

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

Type of Grant Request:



Operating



Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Dba:

The Rescue Tube Foundation

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 292,148.00

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

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children aged 1 to 15 in Hawai'i, according to the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH). DOH also calculates that an average of 80.4 deaths per year were attributed to drowning in Hawai'i from 2013 to 2022. This is 804 families who in this 10-year period, lost a loved one, who's world both emotionally and possibly financially has turned upside down. This deeply affects the whole ohana leaving scars in the lives of 1,000's.

This is the tragedy of drowning.

Globally, the World Health Organization (WHO) identifies drowning as the third leading cause of preventable deaths. To address this critical issue, the Rescue Tube Foundation (RTF) has dedicated over 15 years to deploying Public Rescue Tubes (PRTs) across all six major Hawaiian Islands saving countless lives.

SEE BELOW FOR FULL TEXT

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ 0.00

Federal: \$ 0.00

County: \$ 0.00

Private/Other: \$ 0.00

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

\$ 0.00

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 26,702.00

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

Mailing Address:

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City:

Kilauea

State:

HI

Zip:

96754

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Branch Lotspeich

Authorized Signature

Branch Lotspeich, Executive Director

Name and Title

January 17, 2025

Date Signed

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Cover Page Full Text

Drowning is the **leading cause of death for children aged 1 to 15 in Hawai'i**, according to the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH). DOH also calculates that an average of **80.4 deaths per year** were attributed to drowning in Hawai'i from 2013 to 2022. This is **804 families** who in this 10-year period, lost a loved one, who's world both emotionally and possibly financially has turned upside down. This deeply affects the whole ohana leaving scars in the lives of 1,000's.

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To address this critical issue, the **Rescue Tube Foundation** (RTF) has dedicated over 15 years to deploying Public Rescue Tubes (PRTs) across all six major Hawaiian Islands.

Today, nearly 600 PRTs stand as silent sentinels on beaches, ready to save lives. Their impact is undeniable: an estimated **35 to 50 lives**—and likely many more—have been saved through this program. Research by DOH highlights PRTs' effectiveness, demonstrating a significant reduction as well in fatal rescuer drownings where PRTs were installed on Kauai. In fact, **there have been no double drownings on Kauai** since the inception of this program.

With this requested Grant in Aid funding, RTF will:

1. **Expand Deployment:** Install 500 new PRTs in underserved areas statewide and replace aging units further reducing loss of life on our shores.
2. **Build Sustainability:** Launch a major fundraising initiative and enhance social media outreach to build long-term support for our mission.

This funding will enable RTF to safeguard more lives, expand its lifesaving mission, and ensure a sustainable future for Hawaii's beach safety.

Public Rescue Tubes Save Lives!

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.



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: THE RESCUE TUBE FOUNDATION

Issue Date: 01/09/2025

Status: Compliant

Hawaii Tax#: 18843416-01
New Hawaii Tax#: GE-0198993920-01
FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX0046
UI#: XXXXXX7581
DCCA FILE#: 231402

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

2. Declaration Statement

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

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

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant is awarded;
 - b) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
 - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
 - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant.
- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
 - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided; and
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
 - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.
- 4) The use of grant-in-aid funding complies with all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii (for example, pursuant to Article X, section 1, of the Constitution, the State cannot provide "... public funds ... for the support or benefit of any sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution...").

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

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

The Rescue Tube Foundation

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)	
<u>Branch Lotspeich</u>	<u>January 11, 2025</u>
(Signature)	(Date)
<u>Branch Lotspeich</u>	<u>Executive Director</u>
(Typed Name)	(Title)

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](#).

This grant will be used solely for public purpose.

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 Rescue Tube Foundation (RTF) has over 15 years of experience in preventing avoidable drownings in Hawai'i. Initially a grassroots project in collaboration with the Kaua'i Lifeguard Association and Rotary, RTF incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2010. Our mission is to prevent avoidable drownings by providing Public Rescue Tubes (PRTs) to protect both swimmers in distress and those attempting rescues, reducing the risk of double drownings.

