

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

Type of Grant Request:

☐

Operating

☐

Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Db:

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$_____

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

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$_____

Federal: \$_____

County: \$_____

Private/Other: \$_____

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

\$_____

Unrestricted Assets:

\$_____

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:

City:

State:

Zip:

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone:



Authorized Signature

Name and Title

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)
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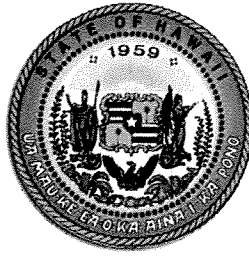
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Vonn Ramos, Executive Director

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

January 16, 2025

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: **HALE OPIO KAUAI, INC.**

Issue Date: **12/20/2024**

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: 20295170-01
New Hawaii Tax#: GE-0477517824-01
FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX5279
UI#: XXXXXX0480
DCCA FILE#: 25825

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

**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.

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Typed Name)

(Title)

Application for Grants

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

Certification – Please attach immediately after the cover page

I. 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.

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](#).

Yes. This grant funding will be used solely 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;

Hale ‘Ōpio Kaua‘i Inc. (Hale ‘Ōpio), a 501(c)3, incorporated in 1975, is dedicated to improving young people’s quality of life, enhancing a sense of belonging, increasing self-awareness, and strengthening ‘Ohana by providing residential and community programs for education, prevention, court diversion, and treatment.

Hale 'Ōpio provides culturally grounded, youth-driven, family-centered services that are collaborative by nature and reflect the continuous positive regard in which youth and family are held. Currently, Hale 'Ōpio offers over twenty programs to 500 youth annually to achieve its mission. Programs proven to develop youth competencies, strengthen family bonds, divert from the justice system, connect to education, prepare for self-sufficiency, and teach wise lifestyles are provided across the island.

While providing youth development programs to benefit all youth, Hale 'Ōpio also continues its original work with those who have experienced the trauma of disrupted families, including the poor. Imua Kakou offers youth who exited foster care at 18 the opportunity for continued adult support and encouragement while learning to navigate the world of adult responsibilities; employment, housing, healthy relationships, education, health care, and community connections. The Hawai'i Youth Opportunities Initiative includes financial literacy training, a matched savings account, and support for tangible asset purchases. The First Jobs Academy provides enhanced management training for employers who agree to be business mentors to youth trained in work readiness and independent living skills.

Every year, Hale 'Ōpio navigates the balance between opportunity and risk. With a demonstrated, 50-year track record, we consistently seek meaningful partnerships and take thoughtful, intentional, and strategic steps to expand a continuum of holistic and wraparound service support. This reflects our enduring commitment to those we serve and to the well-being of our community.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

Hale 'Ōpio has provided residential treatment services on Kaua'i since 1975 and treatment foster care since 1989. Hale 'Ōpio licenses Professional Parents (PP) to provide youth with a supportive home that offers a structured living environment and a trauma-informed, evidence-based individual treatment plan.

Hale 'Ōpio owns two homes, designed and built (in 1994) following leading EDGE consultant Hewitt "Rusty" Clark's recommendations in environmental design for small treatment homes. Each home is over 3,500 square feet, has five bedrooms and 4.5 baths. One home, 3705 Koloa Road, Lawai, is located on a spacious lot in an upscale subdivision, and another, 6881 Kahuna Road, Kapahi, is situated on two acres of prime agricultural land, bordered by the Kapahi Stream. These homes are ADA-compliant with access ramps and barrier-free internal construction, including accessible bathrooms and showers. Hale 'Ōpio recruits, trains, certifies, and licenses a Professional Parent (PP) couple who lives in each home.

Proposed Use of Funds: Funding will be used to update the interiors of these homes to be able to continue to provide Transitional Family Homes (TFH), Therapeutic Respite Homes (TRH), and housing for emerging adults/transition-aged youth (TAY). This funding is critical because Hale 'Ōpio is the sole organization on the island of Kaua'i offering this specialized level of care and support for its clients by providing safe and certified housing opportunities in conjunction

with appropriate, evidence-based treatment and wraparound case support. By addressing unique needs through tailored programs and services, Hale ‘Ōpio fills a critical gap in the community, ensuring that vulnerable populations can access the resources and support they require to thrive.

