunteers help with check-in, set-up, and breakdown of the venue.

Annual Timeline: Healthy Steps Hawai'i has 9 events planned for FY 2026. Starting in July of 2025, it will host its second annual golf tournament. This tournament is an opportunity to spread awareness and build a community dedicated to empowering Hawai'i to lead a healthier life. Later in July, Healthy Steps Hawai'i is planning to coordinate a blood drive. The blood drive will directly benefit the people of Hawai'i by providing a crucial commodity that will save lives. We plan to arrange another Thanksgiving meal donation as well as meal donations in August 2025, and January 2026. We are also planning to host the Winter Music Festival alongside Keiki Makers Market in December of 2025. Lastly in June of 2026, Healthy Steps Hawai'i will be hosting a 5k run/walk with the goal of encouraging people to be more active. Exercise is one of the tasks that is hard to start, but studies have shown that if you do something with a community you are more likely to be successful and compliant. We also want to inspire the younger generation of youth and adults to be more active because exercise is one of the best ways to prevent/manage chronic diseases that can occur later in life.

Quality Assurance and Evaluation Plans: Healthy Steps Hawai'i tracks how many people attend events as well as how many people are helped by donations. We are composed of a dedicated group of volunteers who have a passion to serve the community. After every event, we will continue to debrief with each other and gain feedback from the attendees on how to enhance the events. Having been fully operational for just under a year and a half, we have already seen improvement in our events each time we host one and intend to continue the trend.

Measures of Effectiveness: Effectiveness will be measured based on how many individuals participate in the events as well as the number of people that are helped in the meal donations. To measure marketing success, we will keep track of how many people view our social media posts as well as how often we are able to go on TV and podcasts in order to share our mission. We will track these numbers and report them to the State after the events take place. We will also implement surveys in order to obtain feedback.

IV: Financial

Budget: See attached below

Quarterly Breakdown:

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
25,000	29,000	6,000	22,500	82,500

Other Sources of Funding (Seeking):

Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation: \$10,000

First Hawaiian Bank Foundation: \$10,000

Previous Funding:

N/A

V: Experience and Capability

Skills and Experience: Healthy Steps Hawai'i has been fully operational for just over a year at the time of writing. In under 18 months, it went from being an idea to a reality with Healthy Steps Hawai'i being able to host 7 events in 2024. With every event, we look for ways to improve the impact as well as the reach of our projects. We truly appreciate the feedback that we

get from our attendees and make a concerted effort to implement the changes. The experiences gained just in the past year gives us the confidence to be even more successful moving forward.

Facilities: Healthy Steps Hawai'i currently operates on a project to project basis with each event being hosted at different venues. However, we have demonstrated a consistent track record of being able to find venues capable of hosting events and intend to utilize a lot of the same spaces that we used in FY 2025.

VI: Personnel: Project Organization Staffing

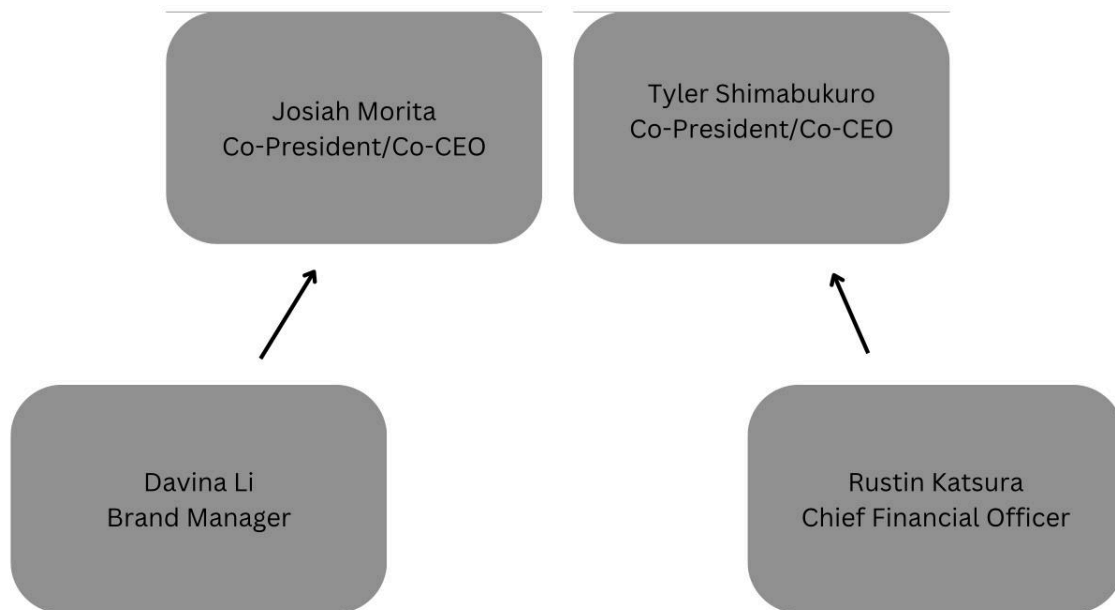
Personnel and Staffing: Tyler Shimabukuro (Co-President) is a graduate of Lewis and Clark College with a major in biochemistry. He is a prospective medical student and has a strong background in research. Tyler Shimabukuro brings a unique perspective to running a non-profit with the pure goal of sharing Healthy Steps Hawai'i's mission. In his time as the Co-President he has used the experiences to lead the non-profit in the right direction.