PRTs are lifeguard-grade flotation devices mounted on posts at high-risk ocean fronts, accessible to anyone. These devices stabilize distressed swimmers and safeguard rescuers until lifeguards arrive.

Since our program's inception, the Hawai'i DOH has studied our impact, concluding there have been no double drownings on Kauai where PRTs are installed. A published DOH study also found a significant decrease in fatal rescuer drownings in these areas.

In 2012, at the request of groups on other islands, RTF expanded the program statewide. Today, nearly 600 PRTs are installed across Hawai'i, with hundreds of documented uses. While the exact number of lives saved is obviously unknown, estimates suggest 35 to 50 lives—or perhaps more—have been saved over the past 15 years.

We recognize that swimming at lifeguarded beaches is ideal, but the vast majority of Hawai'i's beaches are unguarded. PRTs provide essential protection, particularly in these areas. This grant will allow us to significantly expand our lifesaving efforts and establish a sustainable future for our programs.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The installation of Public Recue Tubes (PRT) on our beaches has been proven to save lives, but we must do much more to protect our residents and visitors!

The Rescue Tube Foundation has led a statewide effort to place PRTs on the beaches of Hawai'i, but we have so much more to do and have very limited financial resources to accomplish this. There are 100's of unguarded public beaches in Hawai'i and we have only served a fraction of them.

It is the goal of this grant request to further reduce the potential loss of life due to drowning by greatly increasing the number of PRTs in Hawai'i. Although this is a large task, we have working experience with community service organizations such as Rotary, and the Lions as well as support from private foundations and individuals to be our feet on the ground to install and maintain a much larger number of PRTs in Hawai'i, leading to safer beaches and fewer deaths due to preventable drownings.

Specifically, we seek financial support to:

- Acquire materials for 500 new PRT installations statewide.
- Replace 200 aging PRT units.
- Hire a full-time Executive Director to oversee operations and growth.
- Provide organizational support, including accounting, social media oversight, legal services, and insurance.
- Contract PRT maintenance support on the four major Hawaiian Islands.
- Launch a development initiative to secure sustainable funding.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

The Rescue Tube Foundation was established to address a serious need in Hawai'i; that of reducing preventable drownings and near-drownings.

According to the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH):

- **Drowning** is the leading cause of death among **1- to 15-year-olds** in Hawai'i.
- Hawai'i has the **second highest drowning rate** among all U.S. states.
- Drowning is the **leading cause of visitor deaths**, occurring at a rate three times higher than the next leading cause.
- In the 10 years from 2013 to 2022 average drownings by island in Hawaii were:
 - Oahu: 38.8 drownings per year
 - Maui: 22.1 drownings per year
 - Hawaii: 11.2 drownings per year
 - Kauai: 8.3 drownings per year

This is an average of 80.4 drownings in Hawai'i each year over this 10-year period. 80.4 per year, think about that. That is 804 deaths due to drowning in our waters in 10 years, both residents and visitor.

These are not the only statistics that we should be concerned about. DOH has also published on their website their estimate:

“For every fatal drowning, it is estimated that **13 non-fatal drownings** occur, some of which may be associated with long term disability. In addition to the pain and suffering,” the “comprehensive effects of drowning include the economic loss (victim’s productivity loss and the expenses relating to the event) and the value of lost quality of life associated with the death or injury.” (Lifeguard Effectiveness: A Report of the Working Group, **CDC** 2001)

In our work to prevent drownings, we also prevent an untold number of non-fatal drownings. These swimmers are able to go home to their families and not face perhaps years of rehabilitation, loss of income and the subsequent anguish imposed on their entire ohana.

These grim statistics underscore the urgent need for increased prevention measures in Hawai'i. The Rescue Tube Foundation, with its **15-year history of preventing drowning incidents**, has demonstrated that **Public Rescue Tubes (PRT)** are an effective part of the solution.

