


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


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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, 2024.

 Certificate of Vendor Compliance_ Aranya Solutions - Kona Resilience Hub_500...

2. Declaration Statement

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

 Declaration Statement _ Aranya Solutions.pdf

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](#).

Yes, the grant will be used for a public purpose.


- (1) The name of the requesting organization or individual: Aranya Solutions - Project Title: Kona Resilience Hub
- (2) The public purpose for the grant: Kona Resilience Hub and Public Education Workshops and Training
- (3) The services to be supported by the grant: Emergency Management, Community Development, Community Center.

(4) The target group: The Resilience Hub will serve Kailua-Kona, Hawaii Districts 6 and 7 on Hawai'i Island in zip code 96740, reaching over 12,000 households. Our program will prioritize youth, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, LGBTQI+, elderly, rural residents, and low-income families, fostering inclusivity and preparedness.

(5) The cost of the grant and the budget: \$50,000 requested of \$267,500 total budget.

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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;
2. The goals and objectives related to the request;
3. The public purpose and need to be served;
4. Describe the target population to be served; and
5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Based in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, Aranya Solutions is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit igniting community resilience through innovative participatory planning, transformative skill-building, and the power of resource-sharing. With successful international projects we specialize in sustainable development, localization, and capacity-building. Our past work includes empowering farmers with regenerative practices, fostering leadership skills, and strategic planning. Our Nepal program trained women and farmers in skill building, leadership, and governance that ultimately resulted in 60 women trained in weaving, 65 farmers trained in nursery management, Beekeeping, Shitake Mushroom and Kiwi cultivation, enterprise, communication, and financial skills in 3 villages forming a joint cooperative.

The Kona Resilience Hub will serve as a vital resource in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, supporting both immediate disaster response and long-term community resilience. By providing emergency services and promoting community well-being through training, education, and

social cohesion, the Hub will focus on strengthening disaster preparedness, sustainability, and local resilience to climate change and natural disasters.

Emergency Response:

In emergencies, the hub will offer a safe space, shelter, resource distribution, and communication. It will store emergency supplies, dry goods, and water. Solar energy systems with storage and backup generators will ensure continuous operation, while Starlink satellite internet will keep the community connected during power outages.

Community Resilience and Development:

The hub will focus on **community development** through workshops, local events and cultural activities including:

- Disaster Preparedness
- First Aid & CPR Certification
- Incident Management and Conflict Resolution
- Mental Health and Communication Skills Training
- Sustainable structures and natural building
- Youth programs & intergenerational activities
- Cultural activities, gatherings, community markets

Community Partnerships:

We recognize to be successful we need to have a broad, collaborative reach. Our partnerships with the County and other nonprofit organizations will allow us to share the hub with a wide, diverse network.

The Kailua-Kona Resilience Hub will serve Districts 6 and 7 on Hawai'i Island, reaching over 12,000 households. The hub will offer a safe space during emergencies and promote community well-being through collaborative social interaction opportunities. The hub collaborates with several venues chosen for the location, notoriety, and audience. These locations will host our activities in 2025. Our program will prioritize youth, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, LGBTQI+, elderly, rural residents, and low-income families, fostering inclusivity and preparedness.

In 2024 we completed a Community Needs Assessment in Kailua-Kona through in person events, workshops, and dedicated outreach, which identified strong support for resilience-building initiatives. 75% of respondents expressed interest in workshops focused on water and energy security, emergency shelter, natural building, and communication. We participated in working groups from the Mayor's Sustainability Summit and facilitated stakeholder engagement meetings with Hawaii Island Agriculture Partnership. A business plan developed with the SBDC ensures that our efforts align with community priorities including research and best practices from other resilience hubs and sustainability centers.

Our work is strengthened through key partnerships with organizations that share our commitment to resilience and preparedness. We will collaborate with these partners to house workshops, after-school programs, and emergency supplies. We will also engage with schools, businesses, and property managers.

