

**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 a:

Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 275,000.00

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

The Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation is requesting strategic assistance for the purchase of a Medical Mobile Unit in the amount of \$275,000 as the missing piece of the agency's Free Clinic STI Testing, Treatment, and Vaccination Program which also includes prevention and harm reduction education, and community outreach on the Island of Maui.

This unit would allow us to provide discreet and sanitary STI Testing, Treatment, and Vaccination, and other services to the communities of Lahaina, Kihei, Hana and East Maui, Upcountry Maui, and the many houseless encampments throughout Central Maui directly to target populations, "where they are" in effort to reduce the barriers to access to sexual and medical health care due to lack of transportation, fear of public exposure due to stigma, and loss of health insurance.

Attachment on back page - 1 paragraph



Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ 529,245.00

Federal: \$ 1,119,482.00

County: \$ 210,000.00

Private/Other: \$ 67,000.00

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

\$ 2,170,231.00

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 544,347.00

New Service (Presently Does Not Exist): ☒

Existing Service (Presently in Operation): ☐

Type of Business Entity:



501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporation



Other Non Profit



Other

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Linda Puppolo, Executive Director

Name and Title

1-16-25

Date Signed

#### Attachment to Application Cover (Brief Description of Request)

A unit like this is a one-stop-shop that would assist our organization in providing these vital services. In addition, MAF offers medical case management, food pantry and hygiene supplies, health insurance enrollment, housing assistance and subsidies for HIV+ individuals, and referrals to specialty care and other resources. This important contribution to Maui comes at a time when STIs are rising and infrastructure is broken. The spread of STI infections can be managed in time through repeated testing, treatment, and vaccination. Un-treated STIs can develop into infertility, birth defects, cancer, liver disease, chronic pain, PID, and blindness. A Medical Mobile Unit is an investment in health care.

## Application Submittal Checklist

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

- ☒ 1) Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)
- ☒ 2) Declaration Statement
- ☒ 3) Verify that grant shall be used for a public purpose
- ☒ 4) Background and Summary
- ☒ 5) Service Summary and Outcomes
- ☒ 6) Budget
  - a) Budget request by source of funds ([Link](#))
  - b) Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#))
  - c) Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#))
  - d) Capital project details ([Link](#))
  - e) Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#))
- ☒ 7) Experience and Capability
- ☒ 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Linda Puppalo, Executive Director  
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1-16-25  
DATE



## 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.

#### ***Attachment 1***

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

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

#### ***Attachment 2***

#### **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](#).

**§42F-102 Applications for grants.** Requests for grants shall be submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature at the start of each regular session of the legislature. Each request shall state:

- (1) The name of the requesting organization or individual;
  - a. *Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation*
- (2) The public purpose for the grant;
  - a. *To provide discreet and sanitary STI Testing and Treatment, Vaccination, and Prevention Education Services to Lahaina, Kihei, Hana and East Maui, and Upcountry Maui directly to target populations "where they are" due to lack of transportation and avoidance due to stigma.*
- (3) The services to be supported by the grant:
  - a. *STI testing and treatment*
  - b. *Vaccination*
  - c. *Prevention and Harm Reduction Education*
- (4) The target group
  - a. *Individuals that engage in high-risk sexual behaviors related to substance use*
  - b. *Individuals from rural and remote areas with lack of transportation and readily available health care*
  - c. *Individuals with no health insurance*
  - d. *Individuals from the Native Hawaiian and AAPI communities*



- (5) The cost of the grant and the budget
- The grant request is \$275,000*
  - The program budget is \$352,964*

## **II. Background and Summary**

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

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

*The mission of Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation (MAF) is to promote the sexual health and well-being of members of our community. MAF is a 501C3 nonprofit that was founded in 1986 as a community-based nonprofit organization in response to the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS. Always responding to community need, MAF has added linkage to medical care and health insurance, access to HIV and other STI medications, financial housing assistance, food pantry, case management, educational support, expanded STI testing and treatment, and most recently; Narcan distribution and Syringe Services Exchange (SSP).*

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

*The goal of this proposal is for MAF to secure funding to expand free clinic services in the rural and remote areas of Maui County in tandem with MAF's STI prevention education and harm reduction outreach by increasing program capacity with the use of a Medical Mobile unit that creates access, discretion, and opportunity for the following services:*

- *STI testing, counseling, diagnosis and treatment for, and Vaccination (when applicable) for:*
  - *Chlamydia & Gonorrhea*
  - *Syphilis (including congenital syphilis)*
  - *Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)*
  - *Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)*
  - *Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)*
  - *Diagnosis, Treatment, and Referral for specialty care*
- *STI Prevention Education, including:*
  - *Condoms, Internal Condoms, Dental Dams*
  - *Safe & Healthy Sexual Lifestyles*
  - *STI Prevention Education*
- *Harm Reduction Education, including:*
  - *Opioid Overdose Prevention*
  - *Narcan Training & Distribution*
  - *Syringe Exchange Program (SEP)*

- *Medical Case Management, Health Insurance Enrollment, Housing Assistance, including:*
  - *Food Pantry & food cards*
  - *Hygiene Kits*
  - *Transportation subsidies (vehicle registration, minor repairs, & safety check assistance, ride-share for medical appointments, and fuel cards)*
  - *Health insurance enrollment & guidance of eligibility requirements*
  - *Housing assistance subsidies (HIV clients)*

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

*The public purpose of this grant is to provide discreet and sanitary STI Testing and Treatment, Vaccination, and Prevention Education Services to fire ravaged Lahaina, Kihei, Hana and East Maui, and Upcountry Maui directly to target populations "where they are" to overcome the barriers to care due to lack of transportation, the effects of the Maui Wildfires, and avoidance when venue is uncomfortable due to stigma.*

*The benefits in using a Free Clinic Medical Mobile Unit are because they are accessible, discreet and readily available even when clients have access to other health care venues. From MAF's own client surveys over the past year, the main reasons clients chose MAF's Free Clinic for care were, 1) convenience of walk-in or same-day appointments, 2) no cost, and, 3) availability of expert STI care. In response to the question about where patients would have gone for services if MAF's Free Clinic did not exist, 9.4% of males and 11.5% of females answered that they would have waited to see how they felt and then decided what to do. Non-action on STIs increases the spread of these viral infections. and 24.4% of males and 25.8% of females would have gone to an emergency room, which would have resulted in increased costs for both the clients and Maui's overburdened hospital.*