4. Describe the target population to be served;

The target population served are clearly the swimmers in distress and the citizen rescuers who attempt to aid them, but in reality, it is much larger than that.

Every victim of drowning has a family who loves them, who in many cases depend on them for financial support. One death from drowning greatly affects a whole ohana in both deep emotional as well as life altering financial ways.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the statistically calculated **"cost" of a human life in 2024 is approximately \$13.1 million**. This value is used by government agencies to evaluate the cost-benefit of regulations that could potentially save lives.

The total cost to our local economy from loss of life by drownings and serious injury due to near-drownings in Hawai'i, although incalculable, is enormous and should be considered when evaluating the value of investing in drownings prevention measures.

Drownings happen on all Hawaiian beaches, to residents and visitors alike. Drownings happen even to people not in the water, from rogue waves all too frequent on our shores.

RTF addresses this urgent need by providing PRTs, a proven tool to protect both swimmers and citizen rescuers. Our program directly saves lives while reducing the wider emotional and financial burdens associated with drowning tragedies.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

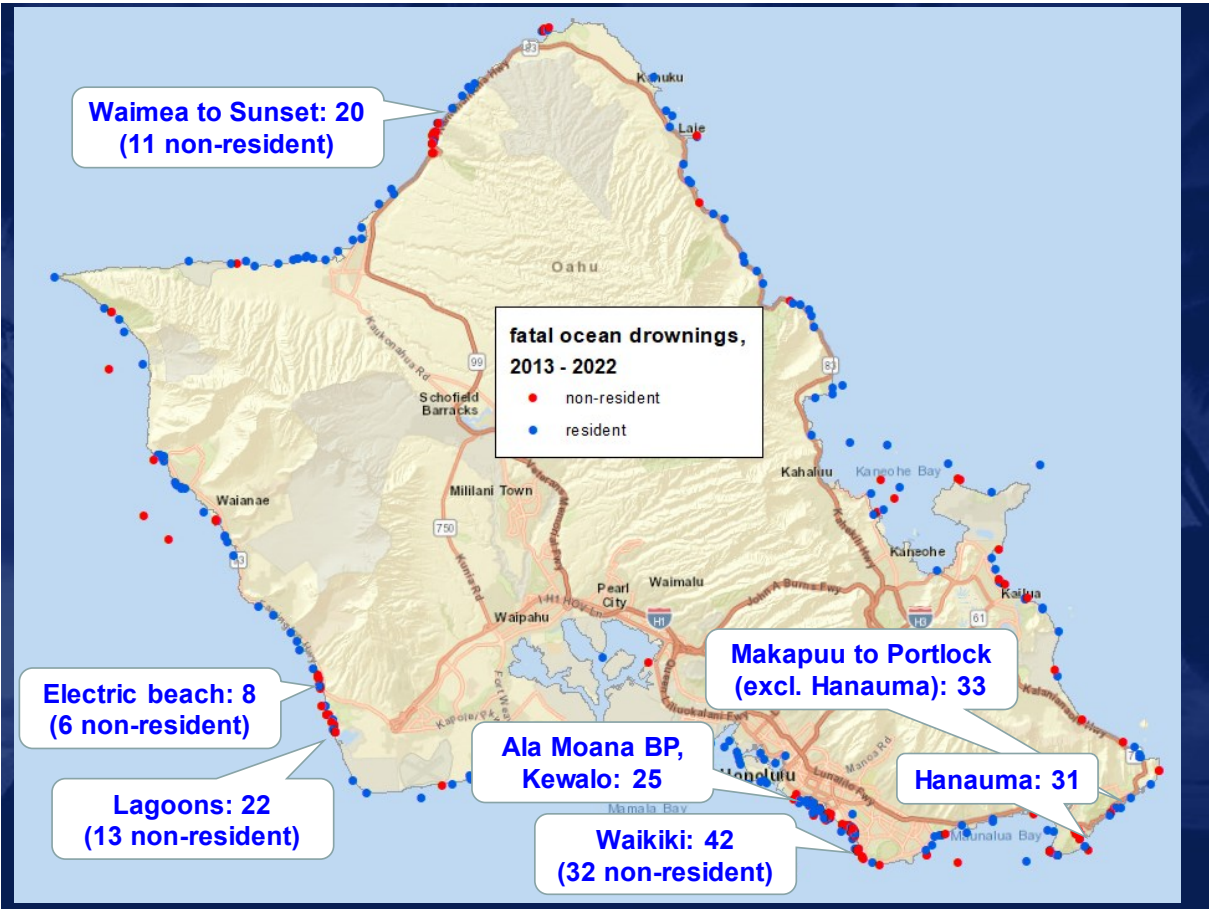
Our Public Rescue Tube initiative is essential for all Hawaiian beaches, unguarded or guarded. Lifeguards are by far our most important defense against drownings, but they work set hours in the day. Our beaches have swimmers, fishermen, even those who are just walking too close to an angry ocean at all hours before and after lifeguards are on duty. In addition, there are hundreds of beaches in Hawai'i and only a very few have lifeguards. It is simply too expensive for government to fund placing lifeguards at every beach in the state. Placing PRTs on these beaches, until more lifeguards are available, will save countless lives over the years.