Partners include:

Vibrant Hawai'i & Resilience Hub Network

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Civil Defense
Keiki Museum
University of the Nations
Parks & Recreation
Hawaii Island Agricultural Partnership (HIAP)
Hamakua Institute
County of Hawai'i

Aranya Solutions will manage the Kona Resilience Hub under the leadership of Executive Director Katrina Zavalney, who has over 20 years of experience in organizational development, operations, and community organizing. Katrina's expertise in conflict resolution, facilitation, and youth work enhances our capacity to serve diverse communities and lead the hub effectively.

Timeline and Process:

This project will unfold in phases building community capacity to adapt and thrive through proactive engagement. Initial efforts will focus on strategic outreach, establishing the physical location in the Keiki Museum or University of Nations, and gathering necessary equipment. The program will then offer training and educational workshops, evolving over time to strengthen community preparedness and adaptability. Our process:

1: Strategic Outreach: Establish a network of trusted Points of Contact (POCs) across schools, youth groups, CERT members, property managers, and local organizations.

2: Communication Protocols: Develop layered communication systems using radios, apps, and Starlink to ensure reliable information sharing during emergencies.

3: Technology & Drills: Acquire key technology assets and conduct regular drills to maintain connectivity during power or Wi-Fi outages.

4. Build Community trust and knowledge: Host workshops, local events and cultural activities.

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;
2. Provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service;
3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results; and
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.

Program Activities

Based on the community needs assessment, the Resilience Hub will address the critical need for community preparedness and response, serving as a central hub for emergency response, community resilience building, and communications.

Emergency Response Capabilities

Shelter & Safety: Provide emergency shelter with sustainable building solutions.

Food & Water: Store dry goods and establish water access.

Energy: Set up a Hybrid Resilience System (HyRS) with solar, battery storage, and backup generators for reliable power.

Resource Distribution: Serve as a Community Point of Distribution (CPD) for goods.

Critical Communication: Equip the center with Ham Radios and other tools for emergency alerts and information dissemination.

Community Resilience Building:

Youth Programs: After school programs for youth such as nature based programs, sustainability, disaster preparedness, and communication skills. We will incorporate intergenerational engagement by working with elderly homes, and care for the Kapuna. We will collaborate with the Keiki Museum for nature-based after-school programs such as Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots youth program. This will be held at different locations such as the Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden.

Workshops & Training: Offer skill-building workshops on emergency preparedness, First Aid/ CPR, sustainable living, food security, communication, radios, and leadership skills. We will collaborate with the Kona CERT team and University of the Nations for the emergency management trainings, educators and locations.

Community Engagement: Host cultural events, community markets, and other activities to foster local social cohesion, additional community needs assessment activities and events.

Makers Space: Provide tools for community members to repair or create essential items. Intergenerational space to encourage interaction and learning with and from each other.

Project Timeline and Implementation Plan

This project will unfold in four key phases to build community capacity for resilience and adaptability through proactive engagement. Each phase is designed to strategically address foundational needs while fostering long-term preparedness and community cohesion.

Phase 1: Months 1–3 Community Development & Strategic Outreach

- Conduct community needs assessments, surveys, and asset mapping to tailor services to local priorities.
- Initiate strategic outreach to schools, youth groups, CERT members, property managers, and local organizations to build a network of trusted Points of Contact (POCs).
- Foster stakeholder involvement and volunteer engagement through ongoing relationship-building and community events.

Phase 2: Months 4–6 Build infrastructure, Technology & Drills

- Secure a physical location for the Resilience Hub at the Keiki Museum or University of the Nations.
- Begin acquiring essential equipment, including solar power systems, storage, and communication tools like radios.
- Conduct infrastructure drills to test and maintain connectivity during power or Wi-Fi outages.

Phase 3: Months 7–9 Emergency Management Systems & Communication Protocols

- Establish emergency systems for energy, water, and shelter, as well as resource distribution protocols.
- Develop layered communication protocols using radios, apps, and Starlink to ensure reliable information sharing during emergencies.

Phase 4: Months 10–12 Build Community Trust and Knowledge

- Launch educational workshops, training sessions, and community events informed by earlier needs assessments.
- Host cultural activities and local gatherings to build community trust, strengthen connections, and foster resilience through shared knowledge.

This phased approach ensures the Kona Resilience Hub evolves as a sustainable, community-centered resource that meets immediate needs while strengthening long-term adaptability.