Goals: Ensure the sustainability and continuity of Hale ‘Ōpio’s two therapeutic homes by providing critical infrastructure updates to support:

- a. **Transitional Family Homes (TFH)**—Licensed Professional Parents supervised by QMHP and MHP provide intensive community-based positive behavior support and supervision for youth with behavioral and emotional challenges. Weekly individual and family therapy, respite, evidence-based interventions, skills training, and ‘Ohana gatherings with PP families, biological families/guardians, and staff build a cohesive and normalizing therapeutic environment.
- b. **Therapeutic Respite Homes (TRH)**—Licensed Professional Parents (PP) supervised by Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP) and Mental Health Professionals (MHP) provide a safe, short-term, supportive environment for youth, preventing disruptions in their regular environment to support their treatment progress.
- c. **Ancillary Support for Imua Kakou** - Imua Kakou is a program that provides support and case management for emerging youth who have aged out of, or will age out of, the foster care system. This is an empowerment program that helps each participant move successfully into his/her adult life with a trusted support network of peers, friends, and caring adults. With the proposed capital improvements, we can expand our program to provide transition housing for 18-21 year olds, building on the principles of the Imua Kakou program. These youths will have the support of a Case Manager as they continue to gain “life skill sets.”

It is important to note market constraints regarding housing on Kaua‘i. The average median single-family house price on Kaua‘i is approximately \$1,100,000, based on data from December 2024.¹ Rental prices on Kaua‘i average \$2,600 per month, condos average \$3,100 per month, and houses average \$5,200. These prices indicate that rental prices on Kaua‘i are generally higher than the state average, reflecting both demand and limited housing supply available.² The per capita income on Kaua‘i is \$42,553 per census data as of 2023. These numbers show that, on average, 73% of income is spent on housing, highlighting a severe disparity in housing affordability on Kaua‘i. For families or transition-aged youth who may be struggling or living on the margins, the housing opportunities provided by Hale ‘Ōpio may serve as a safety net for those with limited or no other options.

Objectives: This project is "shovel ready," with all quotes secured to ensure timely completion upon funding distribution. No permits are required. All objectives are construction-oriented, and the project will be executed efficiently in collaboration with our property management company, Taba Realty.

¹ Locations Hawaii. (2025, January 1). Kauai Real Estate Report. Retrieved from <https://www.locationshawaii.com/learn/market-reports/kauai-real-estate-report/>

² Zumper. (2025, January 8). Kapaa, HI Rent Prices. Retrieved January 11, 2025, from <https://www.zumper.com/rent-research/kapaa-hi>

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

Hale 'Ōpio will continue providing timely and effective services (consistent with Hawai'i Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) to families with children and youth (ages 3 through 20) who have emotional and behavioral challenges. As the only private provider from Kaua'i included in the Felix Implementation Task Force in January 1995, Hale 'Ōpio programs are family-centered, strengths-based, and youth-guided. Our services are offered in the least restrictive, most natural environment and responsive to cultural, racial, and ethnic differences. Hale will continue collaborating with public and private agencies and practitioners to deliver these proposed services on Kaua'i.

Youth are provided a supportive home with Professional Parents (PP) offering a structured living environment and a trauma-informed, evidence-based treatment plan individually designed with youth and family. Professional Parents are the agents of change for the youth while mentoring the biological families/guardians in the skills necessary to build their relationship, structure, supervision, and participation with their youth. Youth develop and strengthen skills to function in the community with their families or caretakers, who learn and practice behavior management and communication skills in weekly family sessions. Youth attend school and/or vocational programs, achieving objectives established in their culturally attuned treatment plan to improve social, emotional, educational, and personal functioning. Youth are provided a model of healthy family functioning, and they learn study and job skills, basic household and money management, and other essential life skills.

