# THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE APPLICATION FOR GRANTS

## **CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

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Type of Grant Request:  Operating  Capital						
Legal Name of Requesting Organizatio Hoʻōla Nā Pua	•	Dba:				
Amount of State	Funds Reques	sted: \$ <u>425,190</u>	<del></del>			
Brief Description of Request (Please attach word document to back of page if extra space is needed):  Hawaii is caught in a perfect storm, with a rising number of children becoming increasingly vulnerable to traffickers and sexual predators following the aftermath of a prolonged pandemic and devastating fires on Maui. State Grant-in-Aid funding will enable Hoʻōla Nā Pua to strengthen its continuum of prevention, intervention and trauma-informed, evidence-based services to disrupt the cycle of sexual exploitation and empower youth statewide to move toward pathways to resiliency. Funds would also be used to incorporate demand reduction strategies as part of Prevention Education and Awareness to address buyers who are creating the market for sexual exploitation on all major islands.						
Amount of Other Funds Available:  State: \$\frac{0}{708,162}\$  County: \$\frac{0}{9}\$  Private/Other: \$\frac{45,000}{45,000}\$  Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5  Fiscal Years: \$\frac{250,000}{9}\$  Unrestricted Assets: \$\frac{2,700,000 (estimated)}{9}\$						
New Service (Presently Does	Not Exist):	Existing Service (P	resently in O	peration):		
Type of Business Entity 501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporat Other Non Profit Other		Mailing Address: P.O. Box 22551 City: Honolulu	State: HI	Zip: 96823		
Contact Person for Matters Involving	g this Applicatio			00020		
Name: Kent Anderson		Title: Director of Business	Operations			
Email: kent.anderson@hoolanapua.org						
Jessica Munoz, Founder January 7, 2025						
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# **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.

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#### STATE OF HAWAII STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

#### CERTIFICATE OF VENDOR COMPLIANCE

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

Vendor Name: HO'OLA NA PUA

Issue Date: 01/14/2025

Status: Compliant

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#: GE-0509810688-01
FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX9164
UI#: No record
DCCA FILE#: 241142

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

Form	Department(s)	Status	
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Compliant	
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Compliant	
COGS	Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Exempt	
LIR27	Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations	Compliant	
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#### **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, HAWAI'I 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, Hawai'i 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, Hawai'i 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, Hawai'i 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, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

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

# Ho'ōla Nā Pua

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)	
Lesico Miron	January 7, 2025
(Signature)	(Date)
Jessica Munoz	Founder
(Typed Name)	(Title)

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#### **Application for Grants**

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

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

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

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate from the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2024.

See attached Certificate of Vendor Compliance.

#### 2. Declaration Statement

The applicant shall submit a declaration statement affirming its compliance with <u>Section 42F-103</u>, <u>Hawaii Revised Statutes</u>.

See attached Declaration Statement.

#### 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.

Hoʻōla Nā Pua will use a grant from State Grant-in-Aid funds for a public purpose as described below in section *II. Background and Summary, Question 3* by providing a continuum of care that addresses the traumatic impact of sexual exploitation and trafficking for children in Hawaii, while focusing on prevention and resilience for those most vulnerable. Funds would be used to deliver Prevention Education and Awareness to children and adults on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui and Kauai, as well as to incorporate demand reduction strategies to address buyers creating the market for sexual exploitation on all major islands. Funds would also be used to empower and build protective factors for sexually exploited and at-risk youth through Trauma-Responsive Groups, 1-to-1 Mentoring and Pearl Haven's residential treatment.

#### 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;

Ho'ōla Nā Pua (HNP), meaning "New Life for Our Children," was founded in 2013 to shine the light on the criminal enterprise of sex trafficking, placing the health of Hawaii's youth at the center of its mission and vision for the communities served. HNP leverages a decade of experience to lead efforts in developing a comprehensive model of care for victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking, addressing critical gaps in programming and reaching over 150,000 individuals since inception through direct services and prevention on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Kauai, Maui and Molokai.