**4. Describe the target population to be served.**

*The target group*

- a. Individuals that engage in high-risk sexual behaviors related to substance use*
- b. Individuals from rural and remote areas with lack of transportation and readily available health care*
- c. Individuals with no health insurance*
- d. Individuals from the Native Hawaiian and AAPI communities*
- e. Individuals that are experiencing the challenges of houselessness including those with temporary shelter*
- f. Individuals that are sexually active but have not been tested or have not been tested within the last three-six months.*
- g. Individuals who are or have been incarcerated.*

**5. Describe the geographic coverage.**

*The geographic coverage for the range of the Medical Mobile Unit is the Island of Maui*



### **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;**

*Testing and Treatment- Free Clinic Services:* The testing and treatment provided by free clinic services is designed to prevent the spread of HIV, HCV, and other STIs. At the top of everything that MAF accomplishes, the continued rise of STIs in Maui County is the main strategic objective. A Medical Mobile Unit would enable MAF to take free comprehensive rapid HIV, HCV, Syphilis and other STIs testing to individuals, "where they are" to ensure a constant access to prevent spread to others.

*Individuals identified as positive for HIV and/or HCV will be referred and/or linked to a variety of services to help with their sexual health and well-being such as: further STI testing, prevention and harm reduction education, housing subsidies, mental health services, and substance abuse program referrals. Individuals testing positive are referred to and enrolled in supportive care provided by the Case Management Department (CSD). CSD provides integral assistance in food subsidy, transportation assistance, health insurance enrollment, mental health and behavioral health (adherence assistance) services, and specialty care medical treatment. The objective is steady core needs to attain adherence to treatment programs and to keep a continuum of testing to ensure that infections do not spread to others.*

*All testing procedures include education on safer sex practices, developing a plan to reduce potential risk of STI transmission for self and others and referrals to community partners. MAF services will be promoted throughout Maui County through print, radio, social media, at the Maui Nonprofit Directors Association that has over 60 nonprofit social service agencies, government departments, schools, and community health fairs. MAF also has developed the Corrections Project with the purpose of preventing new infections of HIV/HCV within the incarcerated population through education, testing and linkage to care upon release.*

*Through outreach activities in the community, staff trains participants on how to communicate both verbally and nonverbally through negotiation/communication skills with their sexual partners. Participants will be instructed on how to effectively use condoms. Education revolves around cultural values and the barriers caused by stigma. Emphasis is placed on the importance of a partner's involvement in safer sex (i.e., enhance partner norms supportive of condom use) to eliminate new HIV/STI infections.*

*Sexual health is often misunderstood, misinterpreted and stigmatized. Stigma is widely recognized as a significant barrier to the prevention, management, and treatment of STIs. Stigma around substance use is a primary barrier to seeking and receiving help for opioid and other substance misuse disorders. Stigma negatively impacts policy since perceptions about STI transmission and substance use are often inaccurate and outdated.*



*Due to the high prevalence of asymptomatic STIs, many of these cases can only be identified through screening. A large portion of vulnerable youth do not seek routine screening or decline to be tested in the absence of symptoms. Reducing stigma reduces the dynamic process of devaluation that significantly discredits an individual in the eyes of others. A Medical Mobile Unit would allow testing, treatment, referrals, and other steadying assistance in a sanitary, non-stigma, and discreet manner.*

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

*Since MAF already has a successful prevention, harm reduction, and free clinic program in place that is funded through a variety of sources, the Medical Mobile Unit could be purchased and operating within two-three months of contract execution. The comprehensive Annual Program Evaluation (in III, item 4) includes projected outcomes for a 1-year program.*

*The barriers to getting clients into the clinic would be positively impacted and the spread of infections will begin to decrease. The \$275,000 for this unit will be part of direct services in the amount of \$424,964. MAF is a continuum of services that are administered in a holistic manner so the Medical Mobile Unit will always have the full weight of the agency's 2.2-million-dollar budget.*

*Since an increasing number of people have limited access to health care, free clinics have become an established and meaningful contributor to the public safety net. Free clinics often serve patients who may have limited access to health care due to: being uninsured or under-insured, the inability to pay, a member of a racial/ethnic minority, having limited English proficiency, lack of citizenship, and lack of housing.*

*Free clinics benefit everyone. A cost-effectiveness analysis of a free clinic serving around 250 patients, saved an estimated \$1.28 million in future healthcare costs – costs that would most likely be paid for with public resources. Dividing these cost-savings by the operational costs of a free clinic yielded a return on investment of \$34 per \$1 invested. Patients accessing and receiving health care are also unlikely to utilize emergency rooms for primary care, medications or hospitalizations for chronic conditions. Individuals whose health conditions are managed and who are receiving routine care, are able to work and provide for their families, which unburdens public resources.*

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

*To achieve quality assurance, MAF will plan to monitor, evaluate, and improve their performance in the following ways:*

- *Federal Monitoring
  - *Ryan White Funding Quality Assurance Management administered by Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center (H3RC)**

- *Ryan White funding quarterly program and fiscal monitoring and yearly site visit by H3RC*
- *HUD yearly monitoring housing funding*
- *State of Hawaii DHS yearly monitoring for additional HUD housing subsidy funding*
- *State of Hawaii Department of Health*
  - *DOH Integrated Grant yearly monitoring, quarterly report evaluation*
  - *DOH HERO Program yearly monitoring and site visit*
  - *Kokua Health Insurance Enrollment Program yearly certification and trainings*
- *County of Maui*
  - *Department of Human Concerns (DHC) quarterly report submittal and yearly monitoring*
  - *Office of Economic Development progress reports and final report*
- *Independent audit performed yearly by CW Associates CPA*
- *Monthly Board of Directors Meetings*
- *Monthly Leadership Meetings*
- *Monthly All-Staff Meetings*
- *CSD/Prevention yearly Client Satisfaction Surveys*
- *Semi-Annual Consumer Advisory Board Meetings*
- *Yearly Staff Performance Evaluation and Goal Setting*
- *Annual renewal of Free Clinic lab certifications*



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.