Ancillary support for the Imua Kakou program will offer independent housing to emerging adults/transition-aged youth (TAY) ages 18-21, creating an affordable and stable living environment in the face of Kaua'i's high cost of living and limited housing options. This initiative complements the core goals of the Imua Kakou program by providing these young adults with a foundation to transition successfully into adulthood. While residing in this housing, participants will engage in the workforce and continue developing essential life skills, such as financial literacy, household management, and problem-solving, to prepare them for independent living and long-term self-sufficiency.

Families and youth in home placement are provided comprehensive wraparound and support services from Hale 'Ōpio including:

- 24-hour accessibility for consultation and/or intervention
- Daily treatment-focused phone contact for PP assessment and support
- Daily school support for youth, including using school notes, PP observation, etc.
- Minimum weekly PP individual supervision through home visits
- Respite services
- 'Ohana outings for team building and modeling skills with staff, PP, their biological children, and client youth and families
- Weekly PP groups
- Clinical consultation with behavioral/psychological specialists
- PP, youth, and family participation in team meetings with all involved parties
- Groups for youth, youth's biological parents/guardians, bio-sibs, and PP

biological children, as appropriate

- Youth participation in regular, age, and developmentally appropriate school and community activities, cultural practices, work, etc.
- Individual, evidence-based weekly therapy for youth with a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)
- Individual, evidence-based weekly therapy for family with a QMHP
- Client participation in HOK PQI or training activities
- School Liaison and educational support services as needed
- Access to Hale 'Ōpio Kaua'i Cultural Arts program as appropriate
- Ancillary staffing for specialized, individual services
- Crisis and discharge planning with transitional and follow-up services
- Monthly PP training

Hale 'Ōpio has provided residential treatment services on Kaua'i since 1975 and treatment foster care since 1989. Hale 'Ōpio licenses PP around the island, from Waimea to Hanalei, including PP living in the two homes addressed by this proposal. Hale 'Ōpio is licensed as a Child Placing Organization by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

Hale 'Ōpio is the sole organization on the island of Kaua'i offering this specialized level of care and support for its clients by providing safe and certified housing opportunities in conjunction with appropriate, evidence-based treatment. By addressing unique needs through tailored programs and services, Hale 'Ōpio fills a critical gap in the community, ensuring that vulnerable populations have access to the resources and support they require to thrive.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

Kaua'i has a general population of 73,919 as of January 1, 2024. The general population of Kaua'i trends older with approximately 15,577 youths under the age of 18. Approximately 3,217 are between the ages of 20 and 24. According to KIDS COUNT data, 31.2% of the population are families with children, and 33.08% of those families are single-parent households (as of 2022). 10.6% of children under 18 are in poverty, and 30.7% are from low-income families. 36% of all Kaua'i households are below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed - earning more than the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford the basics where they live).

Hale 'Ōpio provides services and programming to foster youth, transition-aged youth, system-impacted youth, justice-involved youth, and any other youth that might be facing inequities rooted in systemic disparities.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Hale 'Ōpio provides services in the Central, East, and West Districts of the island of Kaua'i.

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;

Hale 'Ōpio owns two therapeutic homes - one in Lawai, and one in Kapahi.

The scope of work includes interior renovation and updates which will modernize the interiors of both homes to meet current standards for safety, functionality, and comfort. The scope of work also includes water damage mitigation to address and repair existing water damage to preserve the structural integrity of the homes and prevent future issues.

Hale 'Ōpio has already leveraged capital funding to replace the damaged roof on the Lawa'i house in 2023, demonstrating a strong commitment to this project.

Hale 'Ōpio will work closely with Taba Realty to oversee various contractors, including Premier Restoration, to ensure that the scope of work aligns with project specifications, timelines, and budget.

Tasks for this project include: construction activities, project oversight, and project completion.