Opened in 2021, Pearl Haven is HNP's intentionally designed campus that integrates clinical care, social services, primary/secondary education and experiential programming for at-risk and trafficked girls and gender non-conforming youth aged 11-17. The first of its kind in Hawaii, Pearl Haven is developing a clinical model of care, offering unparalleled, gender responsive residential treatment and comprehensive services for at-risk and trafficked youth to heal from trauma and sexual abuse – something previously nonexistent in Hawaii beyond emergency shelters and a missing piece in the continuum of care across the country.

What began as a small spark over 10 years ago, has led to a statewide chain reaction of awareness, advocacy, systemic change, and creation of innovative programming for exploited youth. In recognition of our impactful work, Pearl Haven was one of only 18 organizations nationwide to receive Phase 1 funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Innovation Challenge to Prevent Human Trafficking Among Women and Girls in 2024. This accolade underscores our effectiveness in both preventing human trafficking and improving health outcomes.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

Over 12 months, HNP anticipates accomplish the following **Goals and Objectives**:

#### Goals

- 1) To strengthen Oahu's collective ability to prevent children under 18 from falling prey to sexual exploitation and trafficking.
- 2) To create healthy connections and build protective factors for at-risk and sexually exploited youth under 18 to mitigate their vulnerability to sexual exploitation and trafficking.
- 3) To provide pathways to health for sexually exploited or trafficked youth aged 11-17 who experience complex trauma or Serious Emotional and Behavioral Disturbances interfering with daily life.

#### **Objectives**

1) HNP will deliver Prevention Education and Awareness to 5,000 children and adults on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui and Kauai.

Prevention Education and Awareness will equip students, schools, community leaders, frontline professionals and the general public with information, tools and strategies to help ensure vulnerable children do not fall prey to sexual

exploitation and trafficking. Prevention Education will also incorporate demand reduction strategies aimed at addressing buyers who drive the market for exploitation across all major islands.

 HNP will deliver Trauma-Responsive Groups and/or 1-to-1 Mentoring to 3,000 duplicated children under 18 in collaboration with schools, youth residential facilities and onsite at Pearl Haven.

Group sessions will provide at-risk youth opportunities to express and process thoughts and emotions through fun and engaging sessions designed to empower and build resilience. Sessions include psychoeducational and therapeutic activities focused on increasing self-worth and social safety, the power of choice, exploring one's identity and communication. Prevention Education sessions will expose control tactics used by traffickers, providing children with tools to build healthy relationships, enhance resilience and facilitate connections to services that complement life skills development, educational attainment, economic empowerment, case management and individual therapy.

At risk, sexually exploited and trafficked children under 18 may be matched with a trained and vetted mentor for 1-to-1 Mentoring to address trauma, reduce self-injuring behaviors, enhance coping skills and identify behaviors interfering with success. Each child will develop a Personal Empowerment Plan, which includes support with therapists and professionals, as well as a path forward to succeed in school, work and life.

- 3) In tandem with intensive clinical care, social services and onsite primary/secondary education, Pearl Haven residential youth will engage in 3,000 experiential therapy session hours (e.g., expressive arts, animal/equine therapy, therapeutic gardening, etc.) to unlock trauma and make therapy sessions more productive.
- 3. The public purpose and need to be served;

Sexual exploitation and trafficking are part of a hidden epidemic that preys on Hawaii's vulnerable children, leaving a trail of trauma and broken lives unless addressed through a comprehensive continuum of care.

During the height of the pandemic, nearly 2 in every 5 potential victims of sex trafficking from 2020 – 2022 were children under the age of 18. These sex trafficked children were primarily forced into escort services and pornography, with emotional and physical abuse used as the primary means to recruit and trap victims. The report suggests that exposure to horrific events, like the prolonged pandemic and devastating Maui wildfires, lead to emotional and psychological distress, making children more prone to manipulation by traffickers who offer false promises of safety or support.