Ongoing Activities

- **Evaluation and Adaptation:** Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of programs and make necessary adjustments based on feedback from community members and first responders.
- **Partnership Expansion:** Continue to build and expand partnerships with local organizations, schools, faith groups, and other stakeholders to enhance program reach and effectiveness.

Strategic Outreach & Communication

To ensure information reaches as many people as possible, we will build a community-wide communication network made up of trusted Points of Contact (POCs) from schools, CERT teams, property managers, businesses, and other local organizations. This network will serve as a fast and reliable conduit for sharing emergency information, coordinating community response and engagement, and ensuring that critical

updates are delivered efficiently. By working with local leaders we can ensure that during emergencies, everyone is informed to take action.

Expected Results

The Kona Resilience hub will provide a comprehensive, community-centered approach to disaster preparedness, resilience-building, and emergency response. By establishing this central hub, we will foster a more interconnected, resilient community, better equipped to handle future emergencies.

Goals:

1. Enhanced Community Resilience

- **Community Empowerment:** Foster self-sufficiency and resilience through ongoing educational programs and active community engagement.
- **Infrastructure:** Develop and maintain essential infrastructure (e.g., energy systems, water, shelter, communication tools) for effective operations during emergencies.
- **Resource Management:** Optimize venue for multiple purposes (shelter, programs, agriculture, events) to maximize community impact.
- **Network Integration & Partnerships:** Connect with resilience hub networks and organizations for enhanced support and access to resources.

Objectives:

Our objectives are twofold, first to provide emergency response readiness by offering immediate aid and a point of distribution for emergency supplies. Beyond the immediate, we also want to bolster community resilience and engagement through skill-building workshops on sustainable living, food security, leadership, youth engagement, and events promoting social cohesion.

Metrics and Measurement:

To evaluate the effectiveness of the Kailua-Kona Resilience Hub, we will use both quantitative and qualitative metrics.

Quantitative metrics will track key indicators such as **workshop attendance** (RSVPs and actual participation) to assess community engagement, **strategic partnerships** to measure network growth, and **network expansion** by tracking new members and participating organizations. We will also monitor **community participation** in events (e.g., cultural activities, educational programs) and **equipment usage** to evaluate emergency preparedness and resource needs.

Qualitative metrics will include **participant feedback** collected through surveys and evaluations to assess program effectiveness and identify areas for improvement. We will also measure **community impact** through interviews and surveys to understand shifts in attitudes toward sustainability and resilience. Lastly, we will observe **cooperative engagement** among community members to gauge collaboration and mutual support.

These combined metrics will help us assess the Hub's success, guide program adjustments, and ensure the long-term impact of the project on Kailua-Kona's preparedness and resilience.

Expected Outcomes:

By the end of the first year, we plan to engage **200 participants** across workshops, events, and training, with ongoing communication through newsletters and surveys. Key outcomes include:

- Establishing the **Kona Resilience hub** as a trusted resource hub for emergency aid and community resilience.
- Creating a **self-sustaining space** for emergency preparedness, education, and community activities.
- Expanding engagement in the **network of resilience hubs**, strengthening resource sharing and knowledge exchange island-wide.

These outcomes will lay the foundation for a resilient community that is better equipped to handle future challenges, with sustained engagement, increased preparedness, and a strong network of support.

Community Engagement and Outreach

We will engage with the community through surveys, focus groups, and direct outreach efforts to understand local needs and preferences. Regular feedback sessions and open meetings will allow for community participation in program planning and implementation. We will also host annual fundraisers and community events to ensure ongoing engagement.

Partners and Collaborators

Key to our success and community integration is through partnerships with organizations that share our commitment to resilience and preparedness for enhanced support and access to resources.

Vibrant Hawai'i & Resilience Hub Network: They provide ongoing training, resources, and local connections to support emergency management and leadership development. The Resilience Hub Network is an island wide network of resilience hubs in different communities, and has been one of our greatest support networks where we share information, resources, education, ideas, and more.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) & Civil Defense: Coordination with state and local emergency systems will ensure we are aligned with broader emergency response efforts and protocols. The Kona CERT team is a natural partner for localized efforts, and we will work collectively to train more community members and encourage people to join this network. We share emergency supplies and share a need for a centralized storage and training location. We will work together to support each other in all efforts & outreach.