- Hale 'Ōpio will provide high-level project oversight, approve plans and budgets, and communicate and coordinate among all parties.
- Taba Realty will manage property-related logistics, provide contractor oversight support, and ensure adherence to the timeline.
- Premier Restoration and other hired contractors will execute general construction tasks, address water damage, and ensure high-quality completion of all work.
- Work to include: exterior painting, interior painting, repair, water damage mitigation, environmental assessment associated with water damage, repair and restoration, roofing, gutters, and window replacement

All parties will work together collaboratively and cohesively to ensure the efficient and timely completion of construction.

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

The project will commence on disbursement of funding and is subject to the schedule and availability of the contractors.

June 2025 - August 2025: Water Damage Remediation and Environmental Assessment

August 2025 - March 2026: Restoration and Renovations

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 shovel-ready project requires no additional permitting or oversight from the County or State. Hale 'Ōpio's Executive Director and Controller will review costs and schedule estimates, while Taba Realty will manage budget adherence and coordinate with contractors to ensure timely project completion.

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 the measure(s) of effectiveness will need to be updated and transmitted to the expending agency.

Measures of effectiveness that will be reported to the State Agency through which grant funds are appropriated will include:

1. Adherence to the project timeline
2. Adherence to the stated financial budget
3. Adherence to project activities as stated in this proposal

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](#))
- 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](#))

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
56,137.24	56,137.24	56,137.24		168,411.73

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

1. County GIA
2. HLTA Charity Walk Grant Applications
3. COK: Life's Choices Kaua'i
4. Anne Sinclair Knudson Foundation
5. Senator Schatz Appropriations
6. Atherton Foundation (Program and Capital)
7. Hawai'i Electric Industries
8. Cooke Family Foundation
9. Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation (Program and Capital)
10. Geist Foundation: Supporting Transitioning Foster Youth, Family Strengthening and Prevention Programs, Capacity Building, Supporting Foster Children and their Caregivers

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.

NA

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 program funding for the fiscal year 2026.

Please see the attached table of government contracts, grants, or GIA.

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

\$1,447,099.36

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.

This capital improvement project will directly support Hale 'Ōpio's **Transitional Family Home (TFH), Therapeutic Respite Home (TRH), and ancillary housing support for the Imua Kakou** Programs. Admission, treatment, and discharge for all youth and credentialing, training, supervising, and administering all programs will be according to standards established by CAMHDPS in July 2023 and the criteria of RFP No. 460-24-14.

Hale 'Ōpio has been providing services to youth on the island of Kaua'i since 1975, and is looking forward to celebrating its 50th year in 2025. Hale 'Ōpio recruits, trains, licenses, and supervises Professional Parents to provide therapeutic crisis intervention, home structure, positive behavior management, skills training, and support for youth in the public who are in crisis. Hale 'Ōpio has provided family-based crisis stabilization services since 1989 for Kaua'i youth. Youth are placed according to best "fit" with families, who provide transportation to activities, including the special school classrooms in another complex.

Hale 'Ōpio's model of therapeutic family-home services has always included Professional Parents' access to monthly respite if they wish and if indicated as beneficial to youth in their care. Other Professional Parents (PP) designated for respite, or PPs between placements, provide respite. Hale 'Ōpio applies this model to provide respite in response to CAMHD's request for Therapeutic Respite Homes as a planned part of treatment for youth living in their own homes. Hale 'Ōpio has provided respite services in previous CAMHD contracts and, when not contracted directly, through an agreement with Kaua'i Family Guidance Center on a case-by-case basis for planned or crisis respite for youth living with their family.