Unfortunately, the number of children in Hawaii facing anxiety and depression has risen by 23% from 2016 to 2021, making mental health a significant concern among middle and high school students. The 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System revealed a shocking majority of youth rarely or never received the crucial help needed when feeling sad, empty, hopeless, anxious, or angry. Furthermore, 1 in every 4 middle school and high school students did not feel they had a trusted adult at home or school to talk to about important matters, highlighting a significant gap in support systems. Without the presence of a trusted adult in their lives, many children, particularly from low-to-moderate income communities, will turn to social media for support, which exposes them to a heightened risk of sexual exploitation and manipulation by predators.

Predators continue to lure children into sexual exploitation and trafficking in the wake of the pandemic as commerce and technology aggregate within the global metaverse. Prevention education is a first line of defense against sexual exploitation since about 80% of trafficking on Oahu occurs at the hands of family members, trusted friends or someone the victim is dating. Prevention Education and Awareness dismantles the silence surrounding sexual exploitation and serves as one of the most powerful tools to mitigate potential victimization before children are caught up in dangerous situations that are difficult to escape.

Of equal concern is sex buyer demand, which is one of the leading drivers behind sex trafficking in Hawaii. Sex buyers create a market for victims to be bought and sold for sex, leading to an incentive for sex traffickers to sexually exploit children and adults. A large number of buyers for underage sex reside on Hawaii's military bases, while a staggering 38% of those arrested for soliciting sex online from a minor as part of Operation Keiki Shield were active duty military personnel. Rim of the Pacific Exercise or "RIMPAC," the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise held out of Honolulu, creates a significant risk for CSEC in Hawaii, particularly for vulnerable populations such as Native Hawaiian and LGBTQIA+ children. According to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, the US military culture in the Pacific fuels demand for sex trafficking and buying of underage minors. HNP must begin expanding Prevention Education and Awareness to equip individuals statewide with strategies that reduce the demand of sex buying, with emphasis on populations that have historically shown high levels of demand, such as the military and the tourism industry.

For at-risk and sexually exploited or trafficked youth, both the visible and invisible wounds of trauma must be addressed to break the cycle of exploitation and victimization. Sadly, sexually exploited children often find it difficult to verbalize their trauma, making it physically and emotionally challenging to delve into the recesses of deep emotions, particularly when they are told "not to tell" by their perpetrators. Through Trauma-Responsive Groups, 1-to-1 Mentoring and residential care at Pearl Haven, HNP will reinforce safety mechanisms, increasing life skills and protective factors so vulnerable children develop healthy relationships and move toward health and healing.

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

HNP's target population includes cisgender, transgender, and non-conforming youth and young adults, many of whom are part of the foster care system and have experienced abuse or violence in their homes. These individuals often have histories of mental health challenges, past trauma, or substance use, with parental mental illness and addiction frequently affecting their upbringing. Most come from low-income households and are often victims of severe sexual trauma, assault, or relational trauma, which significantly hinders their ability to trust others and build healthy relationships – key factors in forming connections with supportive adults and achieving stability. Our Prevention Education and Awareness initiatives focus on children, as well as educators, first responders, social service providers, business leaders, and community members who are in a position to prevent sexual victimization and connect youth to the appropriate services within our continuum of care.

By the time children enter residential treatment at Pearl Haven, their complex trauma has negatively infiltrated many aspects of their lives. Pearl Haven plays an integral part of the continuum of care and child's pathway to freedom for sexually exploited and/or trafficked children aged 11-17. In 2023, 3 in 4 children receiving residential care at Pearl Haven had an ACE (adverse childhood experiences) score of 4 plus at intake, pointing toward chronic mental and physical health challenges in adulthood. Based on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2023 data, 100% of residential youth had more than one mental health diagnosis at intake and 90% had at least one medical issue. Through Pearl Haven, sexually exploited and victimized children receive transformative treatment and programs that unlock complex trauma and bring sustainable healing to Hawaii's most vulnerable.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

HNP's continuum of programs are offered statewide, reaching victimized and at-risk youth on all major islands, including Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui, Kauai and Molokai.