University of the Nations: This partnership will provide a facility for additional training, CERT community activities, and storage for specific emergency supplies. As U of N has a CERT storage on their campus, we have a temporary solution for storing emergency supplies and training.

Keiki Museum: The museum will serve as a location for after-school programs, training sessions, and as a storage space for emergency supplies.

Parks & Recreation: We have an agreement to use their facilities for emergency situations, community training and events.

Hawaii Island Agricultural Partnership (HIAP) & Hamakua Institute is developing an island wide local food systems action plan with the County of Hawai'i. They asked us to facilitate stakeholder engagement meetings. This continues our community needs assessment and understanding of education most needed.

IV. Financial

Budget

1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.

- a. Budget request by source of funds ([Link](#))

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- b. Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#))


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- c. Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#))

- d. Capital project details ([Link](#))

- e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#))

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2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2026.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$24,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	0	\$50,000

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2026.

2025-26 - REQUESTING AMOUNT FROM FUNDERS			Aranya Solutions - Kona Resilience Hub_50000_OP	
Rex Foundation				\$3,000
Lush Charity Pot				\$15,000
IMPACT Grant Hawaii County				\$15,000
Atherton Family Foundation			Awarded \$10,000 in 2024	\$20,000

Grant in Aid Hawaii Grant				\$50,000
First Hawaiian Bank				\$5,000
USDA Community Facilities Grant				\$60,000
Hawaii Community Foundation - West Hawai'i Fund, Kūki'o Community Fund				\$3,000
Rotary Club of Kona			in collaboration with Keiki Museum	\$15,000
Wai Wai Grant Hawaii				\$30,000
State Farm Good Neighbor Grant				\$8,000
Hawaii Tourism Authority				\$10,000
Hughes Foundation				\$20,000
Workshop Revenue				\$13,500
Total Revenue				\$267,500

4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.


Not applicable

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2026 for program funding.

Not applicable

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2024.

\$12,749.93

 Financial Position_ signed - Statement of Financial Position as of 12.31.24__...

Budget Narrative:

Budget and Funding Narrative for Kona Resilience Center (1 Year)

Funding Plan

Requested funds will support strategic outreach, partnership development, workshops, training, and community programs tailored to Kailua-Kona's needs. Key expenses include program coordination, teacher fees, equipment, marketing, and rent for hosting emergency supplies and events.

Budget Explained - Total Expenses: \$267,500

1. Staffing and Operations

- a. Program Coordination and Support:** Includes coordination, development, social media, outreach, admin, and onsite support to ensure effective execution.
- b. Overhead and Contingency (10% Each):** Included to account for unforeseen costs and administrative overhead.

2. Facilities

Rent and insurance to support program operations and storage of emergency supplies.

3. Workshops and Training Costs

Covers materials, guest educators, scholarships, venue rentals at various locations, curriculum development, and video production for six workshops and a community gathering.

4. Community Engagement and Outreach

Expenses for events, facilitation, outreach, marketing, needs assessments, child care, feedback analysis, and volunteer appreciation.

Total Program Budget: \$267,500

If full funding is not achieved, operations will scale strategically to focus on high-impact initiatives by increasing volunteer contributions, seeking in-kind support, and prioritizing targeted workshops.

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.


Aranya Solutions and the staff have years of experience to provide stable leadership in this program. Based in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, Aranya Solutions is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit igniting community resilience through innovative participatory planning, transformative skill-building, and the power of resource-sharing. With successful international projects we specialize in sustainable development, localization, and capacity-building. Our past work includes empowering farmers with regenerative practices, fostering leadership skills, and

strategic planning. Our Nepal program trained women and farmers in skill building, leadership, and governance that ultimately resulted in 60 women trained in weaving, 65 farmers trained in nursery management, Beekeeping, Shitake Mushroom and Kiwi cultivation, enterprise, communication, and financial skills in 3 villages forming a joint cooperative.

For a history of Aranya Solutions accomplishments please see the Cumulative Report:

 [Aranya Cumulative Report_ SMALL size.pdf](#)

Our Board of Directors and Advisors are also quite accomplished in community programs, please review their bios.