Annual Program Evaluation	ANNUAL GOAL	Data Source
Projected Impacts (List appropriate measure – number of persons, activities, etc.)		(ex. Sign-in sheets, database, client log, survey, pre/post-test, etc.)
Total Unduplicated Persons Served:	500	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Outcome 1: Early detection through testing for HIV/STIs allows for medical intervention to prevent the spread of infection and reduce transmission rates. MAF will test 300 at-risk individuals for HIV/STIs enabling timely medical intervention and reduction of transmission risk.	300	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Output 1a: Staff will test 10 transgender individuals.	10	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Output 1b: Staff will test 20 incarcerated individuals.	20	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Output 1c: Staff will test 10 people living with HIV/AIDS.	10	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Output 1d: Staff will test walk-in clients at the MAF facility.	285	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Outcome 2: Maui County is a Medically Underserved Area, meaning it is a geographic location with insufficient health resources for its population. In order to increase accessibility to STI testing to the more remote communities in Maui County, MAF will conduct 18 off-site testing sessions for individuals assessed to be at risk for HIV, HCV, and/or Syphilis.	18	CDC Database (Aphirm), Testing Schedule System
Output 2a: MAF will conduct testing sessions once a month in Kihei, Lahaina, or Upcountry.	12	CDC Database (Aphirm), Testing Schedule System
Output 2b: MAF will conduct testing sessions twice a year in Hana, Lanai, and Molokai.	6	CDC Database (Aphirm), Testing Schedule System
Outcome 3: Early diagnosis of HIV prevents the progression of HIV to an AIDS diagnosis and reduces severe health complications. MAF will identify two individuals per year newly diagnosed as HIV positive, and MAF will refer/link to care and support these individuals in order to reduce transmission risks and improve health outcomes.	2	CDC Database (Aphirm)



Output 3a: Staff will identify through testing 2 individuals testing HIV positive per year.	2	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Output 3b: Individuals testing HIV positive will access primary care (medical, mental health and medical case management) within one month of diagnosis.	2	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Output 3c: Individuals testing HIV positive will be referred and/or enrolled in supportive care (medical services and medical care management).	2	CDC Database (Aphirm)
<b>Outcome 4: Hepatitis C (HCV) is a significant public health issue. Hawaii has a higher rate of liver cancer mortality when compared to the rest of the United States. Early diagnosis of HCV could prevent the progression of liver disease including liver cancer and reduce severe health complications. MAF will identify 30 individuals per year newly diagnosed with HCV and/or other STIs and link them to care, thereby reducing transmission risks in Maui County and improve health outcomes.</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>CDC Database (Aphirm)</b>
Output 4a: Staff will identify through testing 15 individuals testing positive for HCV per year.	15	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Output 4b: Staff will identify through testing 15 individuals testing positive for Syphilis per year.	15	CDC Database (Aphirm)
Output 4c: 30 of those testing positive for HCV and/or other STIs, will be referred to medical services for treatment.	30	CDC Database (Aphirm), Excel Tracking Form
<b>Outcome 5: If left untreated, Syphilis can cause serious health problems, including organ damage, neurological issues, and stillbirth. Early diagnosis of Syphilis, through testing, not only prevents the spread of the infection among sexually active individuals, but also the transmission between mother and fetus. MAF will test 500 individuals in Maui County for Syphilis in order to reduce transmission risks.</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>CDC Database (Aphirm), Excel Tracking Form</b>
Output 5a: MAF will test 10 pregnant individuals for Syphilis.	10	CDC Database (Aphirm), Excel Tracking Form
Output 5b: MAF will test 350 younger individuals (18-40) for Syphilis.	350	CDC Database (Aphirm), Excel Tracking Form
Output 5c: MAF will test 10 individuals that are HIV positive for Syphilis.	10	CDC Database (Aphirm), Excel Tracking Form
Output 5d: MAF will test 100 individuals who are IDUs.	100	CDC Database (Aphirm), Excel tracking form

<b>Outcome 6: Chlamydia and Gonorrhea are both highly contagious STIs, and both can increase vulnerability to HIV transmission. MAF's Free Clinic Chlamydia &amp; Gonorrhea Program will provide testing services to 300 individuals the Maui County community free of charge in order to reduce transmission rates and long-term complications from these STIs.</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>CDC Database (Aphirm), Intake Form</b>
Output 6a: Staff will test 300 individuals assessed to be at risk for chlamydia/gonorrhea.	300	CDC Database (Aphirm), Intake Form
Output 6b: Staff will treat 100% of individuals who test positive for chlamydia.	100%	CDC Database (Aphirm), Intake Form
Output 6c: Staff will treat 100% of individuals who test positive for gonorrhea.	100%	CDC Database (Aphirm), Intake Form
<b>Outcome 7: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a medication that can reduce the risk of HIV infection by up to 99% when taken as prescribed. PrEP can help protect against HIV exposure through sex or injection drug use. MAF will enroll 40 individuals in Maui County free of charge to the MAF Free Clinic PrEP Program.</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>EMR (Athena Health), Medical Charts</b>
Output 7a: 40 individuals will be enrolled in MAF's PrEP Program.	40	EMR (Athena Health), Medical Charts
Output 7b: 100 individuals were educated about PrEP.	100	MAF Excel Tracking, Outreach Form
Output 7c: 100 individuals already enrolled into Prep medical care adhered to their PrEP regimen.	100	EMR (Athena Health), Medical Charts
<b>Outcome 8: MAF's Bridge Program provides fast-tracked HIV labs, medications, and verifications to help "bridge" people living with HIV (PLWH) into HIV Specialty Care services. The program recognizes the immediate, unmet healthcare needs of newly diagnosed individuals as well as PLWH who move to Maui County without any health services in place. The Bridge Program also oversees Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) services. MAF Free Clinic Bridge Program will provide services to 25 individuals in Maui County free of charge.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>EMR (Athena Health), Medical Charts</b>
Output 8a: 20 individuals will be enrolled in MAF's Bridge Program for HIV.	20	EMR (Athena Health), Medical Charts
Output 8b: 5 individuals will access PEP services through MAF's Bridge Program.	5	EMR (Athena Health), Medical Charts



<b>Projected Collaboration in Providing Services</b>			
<b>Agency, service or community resource</b>	<b>Type of coordinated activities</b>	<b>Number of persons to be served</b>	<b>Outcomes to be supported by this collaboration</b>
Department of Health, Maui Epidemiology	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Referrals	300	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
University of Hawaii, Maui	HIV/HCV/STI Outreach and Education	100	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Malama I Ke Ola Health Center	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Education and Referrals	50	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Maui CHAMPS Clinic	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Education and Referrals	20	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC)	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Education and Referrals	20	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Nā Pu'uwai Health Clinic (Moloka'i)	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Referrals	20	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Ka Hale Pomaika'i (Moloka'i)	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Education and Referrals	15	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Department of Health, Moloka'i Branch	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Referrals	10	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Kaiser Permanente	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Referrals	10	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Maui Medical Group (MMG)	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Referrals	10	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Minit Medical Urgent Care Clinic Maui	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Education and Referrals	10	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Planned Parenthood – Kahului Health Center	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Referrals	10	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Queens Hospital Moloka'i	HIV/HCV/STI Testing, Treatment, Referrals	10	Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Collaboration with the above-mentioned community organizations will aid in MAF's efforts to provide unduplicated STI education, testing, linkage, treatment, and Clinical services throughout Maui County.			