The Transitional Family Home (TFH) Program is an intensive system of supportive and clinical services offered in a family-based treatment model. It provides geographically accessible, specialized, therapeutic-family care for behaviorally and emotionally challenged children and adolescents, an alternative to both the traditional foster-family home and congregate care for youth who are not adequately served in either program type. A unique feature of family-based treatment is its emphasis on the PP as an "agent of treatment" rather than as a caregiver or warden only. Before the youth's placement, PP are debriefed on the diagnosis, symptoms, and evidence-based treatment indicated for the youth in their care. The PP participates in the treatment planning process with the youth and their family and is then responsible for teaching behavioral and emotional management skills agreed to by clients in their treatment plan. The PP and biological family develop a relationship to share skills and experiences, transferring the

PP's in-home interventions into the biological family home. Youth learn to anticipate and associate appropriate consequences with their actions, make choices and decisions affecting their well-being, accept responsibility for choices, practice new skills in a supportive environment, negotiate differences with others, and resolve problems that affect them directly. The individualized treatment plan defines specific skills and behaviors and modifies them as needs change and objectives are met.

Ancillary support for the Imua Kakou program will offer independent housing to emerging adults/transition-aged youth (TAY) ages 18-21, creating an affordable and stable living environment in the face of Kaua'i's high cost of living and limited housing options. This initiative complements the core goals of the Imua Kakou program by providing these young adults with a foundation to transition successfully into adulthood. While residing in this housing, participants will engage in the workforce and continue developing essential life skills, such as financial literacy, household management, and problem-solving, to prepare them for independent living and long-term self-sufficiency.

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.

Hale 'Ōpio owns two homes, designed and built (in 1994) following leading EDGE consultant Hewitt "Rusty" Clark's recommendations in environmental design for small treatment homes. Each home is over 3,500 square feet, and has five bedrooms and 4.5 baths. One home, 3705 Koloa Road, Lawai, is located on a spacious lot in an upscale subdivision, and another, 6881 Kahuna Road, Kapahi, is situated on two acres of prime agricultural land, bordered by the Kapahi Stream. These homes are ADA-compliant with access ramps and barrier-free internal construction, including accessible bathrooms and showers.

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.

The Executive Director must have an MSW or equivalent with seven years of experience, with a Master's degree preferred. The current Executive Director, Vonnell Ramos, obtained his MFT from the University of San Diego and his Master of Science in Human Resources Management from Argosy University. He served as the Assistant Program Director for Parents and Children

Together, Inc., managing program direction and ensuring the appropriate delivery of mental health services. Vonnell has been the Executive Director of Hale `Opio Kaua`i since 2016.

The Controller must have graduated from an accredited university, completed coursework in non-profit accounting, and have four years of experience in business management. The current Controller is Justin Maronn, who has 15+ years of executive financial experience analyzing businesses' revenue and expenditures, conducting financial audits and preparing reports, managing all accounting transactions, and preparing budget forecasts.

Taba Realty offers comprehensive property management services for residential and commercial real estate on Kaua`i.

Premier Restoration Hawai`i is a locally owned restoration and reconstruction company serving the islands of Oahu, Maui, Big Island, and Kaua`i. With over 20 years of experience and 100 employees, they specialize in damage restoration services.

All other contractors will be vetted and selected by Taba Realty as a part of their preferred vendor program.

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.

Please see attachments.

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.

\$107,979.01 - Clinical Director

\$105,047.30 - Executive Director

\$90,640.00 - Treatment Programs Director

Other

1. Litigation

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

NA

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.

Please see attachments.

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.

NA

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.

Hale ‘Ōpio, celebrating its 50th anniversary, is committed to ensuring sustainability beyond 2026 by launching a capital fundraising campaign tied to this significant milestone. To maximize success, the organization has engaged fundraising professionals and contracted a grant writer to focus on securing funding for both programming and capital projects. While recognizing that capital grants are limited, Hale ‘Ōpio plans to leverage its anniversary to strengthen relationships with funders, donors, and stakeholders, fostering deeper engagement and long-term support.

Hale ‘Ōpio remains steadfast in its mission to provide housing and therapeutic services to some of the most vulnerable populations in our community. This milestone serves as a pivotal opportunity to secure the resources needed to continue offering these critical services well into the future, reaffirming its responsibility to those it serves.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

App

Hale 'Ōpio Kaua'i, Inc.