 [Board of Directors & Staff bios__Aranya Solutions - Kona Resilience Hub_50000_OP.pdf](#)

Also, you will see specific areas of focus and expertise in the staffing section for Katrina Zavalney and Franz Weber who will lead the coordination efforts for the Kona Resilience Hub.

Letters of Support:

We have 2 **Letters of Support** from community partners for this program:

1. Keiki Museum

 [GIA 2025_ Keiki Museum_ Letter of Support for Aranya Solutions.pdf](#)

2. University of the Nations in Kona

 [GIA 2025_ University of the Nations_ Letter of Support for Aranya Solutions.pdf](#)

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.

Facility:

A critical gap in Kona is the absence of a Resilience Hub or centralized Community Center to support emergency services, resource distribution, and long-term resilience-building. During past emergencies, community members were told that rural communities like Kona would be “on their own” in a major crisis. This highlights the urgent need for a facility to serve as a central point for disaster preparedness, coordination, and recovery.

We have a few potential locations through discussions in development:

- **University of the Nations:** This partnership will provide a facility for additional training, CERT community activities, and storage for specific emergency supplies. As U of N has a CERT storage on their campus, we have a temporary solution for storing emergency supplies and training.
- **Parks & Recreation:** We have an agreement to use their facilities for emergency situations, community training and events.
- **Salvation Army:** We are discussing a possible location in Kailua-Kona for a community center that could house the Kona Resilience Hub.

- **Keiki Museum:** The museum will serve as a location for after-school programs, training sessions, and as a storage space for emergency supplies. Their current location is outside of Kona in Waikaloa, however, they are looking for a space in Kona and have offered to share a location in Kona.

In 2024 we completed a Community Needs Assessment in Kailua-Kona through in person events, workshops, and dedicated outreach, which identified strong support for resilience-building initiatives. 75% of respondents expressed interest in workshops focused on water and energy security, emergency shelter, natural building, and communication. We participated in working groups from the Mayor's Sustainability Summit and facilitated stakeholder engagement meetings with Hawaii Island Agriculture Partnership. A business plan developed with the SBDC ensures that our efforts align with community priorities including research and best practices from other resilience hubs and sustainability centers.

Through our outreach we established strong partnerships with the Resilience Hub Network and Vibrant Hawai'i, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the University of the Nations, Parks and Recreation, and Civil Defense. We will collaborate with the Keiki Museum to house workshops, after-school programs, and emergency supplies. We will also engage with schools, businesses, and property managers.

The needs assessment also identified a lack of a coordinated communications network also makes it difficult to connect residents and organizations during emergencies. While there are many active groups—schools, faith-based organizations, youth groups, businesses—these efforts often operate in silos, limiting collaboration and communication. As traditional methods of connecting, like community events and local publications, have diminished, there is an increasing need for a system to strengthen social cohesion and improve disaster response across the community, as well as a space for community gatherings and training.

Thus we are collaborating with **Vibrant Hawai'i & Resilience Hub Network:** Provide ongoing training, resources, and local connections to support emergency management and leadership development.

We are also working with CERT & Civil Defense for coordination with state and local emergency systems will ensure we are aligned with broader emergency response efforts and protocols. We will work with shelters set up by Red Cross and the County, usually at Parks and Recreation locations.

Furthermore, many residents lack essential skills in emergency preparedness, self-sufficiency, and sustainability. Traditional knowledge and skills, such as food cultivation and disaster readiness, are increasingly eroded, leaving the community ill-prepared to adapt to changing environmental and economic conditions. This knowledge gap is particularly evident in Kona, where access to resources and support can be limited, especially in rural communities.

The Kona Resilience hub will address these gaps by providing a central resource for emergency response, skill-building, and long-term resilience development. It will serve as a hub for shelter, resource distribution, energy generation, and community training programs, ensuring that Kona is better prepared for future disasters. In addition to emergency response, the center will promote social cohesion and empower residents with

the skills and resources they need to thrive in a changing climate. Without this infrastructure, Kona will remain vulnerable to increasing threats and challenges, making the need for the Resilience Center more critical than ever.