**IV. Financial****Budget Attachments**

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 (attached)*
  - b. Personnel salaries and wages (attached)*
  - c. Equipment and motor vehicles (attached)*
  - d. Capital project details (attached)*
  - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid (attached)*
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
\$275,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$275,000

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

Other Sources of Funding proposed for FY26			1,644,000
Core Project/Prevention & Harm Reduction/ Training Case Management	Fred Baldwin Memorial Fund	FY26	5,000
Free Clinic Supplies & Staff Training	Atherton Family Foundation	FY26	5,000
IT Support & EHR Upgrade	Vanguard Corporation	FY26	12,000
IT Support & EHR Upgrade	Dorcy Foundation	FY26	20,000
Gender Affirming Care	Borealis Philanthropy Foundation	FY26	27,000
General Fund Expenses	Donors, Various Sponsors	FY26	75,000
Maui PRIDE Week of Events	County of Maui - Office of Economic Development (OED)	FY26	20,000
Tiny Homes Donation (includes freight)	Donor - So. CA Tiny Homes	FY26	1,460,000
World AIDS Day/Maui Pride Events/	ViiV Healthcare Corporation	FY26	5,000
World AIDS Day/Maui Pride Event	Merck Corporation	FY26	5,000
World AIDS Day/Maui Pride Events/Trauma Informed Care	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	FY26	10,000

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.

**N/A**

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.**

Total federal, state, county Funding for FY26 Previously Held for Past 3 Years		2,575,612	FY26 Anticipated Amt
Neighbor Island Housing Program	Federal Grant (HUD)	05/01/2025 - 04/30/2026	563,272
Neighbor Island Housing Program	Federal Grant (DHS)	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	274,343
Ryan White HIV Client Services	Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center	04/01/2025 - 03/31/2026	306,497
DOH - Integrated Services	Hawaii Dept. of Health	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	565,000
State of Hawaii - GIA	Hawaii Dept. of Health	FY25- contract pending	50,000
State of Hawaii - GIA	Hawaii Dept. of Health	FY26- award pending	275,000
HERO Project - STI Testing	Hawaii Dept. of Health	04/01/2021 - 03/31/2024	18,000
HIV/STI Core Svcs & Linkage to Care & Free Clinic Expansion	County of Maui- Dept of Housing & Human Svcs (DHHS)	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	291,000
HIV/STI Core Svcs & Linkage to Care & Free Clinic Expansion	County of Maui- Dept of Housing & Human Svcs (DHHS)	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	70,000
Kokua Med-Quest Enrollment	Kumukahi Health & Wellness	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	162,500

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

*The unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2024 is \$544,347*

## 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.**

*The Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation (MAF) was established in the year 1986 in response to the growing crisis of HIV/AIDS affecting the island of Maui. At its core, the organization was conceived as a community-based initiative, motivated by the urgent need to address the devastating impact of the epidemic.*

*Like many other AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) across the nation, MAF began its journey with humble roots. The organization was initially driven by a committed group of volunteers united by a collective determination to assist individuals within their circle of friends, acquaintances, and the broader community who were grappling with the substantial challenges posed by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.*



*The foundation took the critical step of incorporating as a 501(c)(3) as a nonprofit entity, setting the stage for its enduring mission. A pivotal turning point during this period was the emergence of financial support from entities such as the State of Hawaii and the Federal funding from the Ryan White Care Act. These resources enabled MAF to recruit dedicated staff members and transition into an entity with by-laws, a Board of Directors, policies and procedures, and formalized programs and services.*

*Maui AIDS Foundation is a health and social service organization always striving to meet the needs of the Maui County community by serving those incarcerated, those living with HIV, Hepatitis, and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), those affected by substance use, LGBTQIA+ and Mahu individuals, women and youth at-risk, Native Hawaiian communities, and those experiencing mental illness disorders by promoting wellness and enhancing their quality of life.*

*MAF's highly effective Leadership Team includes the following:*

*Linda Puppolo, CNE, NAWP  
Executive Director*

*Linda Puppolo is a 38-year resident of the Island of Maui continuing her journey from the Boston suburbs, California Bay Area, and the foothills of the Sierra Blanca in New Mexico. As the Executive Director of the Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation and previously also of the Maui County Workforce Development, she provides executive management to agencies with client based community services. Her other work has included, Clinic Manager of the Planned Parenthood Clinic and the Operations Manager of an eighty-acre flower farm in Kula, Maui, Hawaii. She is known in the Maui County Community for her work as an advocate for children's issues, nonprofit administration and accounting, and her years of community service which led to being named the 1992 Women of Maui Award recipient by the Maui County Committee on the Status of Women. In 2022, Linda was named National Workforce Professional of the Year by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals.*

*Bryan Chin, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC  
Director of Clinical Services*

*Dr. Bryan, a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and UH John A. Burns School of Medicine with a (DNP) Doctorate in Nursing Practice, (APRN) Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, and (FNP-BC) Family Nurse Practitioner Board Certified has been our in-house Provider since 2017. He currently directs the Clinical Services Department, which includes our testing, treatment, and vaccination services with the aim of offering STI services at no cost to the at-risk and the underserved communities of Maui County.*

*Tiare Anelaokalani Kima Sua*

*Co-Director of Prevention and Harm Reduction Education*

*Tiare has been working with the Maui AIDS Foundation as an HIV Prevention Specialist since 2007. Tiare was born and raised on the island of O'ahu where she started in*