#### 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;

Over 12 months, HNP will strengthen the continuum of care for sexually exploited and at-risk children in Hawaii through comprehensive prevention and resilience-based programming that mitigates the risk of trafficking, providing a progressive pathway to address complex trauma.

HNP will partner with schools and agencies children are likely to access, to equip students in 5th–12th grade, educators, first responders, social service providers, business leaders, and community members with research-based information on the prevalence, indicators, screening and response of sexual exploitation. Our school-based Prevention Education will be delivered in person to middle and high schools on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui and Kauai, with a focus on Title I schools or those located in underserved communities. Approved by the Hawaii Department of Education, the curriculum focuses on 1) recognizing the signs of trafficking; 2) understanding the influence of social media on recruitment; 3) seeking help; and 4) rights and services for victims.

HNP will also deliver trauma-responsive, culturally relevant group sessions to children under age 18 who have multiple risk factors making them susceptible to sexual exploitation. In tandem with residential care facilities and onsite at Pearl Haven, group sessions will expose control tactics used by traffickers, providing children with tools to build healthy relationships, enhance resilience and facilitate connections to services that complement life skills development, educational attainment, economic empowerment, case management and individual therapy. At risk, sexually exploited and trafficked children under 18 may be matched with a trained and vetted mentor for 1-to-1 Mentoring to address trauma, reduce self-injuring behaviors, enhance coping skills and identify behaviors interfering with success. Each child will develop a Personal Empowerment Plan, which includes support with therapists and professionals, as well as a path forward to succeed in school, work and life.

Upon admission to Pearl Haven, sexually exploited and trafficked youth will be connected with a primary care provider, as well as a psychiatrist and OB/GYN physician to address medical needs within the first few weeks. Youth will also receive intensive therapeutic treatment in tandem with onsite education and innovative experiential programming, designed to calm the child's nervous system, so sexually exploited and trafficked youth are empowered to work through trauma and replace self-harming behavior with healthy ways to process memories and emotions.

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

If awarded funding through State Grant-in-Aid, Hoʻōla Nā Pua will immediately draw down funds to support our continuum of programs, fully expending funds within a 12-month period.

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

HNP Program Managers and Coordinators will maintain statistics monthly on numbers served and experiential sessions delivered, reporting summary program data to the Director of Business Operations to ensure accomplishments of Goals and Objectives.

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.

Hoʻōla Nā Pua will report progress to the State on a quarterly basis, including but not limited to the number of children and adults served through our continuum of programs, as well as the number of experiential programming hours delivered to Pearl Haven residential youth.

#### 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)

#### See attached Budget Forms.

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
\$106,298	\$106,298	\$106,297	\$106,297	\$425,190

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

A total of \$753,162 has been committed to date for this project from OVC funding and private foundations. HNP plans to request an additional \$723,622 in 2025-2026 from private/other sources to help support the delivery of these programs to protect at-risk and sexually exploited youth on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui and Kauai. A \$425,190 grant from State Grant-in-Aid will enable us to strengthen and expand these programs over 12 months, including the integration of demand reduction strategies to interrupt victimization, increase protective factors and provide treatment and empowerment to Hawaii's most vulnerable keiki.

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.

This does not apply.

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.

10/1/22 – 9/30/23	City GIA	\$200,000
10/1/23 - 9/30/24	City GIA	\$200,000
10/1/24 - 9/30/25	City GIA	\$150,000
7/1/22 – 6/30/23	State GIA	\$100,000
7/1/23 – 6/30/24	State GIA	\$100,000
7/1/24 – 6/30/25	State GIA	\$50,000
7/1/23 – 6/30/24	County of Hawaii	\$25,000
10/1/23 — 9/30/26	OVC	\$950,000
7/1/24 – 9/30/26	VOCA	\$381,522
10/1/24 — 9/30/27	OVC	\$500,000
7/1/24 - 6/30/24	OVC	\$1,000,000

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

The estimated balance of Hoʻōla Nā Pua's unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2024, is \$2,700,000.