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				
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				
10. Indirect Costs (10%)	15,310.16			
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19				
20				
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	15,310.16			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL	153,101.57			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	168,411.73			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	168,411.73	Vonn Ramos 808-977- 8202		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested				
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official January 16, 2025 Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	168,411.73	Vonn Ramos, Executive Director Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hale 'Ōpio Kaua'i, Inc.

POSITION TITLE		FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
NA					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
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					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
TOTAL:					
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:					

Applicant: Hale ‘Ōpio Kaua‘i, Inc.

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

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

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: _____ Hale 'Ōpio Kaua'i, Inc.

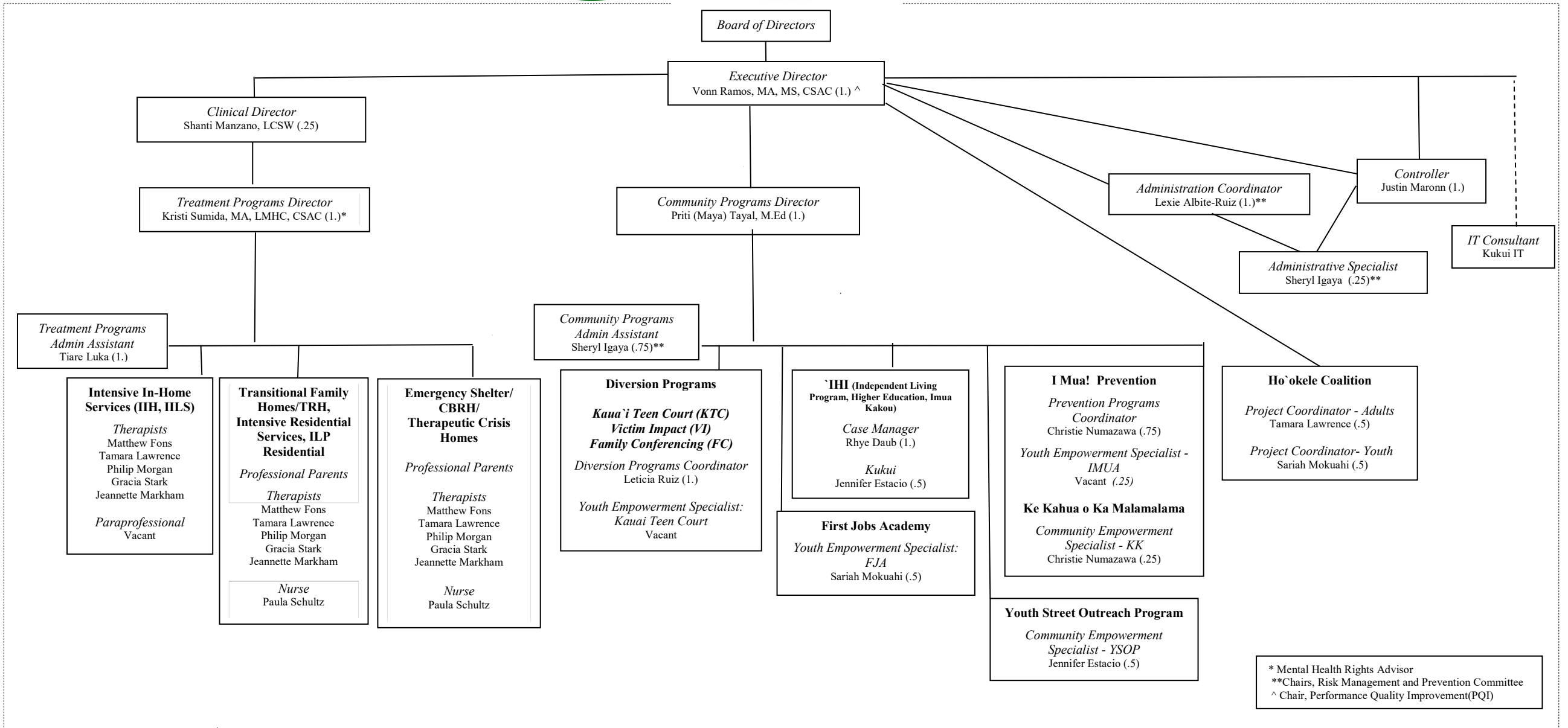
FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION			168411.73			
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:			168,411.73			
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: HOK has begun its capital fundraising campaign and will leverage state funding to secure other public and philanthropic fund sources.						