*HIV/AIDS research at Kulia Na Mamo located in Honolulu. Kulia Na Mamo, founded by Ashliana Hawelu, was a nonprofit organization promoting health and HIV prevention strategies for the transgender population. Tiare moved to Maui to continue her passion in helping people living with HIV/AIDS and to help stop the spread of HIV. Tiare's main mission in MAF is to educate the community about HIV/AIDS, HCV, and other STIs, leadership, and to help spread awareness of Maui's transgender and LGBTQ youth population. Tiare is the Editor and Chief of AFFIRM Magazine and the founder of H.E.A.R.T.S - Hawaii's Empowered Alliance Reaching Transgender Services. Tiare recently was personally awarded a grant from the prestigious Borealis Philanthropy Foundation.*

*Mana Shaw-Rodriguez*

*Co-Director of Prevention and Harm Reduction Education*

*Mana has been with the agency since 2017 providing STI testing, counseling and education to the Maui County Community. She working on all social media increasing awareness of testing and treatment services, and became a certified tester providing HIV & HCV testing and counseling to inmates at MCCC in 2019. Mana is passionate about educating the public about sexual health education and harm reduction to eliminate misconceptions about HIV and STI's, and mitigate stigma. Mana also provides Naloxone kits and trainings to the community to prevent opioid overdose and offers that training to groups, businesses, and nonprofit organizations throughout Maui County.*

## **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.**

*On November 28, 1994, The Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation, Women Helping Women, and Lokahi Pacific formed a 501c3 Nonprofit Corporation entitled, Kaho'okamamalu, Inc. The principal office is located at 1935 Main Street, Wailuku, Hawaii, (the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Office Building) where all three nonprofits have been operating since 1999. The funding sponsor was the Weinberg Foundation.*

*The Purpose of this corporation is as follows: "To provide for low income persons, persons with Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and battered women and their children on a Non-Profit basis rental housing." The funding also included the office building developing a long-term plan for paid permanent housing in perpetuity.*

*Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation operates its Free Clinic, Case Management, Administration, and all other programs from the first floor of the building*

**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.

<b>CAPACITY OF PROJECT STAFFING</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Qualifications/Training</b>	<b>Supervision Status</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Executive Director	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience, Administrative & HR Management, Finance Management, Grant Writing, Budget & Cash Flow Forecasting	Supervision	On Staff
Finance Director	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience, Administrative, Finance Management, Budget & Cash Flow Forecasting	Finance Mgmt	On Staff
Director of Clinical Services	Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Family Nurse Practitioner-Board Certified (FNP-BC), Supervises HIV/STI Testing & Treatment and Oversees Vaccinations, refers to clinical partners and case management	Supervision	On Staff
Clinical Services Navigator (RN)	Licensed Practical Nurse (RN), Coordinates HIV/STI Testing & Treatment and Oversees Vaccination Services, Oversees Narcan Training and Distribution, refers to clinical partners and case management	Clinical Navigation	Proposed TBA
Co-Director of Prevention and Lab Services	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience, Counseling, Testing and Referrals (CTR) Certification, VOLINCOR Correctional Facility Training, Cultural Competency Training	Supervision	On Staff
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STI Counselor /Tester and Harm Reduction Specialist	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience. CTR Certification	Specialist/Tester	On Staff
STI Counselor /Tester and Harm Reduction Specialist	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience. CTR Certification	Specialist/Tester	On Staff
STI Counselor /Tester and Harm Reduction Specialist	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience. CTR Certification	Specialist/Tester	On Staff
STI Counselor /Tester:	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience. CTR Certification	Specialist/Tester	On Staff
Housing/Director of Behavioral Health	Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC)	Housing/Behavioral Health Specialist	On Staff



## 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.

### **Attachment 3**

## 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.

*Highest Paid Salaries, Officers, Directors*

<i>Executive Director</i>	<i>Leadership Team</i>	<i>\$80,000</i>
<i>Director of Clinical Services</i>	<i>Leadership Team</i>	<i>\$68,640</i>
<i>Director of Finance</i>	<i>Leadership Team</i>	<i>\$65,000</i>

## 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.

**Not applicable**

### 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.

- a) *Director of Clinical Services Licensure includes: Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Family Nurse Practitioner-Board Certified (FNP-BC)*
- b) *Director of Behavioral Health Services licensure includes: Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC)*
- c) *Class 1 Clinical Laboratory Permit – CP1-159 – CLIA #12D1085249*
- d) *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services – Clinical Laboratory – CLIA ID#12D1085249*

**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 applicable**

**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.

*This FY26 GIA Grant is a one-time ask for \$275,000 for a Medical Mobile Unit. Other grant funding will support the maintenance, registration, supplies, training, personnel, and administration of this project. MAF has a solid infrastructure of funding, long-term sustainability including an endowment and line of credit, permanent operating facilities, adaptability, and experience at long-term planning. The investment in this Mobile Medical Unit is an important part of changing the upward trend of untreated STIs that are being spread throughout the County. It will offer a permanent presence of offerings to our Maui residents who need it the most. It will ensure that MAF remains a trusted, affordable, effective, and accessible resource for years to come.*



## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
<b>A. PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1. Salaries	0	0	35,700	6,720
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	0	0	4,909	514
3. Fringe Benefits	0	0	5,087	1,680
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,696</b>	<b>8,914</b>
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Travel, Mileage	0	0	10,800	3,000
2. Insurance	0	0	0	3,500
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	0	0	0	0
4. Lease/Rental of Space	0	0	0	0
5. Staff Training	0	0	0	6,350
6. Supplies	0	0	6,000	40,000
7. Telecommunication	0	0	0	1,200
8. Utilities	0	0	0	0
9 Freight	0	0	0	12,000
10 General Admin, Accounting & Payroll	0	0	7,504	5,000
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>			<b>24,304</b>	<b>71,050</b>
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>				
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>	<b>275,000</b>			
<b>E. CAPITAL</b>				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>79,964</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	275,000	Name (Please type or print) _____ Phone _____		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0			
(c) Total County Funds Requested	70,000	Signature of Authorized Official _____ Date _____		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	79,964			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>424,964</b>	Name and Title (Please type or print) _____		

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
				\$ -
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TOTAL:				
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: Salary paid through County of Maui Prevention &amp; Harm Reduction Expansion Grant.</b>				



## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation

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

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Medical Mobile Unit	1.00	\$275,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	275,000.00
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	1		\$ 275,000.00	275,000
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS Medical Mobile Unit to provide discreet & sanitary STI Testing, Treatment, and Vaccination services to Lahaina and Kihei's homeless encampments, Hana and East Maui, and other remote areas throughout Maui				

# BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:						
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:  N/A						