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.

Resume and References_ Katrina Zavalney _Aranya Solutions - Kona Resilience...


Aranya Solutions will manage the Kona Resilience Hub under the leadership of Executive Director Katrina Zavalney, supporting the Program Coordination and has a background that is suitable for this position. She has 25 years experience in community development, a Masters in Organization Development & Psychology, she has her CERT certification, the Community Emergency Response Team, many Facilitation trainings and facilitation including Mediation training certification where she trains youth in Peer mediation and Conflict Resolution. Katrina's career has focused on the creation of systems and actionable timelines to identify resources needed to achieve strategic goals. As the Executive Director for Clarksdale Revitalization Inc. She coordinated programs for revitalizing Clarksdale, Mississippi, population of 17,000. She helped develop the downtown revitalization plan by creating a neutral and professional space for the city, county, public utilities, tourism board, and interested parties to develop a strategic plan for the downtown rebuild strategy. She served as an information resource for business and community as a conduit for assistance across the Delta region, working with Mayors, agencies, and foundations. She developed a successful farmers market with 1,000 weekly attendees, received grants for economic and community development. The success of these programs stemmed from many partnerships working in a coordinated fashion. She thinks strategically in the areas of capacity building, social change, and partnership development. Katrina was recognized for these skills and asked to be the Executive Director of Rotary International's Environmental Branch – ESRAG, where she developed structures and systems to facilitate initiatives to build improved participation of operations internationally. Katrina has been engaged in this type of work recently in Hawai'i with various organizations and nonprofits over the past years, of note working with the Hāmākua Institute to work on a Local Food Systems action plan island wide on Hawai'i Island. Katrina's expertise in conflict resolution, facilitation, and youth work enhances our capacity to serve diverse communities and lead the hub effectively.

Franz Weber is an advisor and will support coordination as well as strategic partnerships. He currently serves on various boards, mostly of nonprofits that are involved with community development, child and family support, and assisting people in need including Red Cross, The Mobility House, Salvation Army, and many more. He was just awarded the Community Peace Builder Award from the West Hawaii Mediation Center, among recognition and articles from newspapers and media platforms. Franz Weber founded

Paying It Forward (PIF), an organization that serves as a bridge between various community organizations and nonprofits in West Hawaii to help those in need. Some of the assistance provided by PIF over the last few years include Chrome Books for foster children to continue distance learning during COVID-19; donating over 100-pairs of varying new footwear like basketball shoes, running shoes, track shoes and slippers to students of Kealakehe Elementary, Kahakai Elementary and Honaunau Elementary Schools; and providing nutritious snack items for children of the Kahaluu Housing Project. One of many articles on Franz: [Hometown Heroes: Franz Weber is Paying it Forward - West Hawaii Today](#)

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.

 Organizational Chart _ Aranya Solutions - Kona Resilience Hub_50000_OP.pdf

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.

Program coordination	\$46,800
Program support	\$46,800
Social Media	\$18,200

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.

No pending litigation or any outstanding judgement

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.

- CERT - Community Emergency Response Team certification
- Masters in Organization Development & Psychology
- Many Facilitation trainings and facilitation
- Mediation training certification

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.

Not benefitting an educational institution at this time

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2026 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2026, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

Sustainability Plan

Post-grant funding will be secured through:

- **Fundraising:** Additional grants, private donors, and corporate sponsorships.
- **Earned Revenue:** Implementing a donation model for workshops and offering rental opportunities at the facility housing the Resilience Hub.
- **Community Investment:** Volunteer-driven events and partnerships to minimize costs and expand reach.

By diversifying funding sources, the Kona Resilience Hub aims to build a sustainable model to continue serving the community long-term.

- **Personnel and Operational Costs** cover program management, marketing, and ongoing administrative tasks to ensure effective execution of the hub's initiatives.
- **Workshop and Training Costs** include expenses for materials, instructors, and scholarships to ensure accessibility and high-quality programming.
- **Community Engagement Costs** ensure the inclusion of diverse voices through events and needs assessments, with a focus on family-friendly accessibility (e.g., child care).

This approach presents the budget more cohesively while keeping details available for context.