#### V. Experience and Capability

#### 1. Necessary Skills and Experience

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

Ho'ōla Nā Pua leverages over a decade of dedicated service to provide a proven, holistic model of care for at-risk and sexually exploited children in Hawaii. Since our establishment in 2013, HNP has illuminated the critical issue of sex trafficking while prioritizing the health and well-being of Hawaii's youth.

HNP made substantial strides in trafficking prevention in 2023, reaching 4,525 children and adults through Prevention Education and Awareness, including 2,486 students and 340 educators statewide. Our early intervention services benefited 669 youth aged 11-24 across Oahu and Hawaii Island, while 1,269 mentoring sessions provided 2,402 hours of 1-to-1 guidance to sexually exploited youth and those at risk of trafficking. Over this past year, Pearl Haven supported 32 sexually exploited children who had an average Adverse Childhood Experience score of 5.1, indicating significant mental and physical health risks in adulthood. Nearly 68% of these children were in the foster care system, 58% had prior residential treatment, and 80% reported at least one current mental health diagnosis. Despite these challenges, Pearl Haven youth exhibited impressive outcomes: a 47% average improvement in trauma symptoms, a 58% reduction in depressive symptoms, and a 33% decrease in anxiety symptoms. Additionally, 80% achieved A-B Honor Roll status in core subjects, with 100% passing their classes, demonstrating remarkable progress despite almost half experiencing academic difficulties at intake.

Our staff undergoes annual trauma-informed and culturally relevant care training, along with 20 hours of specialized training focused on trafficking in persons for those working directly with victims. This comprehensive training equips our team to foster a systemic shift in the protection of Hawaii's most vulnerable children. Our proven ability to successfully deliver on the objectives of this project is evidenced by the recognition we have received in recent years, including the prestigious national award from the Department of Homeland Security Investigations in 2020 for exemplary partnerships, the 2023 Sword and Shield Non-Profit Leadership Award from the Attorney General Alliance, and a nomination for the Non-Profit Impact of the Year Award by Pacific Edge Magazine.

HNP will leverage its experience as the recipient of Federal, State, City and Foundation grants over the past three years to make certain that reporting requirements are met to ensure timely release of funding to accomplish the Goals and Objectives of this project.

#### 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.

In 2021, HNP completed a \$9.0 million capital campaign to renovate Pearl Haven, a 13-acre campus featuring a 24,000 square foot facility deliberately designed to provide a safe, trauma-informed, therapeutic environment where sexually exploited children can recover and heal. The Bromley Family Pearl Haven Campus features:

- 19 homelike bedrooms in 3 wings;
- State-of-the-art classrooms;
- Inviting gathering spaces in which to relax and socialize;
- Private, soothing therapy rooms;
- Multipurpose room and movement studio;
- Health room:
- Commercial kitchen and dining area:
- Full demonstration kitchen;
- Recreation spaces and sports courts;
- Outdoor lawns; and
- Lush vegetable gardens

Prevention Education and Awareness and Community based services will take place at various sites/facilities within the community and/or at an out-of-home placement site. Residential services are performed at the Pearl Haven Campus.

#### 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.

HNP is strategically positioned to continue its transformative impact for at-risk, sexually exploited, and trafficked children in Hawaii, thanks to a team of trained staff, dedicated consultants and over 150 volunteers. HNP is recognized as a national partner and leader in the global movement to combat sexual violence against children. Our extensive experience and resources uniquely position us to disrupt sexual exploitation and mitigate complex trauma through innovative programming across the continuum of care.