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

Applicant: Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation

Contracts Total: 3,537,789

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	G6402 - Core Services Grant/Free Clinic Expansion	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	County - DHC	County of Maui	291,000
2	G6447 - Prevention/Harm Reduction Expansion	12/24/2024 - 06/30/2025	County - DHC	County of Maui	70,000
3	Maui PRIDE Week 2025	NTP- 06/30/2025	County - OED	County of Maui	15,000
4	DOH Integrated - ASO Log No. 24-008	07/01/2023-06/30/2025	State DOH	State of Hawaii	707,418
5	DOH- MOD Funding - ASO Log No. 24-008-M2	05/15/2024-01/31/2025	State DOH	State of Hawaii	20,718
6	HHHRC - Ryan White Federal Grant Funding	04/01/2024-03/31/2025	DHS	Federal	333,480
7	Neighbor Island Housing Program -HI-H230018	05/01/2024-04/30/2027	HUD	Federal	1,520,103
8	Neighbor Island Housing Program-DHS-21-HPO-0037-SA0	07/01/2024-06/30/2025	DHS	Federal	298,676
9	HERO Project - Hepatitis Advocacy & Outreach	04/01/2024-12/31/2025	State DOH	State of Hawaii	59,338
10	Kokua Med-Quest FY2024-FY2025	07/01/2024-06/30/2025	DHS	State of Hawaii	172,056
11	State GIA- Free Clinic Expansion	pending contract	State DOH	State of Hawaii	50,000
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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:** MAUI A.I.D.S. FOUNDATION

**DBA/Trade Name:** Maui AIDS Foundation

**Issue Date:** 01/14/2025

**Status:** Compliant

Hawaii Tax#: 40426330-01  
New Hawaii Tax#: GE-1267972096-01  
FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX6926  
UI#: XXXXXX7597  
DCCA FILE#: 66347

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

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

**Status Legend:**

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



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

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

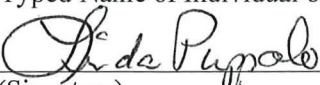
- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide 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.

**Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation**

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

  
(Signature)

**1-15-25**

(Date)

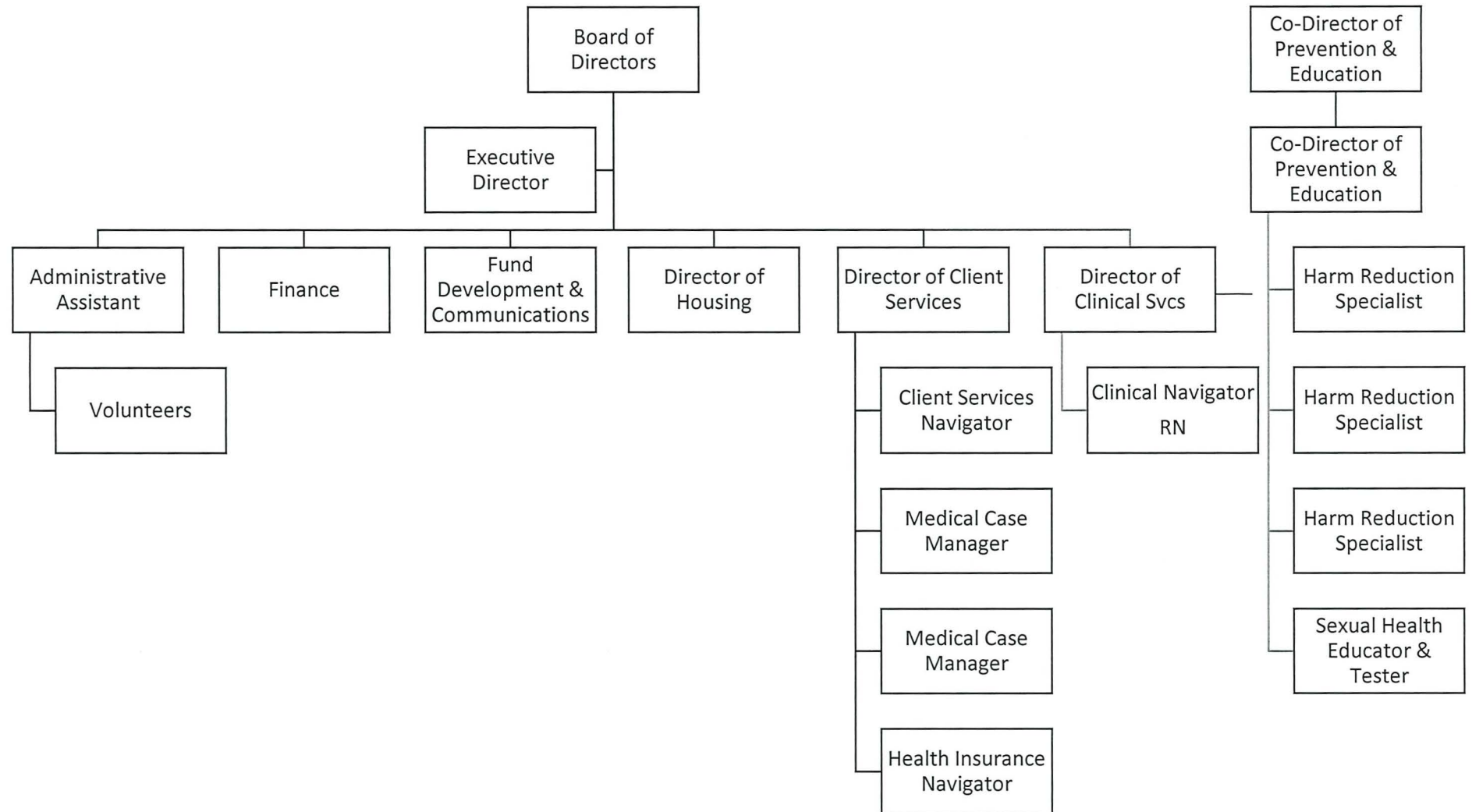
**Linda Puppalo**

(Typed Name)

**Executive Director**

(Title)

MAF Organization Chart  
January 2025







January 14

Linda Puppolo, Executive Director  
Maui AIDS Foundation (MAF)  
1935 Main Street, Suite 101  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
Email: [linda@mauiids.org](mailto:linda@mauiids.org)

Re: Letter of Support for MAF Grant-in-Aid

Aloha Linda,

On behalf of our statewide Hep Free Hawai'i coalition (HFH), I am writing in support of your grant request for a medical mobile unit on Maui.