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES (Year ending)	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	_BESSD-TANF (Consolidated)	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Department of Human Services Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division	Federal	1,724,148
2	_CAMHD-TFH "1000"	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Department of Health - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division	State	1,099,806
3	_CAMHD-IIH "2000"	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Department of Health - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division	State	691,590
4	_CAMHD-IILS "3000"	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Department of Health - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division	State	24,242
5	_CAMHD-TCH "4000"	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Department of Health - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division	State	409,146
6	_COK-TeenCourt	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	County of Kauai - Office of Prosecuting Attorney	State	182,500
7	_Hookele (a.k.a. CDC)	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Federal	617,517
8	_HYSN-Street-FED	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Hawaii Youth Services Network	Federal-Sub Awardee	83,218
9	_JUD-TeenCourt	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Fifth Circuit Court	State	49,500
10	_JUD-VI	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Fifth Circuit Court	Federal	11,004
11	_OYS-ESH	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Office of Youth Services	Federal	67,800
12	_OYS-ILP	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Office of Youth Services	Federal	555,970
13	_SSD-CBHSS-ESH-0070 SA#1	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Department of Human Service	Federal	661,097
14	_SSD-IHI	6/30/2022 - 6/30/2026	Department of Human Service	Federal	551,155
15	_COK-CaresGrant-KPAA	12/30/2020	Kauai Planning and Action Alliance	County	12,346
16	_COK-CaresGrant-TrustCircle	12/1/2020	County of Kauai	County	250,000
17	Recovery Grant	11/23/2021	County of Kauai	County	15,00
18	FEMA-EFSP	5/31/2021	Kauai United Way	County	4,000
19	_HYSN-Street-FED	9/29/2024	Hawaii Youth Services Network	State	16,500
20	_HYSN-Street-FED	9/29/2023	Hawaii Youth Services Network	State	16,500
21	_HYSN-Street-FED	9/29/2022	Hawaii Youth Services Network	State	16,500
22	_HYSN-Street-FED	9/29/2021	Hawaii Youth Services Network	State	16,500
23	_HYSN-Street-FED	9/9/2020	Hawaii Youth Services Network	State	16,500
24	_HYSN-Child	3/31/2021	Hawaii Youth Services Network	State	4,763
25	_HYSN-Street-GIA	6/30/2020	Hawaii Youth Services Network	State	42,500



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Council on Accreditation

attests that

Hale `Opio Kaua`i, Inc.

Lihue, HI

has achieved private organization accreditation, meeting the national standards
in practice excellence.

Accredited through

June 30, 2028

Jody Levison-Johnson
President and CEO
Social Current

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

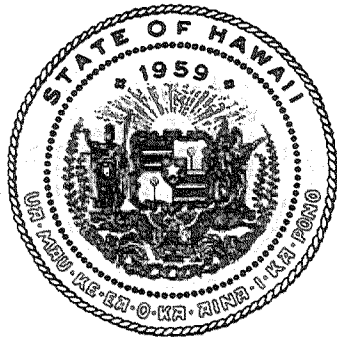
Hale Opio Kauai, Inc. 2959 Umi St, Lihue, Hawaii 96766 is hereby granted a

Certificate of Approval

as a Child Placing Organization. This Certificate is issued for the period

06/27/2024 to 06/27/2026 unless sooner revoked

for cause. It is granted in accordance with Section 346-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



DHS 1668
02/00

Ryan Yamane

DIRECTOR

By 
Kauai Child Welfare Services Section Administrator