The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH), compiles statistics on drownings and map their findings. Here are the locations at which drownings have occurred in the 10 year period from 2013 to 2022 (the most recent data compiled).

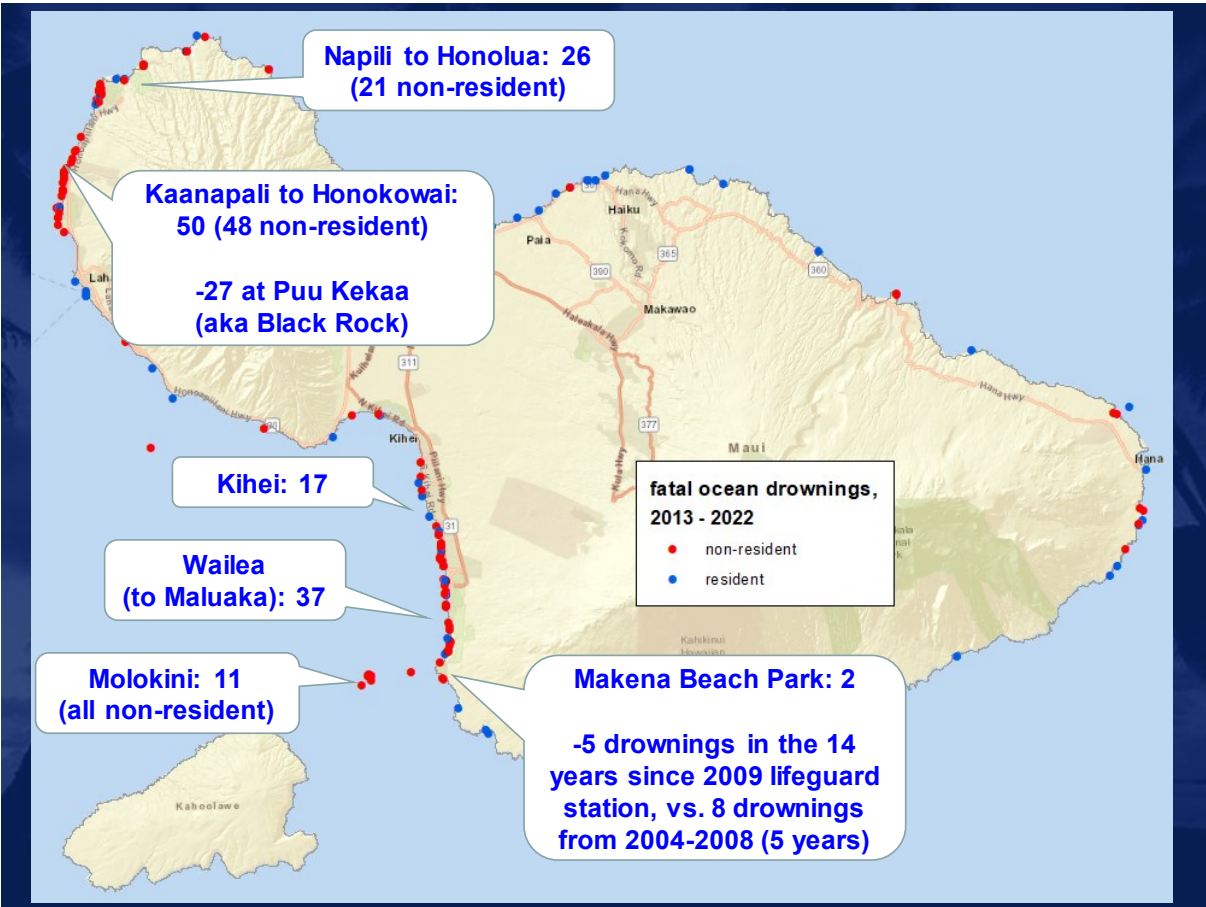
Notice how spread-out the drowning locations are. They are on guarded and unguarded beaches, even rocky coastline areas that fishermen frequent. They surround each island on all beaches, but mostly unguarded because our plethora of tour books show, even "hidden" beaches to our unsuspecting visitors.