Maui County is a predominantly rural area spread across multiple islands, presenting significant barriers to healthcare access for many residents. Transportation challenges, geographic isolation, and stigma often prevent individuals from seeking critical services, including STI, Hepatitis, and HIV testing, counseling, and education. These barriers disproportionately affect underserved and high-risk populations, increasing their vulnerability to Hepatitis, HIV, other STIs, and health disparities.

As such, the Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation (MAF) grant request for a mobile unit will effectively bring essential services directly to the communities that need them most, effectively removing barriers to access and ensuring that everyone in Maui County has the opportunity to receive the care and information they deserve. With this mobile unit, MAF will be able to:

- **Reach Marginalized Communities:** Travel to areas where vulnerable populations congregate, such as homeless shelters, drug treatment centers, and remote rural communities.
- **Overcome Transportation Barriers:** Provide convenient access to services for individuals who lack reliable transportation.
- **Ensure Privacy and Confidentiality:** Offer a safe and private space for HIV testing and counseling, addressing stigma and fostering trust.
- **Expand Outreach:** Engage with wider audiences by positioning the mobile unit at community events, festivals, and other public spaces.
- **Provide Tailored Services:** Deliver targeted interventions, including rapid HIV testing, counseling, PrEP information, and educational materials customized to the needs of each community.



- **Build Trust:** Strengthen relationships with underserved populations, creating a foundation for ongoing health promotion and support.

As a coalition of local, national, and global partners dedicated to eliminating hepatitis in Hawai'i, HFH leads implementation Hep Free 2030, the statewide hepatitis elimination strategy ([www.hepfreehawaii.org/hep-free-2030](http://www.hepfreehawaii.org/hep-free-2030)). This project will align with many of our key priorities including Access to Services and Equity in Everything. supports a healthier, more equitable environment in Maui County.

Please feel free to contact us at [hepfreehawaii@gmail.com](mailto:hepfreehawaii@gmail.com) if you have any additional questions.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Lusk".

Heather Lusk (she/her)  
Co-Director, Hep Free Hawai'i



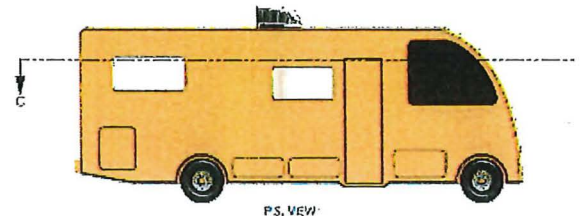




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## PLEASE SUPPORT

### Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation's Grants-In-Aid Application for a Medical Mobile Unit

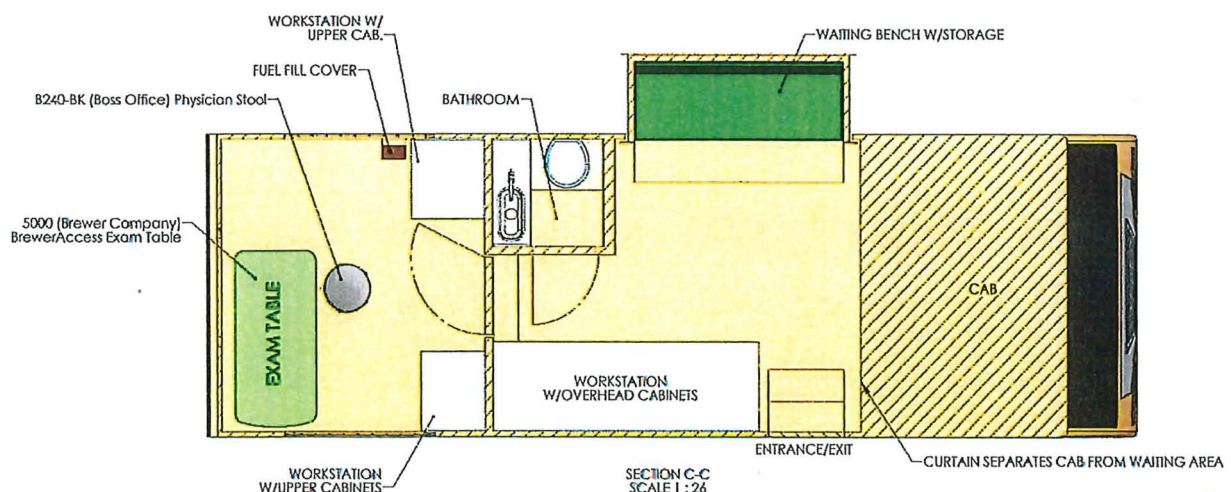


#### Aloha Members of the Hawaii State Senate & House of Representatives,

As the Executive Director of the Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation, a 38-year 501c3 Nonprofit in service to Maui County, I am requesting your strategic assistance in support of our State GIA Grant in the amount of \$275,000 to enable us to purchase a Medical Mobile Unit.

This unit would allow us to provide discreet and sanitary STI Testing and Treatment, Vaccination, and Prevention Education Services to Lahaina, Kihei, Hana and East Maui, and Upcountry Maui directly to target populations "where they are" in effort to reduce the barriers to access to sexual health care because of lack of transportation, fear of public exposure due to stigma, and loss of health insurance.

The following layout would provide an exam table, work station, storage, and most importantly a bathroom:



A unit like this as a one-stop-shop would assist our organization in providing STI Testing & Treatment, Vaccination, Harm Reduction and Prevention Education, food pantry subsidies, hygiene kits, case management, health insurance enrollment, housing assistance, and referrals to essential resources.