Josiah Morita (Co-President) is currently a student at George Washington University, studying biology with a minor in emergency health services. He, like Tyler, has a background in research and uses that to make decisions for areas that Healthy Steps Hawai'i should target. Josiah was also a former intern under Congressman Kai Kahele and during that time, was able to observe how he was able to be an advocate for his constituents. Josiah uses those same strategies to advocate for the people that Healthy Steps Hawai'i serves.

Davina Li (Brand Manager) is currently a student at Babson College, studying marketing. She has her own small business and has experience working in a marketing role for companies such as Mana up and Central Pacific Bank. She also has a passion for the mission of Healthy Steps Hawai'i which is portrayed by her quality of work on our instagram and website.

Rustin Katsura (Chief Financial Officer) is currently a student at Babson studying Finance. He is in charge of leading the financial direction of Healthy Steps Hawai'i. He makes decisions based on his prior experience in finance and being a part of other non-profit organizations.

Organization Chart:



Compensation: All members of Healthy Steps Hawaii are strictly volunteers.

VII: Other

Litigation: No pending litigation.

Licensure or Accreditation: N/A

Private Educational Institutions: N/A

Future Sustainability Plan: Receipt of the Grant-in-aid will greatly accelerate Healthy Steps Hawai'i's timeline in terms of frequency and scale of the projects. Beyond FY26, Healthy Steps Hawai'i hosts an annual golf fundraiser, basketball tournament, and receives community donations. Healthy Steps Hawai'i is also in the early stages of developing an app that could be a future source of revenue (ads). The app will be a place where people can find local recipes that are healthy and fit within their budget. It will also have tags for those who have a restricted diet

due to chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Healthy Steps Hawai'i will continue to apply for state and private funding in order to increase the amount of people that they can help.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: A Healthier Hawai'i Corp.

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	6,000			
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
9 Blood drive (Snacks, venue)	2,500			
10				
11 Thanksgiving Meal Donation (1000	19,000			
12 meals at 16.99 + tax and .50 for water)				
13 Winter Music Festival with KMM	10,000			
14 (Venue + entertainment + vendors)				
15 HSH Cookbook for healthy local	10,000			
16 recipes (cost to design + promote)				
17 HSH Golf tournament (Prizes, Tee time, Food)	10,000			
18 HSH 5k Run (Food, venue, staffing)	5,000			
19 HSH Pickleball Tournament (Venue, Staffing)	10,000			
20 Marketing (ads, sponsorship of events)	10,000			
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL				
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	82,500			
SOURCES OF FUNDING	82,500	Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested		Josiah Morita (808) 237-0257		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested		Josiah Morita 1/15/2025		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	82,500	Josiah Morita, Co-President		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

Applicant: A Healthier Hawai'i Corp

POSITION TITLE		FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
Intern x3 (Stipend)			\$6000 (\$2000 per)	12%	\$ - 0
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TOTAL:					\$6,000

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

Interns will be tasked to design and plan a project/ event throughout their time with Healthy Steps Hawai'i. The \$2000 will be provided to them upon completion of the internship and can be used as a funding source to execute the project that they have planned.

Applicant: A Healthier Hawai'i Corp.

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
N/A			\$ - 0	
			\$ - 0	
			\$ - 0	
			\$ - 0	
			\$ - 0	
TOTAL:				
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
N/A			\$ - 0	
			\$ - 0	
			\$ - 0	
			\$ - 0	
			\$ - 0	
TOTAL:				
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

Applicant: _____

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						
TOTAL:	N/A					
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: A Healthier Hawai'i Corp.

Contracts Total: - 0

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT	CONTRACT
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