**Director of Community Engagement Tammy Bitanga** oversees a comprehensive range of community-based initiatives. Starting as a volunteer 10 years ago, Tammy's lived experience and survivor-informed perspective enrich our programs. Her advocacy work has garnered national recognition, including the 2023 Liberator Award for her contributions to survivor advocacy. Over the past 5 years, Tammy has worked with local law enforcement to ensure a victim-centered approach to trafficking and has been a featured speaker at regional and national conferences regarding Survivor Advocate services.

**Founder Jessica Munoz** leads quality improvement, oversight, and coordination of early intervention services and experiential programming. With a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Hawaii and a Bachelor's in Nursing from Long Beach State, Jessica has been a driving force in the anti-trafficking movement in Hawaii and

the Pacific since 2009. Her expertise ensures that our programs are sustainable, effective, and focused on holistic care for vulnerable populations. Jessica holds a Master of Science in Nursing from University of Hawaii Family Nurse Practitioner Program and a Bachelor of Nursing with certification as a Public Health Nurse from Long Beach State University School of Nursing.

**Pearl Haven Program Director Liz Porter** oversees delivery of treatment and services at Pearl Haven. Liz is highly trained in delivering trauma-informed services, having completed training in Trust-Based Relational Intervention, Trauma Informed Care, Core Curriculum Childhood Trauma, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Sex Trafficking Prevention. Liz holds an associate degree in psychology and a B.S. in Human Services/Management from the University of Phoenix.

#### 2. Organization Chart

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

See attached Organization Chart.

### 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, <u>not employee name.</u>

<u>Position</u>	Annual Compensation
CEO	\$180,000
Founder	\$180,000
Director of Business Operations	\$130,000

#### 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.

This does not apply.

#### 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.

This does not apply.

#### 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 <a href="Article X, Section">Article X, Section</a> <a href="1">1, of the State Constitution</a> for the relevance of this question.

This does not apply.

#### 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.

While we work diligently to end sex trafficking throughout Hawaii, emergencies like the Maui wildfires and the global pandemic put vulnerable children and youth at heightened risk for sexual exploitation and trafficking. Current development efforts are focused on our annual/planned giving campaigns in 2025 to sustain and expand programs as appropriate in the long-term. However, we anticipate it taking a few years to transfer previous Pearl Haven capital donors to regular supporters.

HNP is committed to responsible fiscal management, ensuring that our funding is strategically allocated to maximize impact. Our organizational structure supports ongoing program development and sustainability, allowing us to adapt to the evolving needs of the populations we serve. HNP's qualified staff, resources and a diversified financial model will ensure the sustained delivery of innovative programs that meet the growing needs of at-risk and sexually exploited or trafficked youth statewide beyond the grant period. State Grant-in-aid funding will enable us to expand our prevention and direct services programming to protect vulnerable youth on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui and Kauai, as well as integrate demand reduction strategies to interrupt victimization and trafficking statewide.

# **BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS**

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hoʻōla Nā Pua

В	UDGET	Total State	Total Federal	Total County	Total Private/Other Funds Requested
С	ATEGORIES	Funds Requested (a)	Funds Committed (b)	Funds Requested (c)	and Committed (d)
A.	PERSONNEL COST				
	1. Salaries	\$197,000	\$472,150	\$0	\$106,400
	2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	\$36,090	\$86,498	\$0	\$19,493
	3. Fringe Benefits	\$17,100	\$40,983	\$0	\$9,236
	TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	\$250,190	\$599,631	\$0	\$135,129
B.	OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
	Airfare, Inter-Island	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
	2. Insurance	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$41,952
	3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	4. Lease/Rental of Space	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$24,880
	5. Staff Training	\$0	\$3,900	\$0	\$9,500
	6. Supplies	\$0	\$3,300	\$0	\$33,975
	7. Telecommunication	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,824
	8. Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,800
	9. Other (Accounting & Reporting)	\$25,000	\$51,994	\$0	\$48,048
	10. Experiential Programming	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$223,236
	11. Digital Marketing & Advertising	\$50,000	\$31,994	\$0	\$64,206
	12. Computer Hardware & Software	\$0	\$9,620	\$0	\$42,545
	13. Printing & Copying	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$6,600
	14. Transportation (including mileage)	\$0	\$6,723	\$0	\$59,127
	15. Client Activities and Purchased Goods				
	for Clients	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$62,800
	TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	\$175,000	\$108,531	\$0	\$633,493
C.	EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
D.	MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
E.	CAPITAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TO	TAL (A+B+C+D+E)	\$425,190	\$708,162	\$0	\$768,622
			Budget Prepared	Bv:	
90	DURCES OF FUNDING			•	
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	(a) Total State Funds Requested	\$425,190	Kent Anderson Name (Please type or p	orint)	(808) 374-2563 Phone
	(b) Total Federal Funds Committed	\$708,162	riamo (i loase type of p		i none
	(c) Total County Funds Requested	\$0	1 M-		January 4.4, 0005
	(d) Total Private/Other Funds	φυ	Signature of Authorized	l Official	January 14, 2025 Date
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_	Requested and Committed	\$768,622			
то	TAL BUDGET	\$1,901,974	Jessica Munoz, Founde Name and Title (Please		