YOU can make an important contribution to Maui at a time when STIs are rising and incidents of homelessness are increasing. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

**Linda Puppolo, Executive Director, Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation, [linda@mauiids.org](mailto:linda@mauiids.org)**





## WHO WE ARE

**Maui AIDS Foundation (MAF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) health and social service organization always striving to meet the needs of the Maui County community including but not limited to serving: those incarcerated, those living with Hepatitis and other STIs, people living with HIV, substance use, LGBTQIA+ and Mahu populations, women at-risk and others at-risk, Native Hawaiian communities, and mental illness by promoting wellness and enhancing their quality of life.**

## HARM REDUCTION SERVICES

- Free and confidential STI testing (HIV, HCV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia), with free in-house treatment for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia
- Syringe (needle) exchange for IDU, always a 1-for-1 exchange
- Narcan training and Narcan distribution to individuals and organizations
- Linkage to client services for anyone who tests positive for HIV
- Harm reduction supplies such as condoms, Safe-Sex Kits, and Hygiene Kits for the community
- HIV and HCV testing and education at the Maui Correctional Facility
- Weekly collaboration with the Maui Police Department serving houseless individuals by providing testing, hygiene kits, and supplemental food
- No-cost access to PrEP/PEP
- STI 101 and Healthy Relationship Presentations for high school students in Maui County
- Outreach work in Hana, Lana'i, and Moloka'i.
- Beach and bar outreach

## OUR 2024 IMPACT

- From July to September in 2024, we provided:

**433 HIV tests**

**361 HCV tests**

**356 syphilis tests**

**413 tests for gonorrhea & chlamydia exchanges for 4,215 dirty needles**

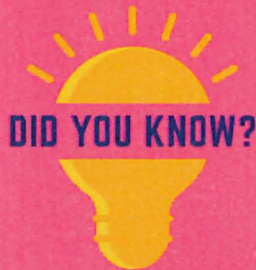
- Treated 28 individuals for chlamydia and 9 individuals for gonorrhea
- Educated 43 individuals at the Maui Correctional Facility about HIV and HCV, with 38 individuals getting tested for HIV and HCV
- Reached at least 200+ houseless individuals providing hygiene kits, safe sex kits, Narcan, and food items
- Gave out at least 1000+ Safe Sex kits during our bar and beach outreach services
- Presented on STI 101 and Healthy Relationships to 4 different schools in Maui County
- HIV/HCV/STI education & testing with Aloha House.

*Note: All numbers were from our 2024 July-September fiscal year.*





# Importance of Testing for Untreated STIs



Many STIs are  
**ASYMPTOMATIC**

Meaning you may not  
show any symptoms!

## Which STIs?

HIV, Hep-C, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, HPV, Herpes & Chlamydia can all be asymptomatic.

## Where can I get tested or treated?

MAF provides all free testing & treatment for Syphilis, Gonorrhea & Chlamydia.

## Un-treated STIs can be harmful

### Why?

- Infertility
- Birth Defects
- Cancer
- Liver Disease
- Chronic Pain
- PID
- Blindness



### Who's at risk for STIs?

**Everyone!**



## What is Congenital Syphilis?

Pregnant mothers pass along Syphilis to their babies during pregnancy or childbirth.

However, it is treatable.

## Which STIs can lead to infertility?

Chlamydia, Gonorrhea Hepatitis B and syphilis can cause infertility

Hawaii is ranked  
no. 16 in the  
nation, with 18  
Syphilis cases per  
100,000 people.



CDC

## How can I make an appointment with MAF?

Call us at 808-242-4900

Unsure of your status?  
All of our testing is FREE!





# THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATIONS FOR MAUI COUNTY



## DID YOU KNOW THAT HEPATITIS & HPV CAN CAUSE CANCER?

If left untreated, these viruses from STI's can contribute to the development of cancer in the near and far future for our ohana.

### The HPV Vaccine

Is targeted for ages 9-17  
years old & now available  
for ages 18-32 years old.

Getting tested and vaccinated is  
vital in keeping YOU safe



# 38.6%

*of the nations children ages  
9-17 have received  
1 or more doses*

CDC



3 shots over  
the span of 6  
months.

HPV is a silent  
STI meaning you  
may not show  
symptoms



## HPV CANCERS INCLUDE

- Cervical
- Penile
- Vaginal
- Vulvar
- Head and Neck
- Anal
- Oropharyngeal

### EXAMPLES OF PERCENTAGES OF CANCER CAUSED BY HPV:

- **CERVICAL - 91%**
- **RECTAL - 91%**
- **HEAD AND NECK CANCER - 70%**

CDC

## Hepatitis B & C INCREASE CANCER RISK

Now there is a vaccination for Hepatitis-B and a  
cure for Hepatitis-C!

Getting tested, vaccinated, and treated is most  
important. Do you know YOUR status?







# UNDERSTANDING SEXUAL HEALTH



## WHAT IS SEXUAL HEALTH?

Sexual health: A state of well-being in relation to sexuality, including the ability to express and enjoy sexuality safely without discrimination, violence, or coercion.

## TYPES OF SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES AT OUR CLINIC

### PREVENTION



- Regular Testing
- Safe Sex materials
- PrEP/PEP/DoxyPEP

### LINKAGE TO CARE



- Referrals to medical care providers
- Access to treatment
- Assistance with health insurance enrollment

### DIRECT TREATMENT



- Chlamydia/Gonorrhea
- Syphilis
- HIV medication

## HOW TO ACCESS OUR CARE



Insurance  
Plans



In-Person  
Testing



Visit Us  
Online

## TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE MEDICAL CARE

- **Regular Check-ups**  
Schedule routine visits to your doctor.
- **Open Communication**  
Practice having open communication with your partners between testing.

# RATES OF UNTREATED SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS IN HAWAII



**WHY DO I NEED TREATMENT?**

- PREVENT LONG-TERM HEALTH PROBLEMS**  
*Some STIs may result in severe physical damage if left untreated.*
- STOP THE SPREAD OF INFECTION**  
*Getting the proper treatment stops the spread and ensures the safety of your community.*

**584 CASES**

## SYPHILIS

*If left untreated, syphilis may damage internal organs such as the eyes and brain.*

**CHLAMYDIA**  
*Untreated chlamydia may lead to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID) and infertility.*

**6251 CASES**

**1818 CASES**

## GONORRHEA

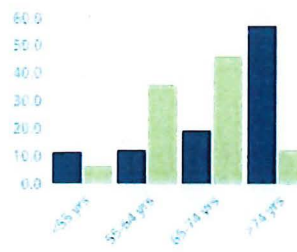
*Similar to chlamydia, gonorrhea left untreated may lead to infertility and PID.*

## MORE UNTREATED STI STATISTICS

### Early HCV-related deaths in Hawai'i, 2018-2021

*Data shows people with Hepatitis-C die at a younger age.*

*Early Deaths from Hep C in HI, Hep Free Hawaii, 2024*



### Maui HIV/AIDS Cases, 2022

*Out of 14 newly diagnosed cases of HIV, 1 person was diagnosed with AIDS.*

*Overview of HIV Infection and Care in Hawaii, DOH, 2023*