Note: Of the total \$1,901,973 Budget, \$753,162 has been committed to date through grants from OVC and private foundations.

#### **BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES**

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Hoʻōla Nā Pua

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
Founder	1	\$180,000.00	10.00%	\$18,000
CEO	1	\$180,000.00	10.00%	\$18,000
Director of Business Operations	1	\$130,000.00	20.00%	\$26,000
Program Manager/Coordinator	1	\$62,500.00	50.00%	\$31,250
Program Manager/Coordinator	1	\$50,000.00	50.00%	\$25,000
Program Manager/Coordinator	1	\$50,000.00	100.00%	\$50,000
Data Specialist	1	\$57,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,750.00
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				\$ -
TOTAL:				\$197,000

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: State GIA funds would support the salaries/wages of key staff integral to accomplishing the Goals and Objectives of this project.

# **BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES**

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hoʻōla Nā Pua

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED		
Not Applicable			\$ -			
			\$ -			
			\$ -			
			\$ -			
			\$ -			
TOTAL:						
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Not Applicable			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

# **BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS**

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hoʻōla Nā Pua

TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED		ING REQUIRED IN CEEDING YEARS	
	FY:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028	
PLANS							
LAND ACQUISITION							
DESIGN							
CONSTRUCTION							
EQUIPMENT							
TOTAL:							

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

Applicant: Hoʻōla Nā Pua Contracts Total: \$3,656,522

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1			Department of		
	City Grant-in-Aid	10/1/22 - 9/30/23	Community Services	Honolulu County	\$200,000
2			Department of		_
	City Grant-in-Aid	10/1/23 - 9/30/24	Community Services	Honolulu County	\$200,000
3			Department of		
Ľ	City Grant-in-Aid	10/1/224 - 9/30/25	,	Honolulu County	\$150,000
			Office of Community		
	State Grant-in-Aid	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	Services	State	\$100,000
4			Office of Community		
7	State Grant-in-Aid	7/1/23 - 6/30/24	Services	State	\$100,000
4			Office of Community		
7	State Grant-in-Aid (Pending)	7/1/24 - 6/30/25	Services	State	\$50,000
5	Wai Wai Program	7/1/23 - 6/30/24	County of Hawaii	Hawaii County	\$25,000
6			Office of Victims of		
O	Minor Victims of Human Trafficking	10/1/23 - 9/30/26	Crime	U.S.	\$950,000
7			Office of Victims of		
Ľ	VOCA	7/1/24 - 6/30/26	Crime	U.S.	\$381,522
8			Office of Victims of		
	Preventing Trafficking of Girls	10/1/24 - 9/30/27	Crime	U.S.	\$500,000
9			Office of Victims of		
9	Shining the Light on Sex Trafficking in Hawaii	7/1/24 - 6/30/26	Crime	U.S.	\$1,000,000
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