DOH Maps of drownings from 2018 to 2022:

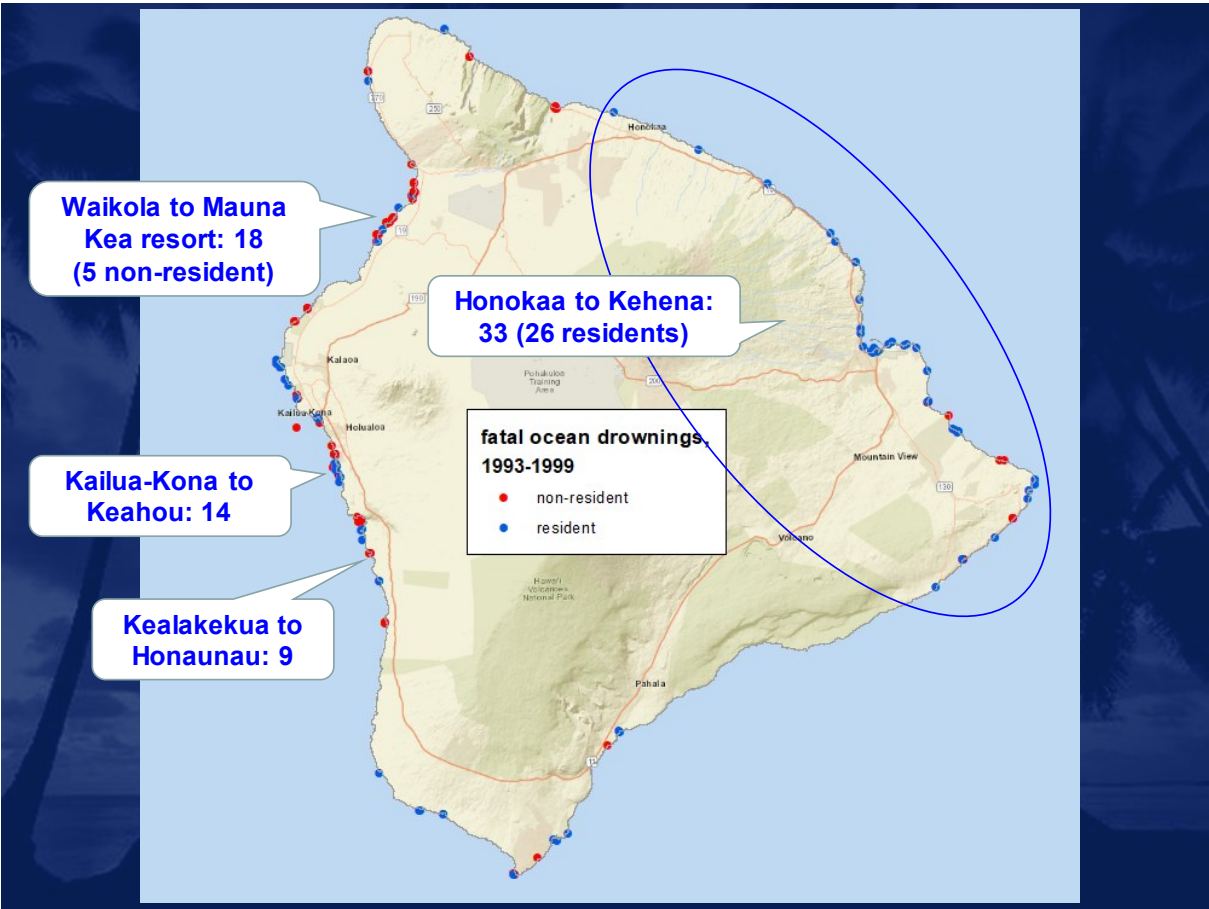
Oahu, 38.8 average drownings per year:



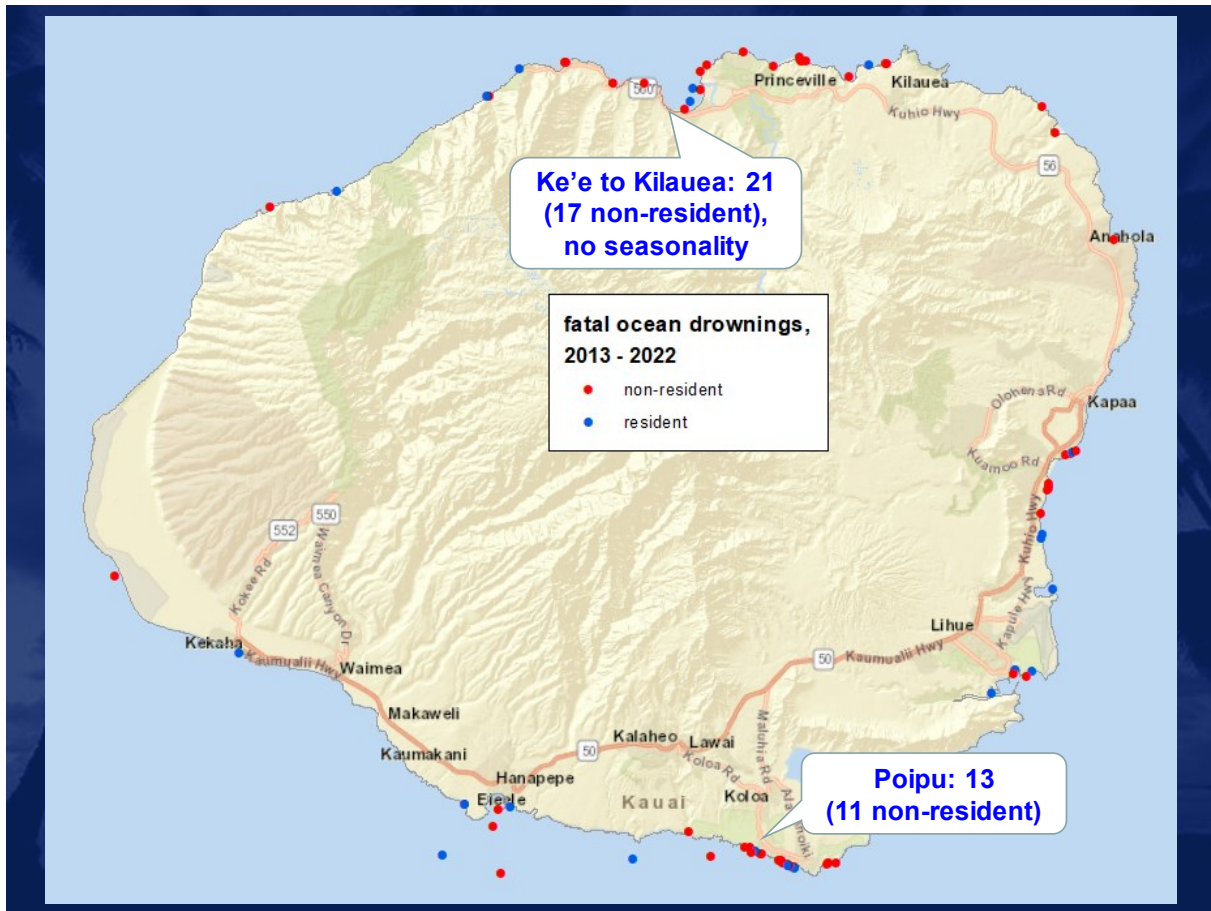
Maui, 22.1 average drownings per year:



Hawaii, 11.2 average drownings per year:



Kauai, 8.3 average drownings per year:



We need to think of ocean safety in the same manner as we do road safety: Public Rescue Tubes are the guard rails of our beaches, protecting swimmers by just being there standing guard 24 hours a day every day. They need to be everywhere.

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;

The scope of work required to accomplish our stated goals of reducing loss of life due to drowning on Hawaiian beaches centers first on greatly increasing the number of PRTs on Hawaiian beaches.

Before the acquisition of materials can begin, we will:

- Survey each island to determine their current need for replacement PRTs as well as discuss the most appropriate new locations needing PRTs. Much of this has been done, but a more formal assessment needs to be made.
- With this information in hand make decisions on the most meaningful allocation of both replacement and new PRTs for each island.
- Plan, based on available funding, the acquisition of materials and warehousing on Kauai.
- Determine a best practices approach to overseeing the distribution, installation and maintenance of this equipment on all islands.
- Concurrent with the above, we will start detailed discussions with stakeholders on Kauai, Oahu, Maui and Hawai'i on how to best contract limited maintenance support for each island. This might vary considerably from outside contracting to supporting and expanding the community service's current maintenance program. A fair and considered allocation will then be made.
- Working through our Board of Directors, we will determine the best outside support for developing fundraising, overseeing and expanding our social media presence and website. This component is vital to our long-term survival.

These activities will be overseen by our Executive Director in a fulltime position. It has been extraordinarily difficult to maintain the operations of the Rescue Tube Foundation over the years with just a limited paid very part time Director who then volunteers as much additional time as needed to see our mission is carried out. Our Executive Director has the specific experience to plan and oversee this expansion as well as work with outside contractors to explore available funding opportunities to work towards a financially sustainable future.

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

The Rescue Tube Foundation has an ongoing relationship with community service organizations across the state which have installed and maintained PRT. We have

discussed the value of expanding the PRT program in their areas and all are enthusiastically supportive of receiving this aid.

In general, we see the required tasks unfolding as follows:

- **Q1:** Conduct needs assessment, finalize deployment plans, and initiate fundraising research.
- **Q2:** Procure materials and begin distribution to islands. Engage outside contractors for fundraising, social media and website development.
- **Q3:** Oversee PRT installations and establish maintenance contracts.
- **Q4:** Evaluate outcomes, compile reports, and refine fundraising strategies.

Although there can be no detailed annual schedule to accomplish the above tasks, it is our commitment to acquire, distribute and establish maintenance schedules for all new and existing PRTs on each island in the 12 months covered by this grant. Concurrent to these tasks we will contract fundraising and digital support companies to work towards a sustainable future.

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

The Rescue Tube Foundation has worked with various stake holders on all islands for over 15 years. We have a well-established understanding of the value and methodology of placing PRTs on the beaches of Hawai'i. This grant would allow us to greatly expand the number of beaches protected by the placement of PRTs.

Our Executive Director has solid working relationships with the many organizations on all islands currently supporting their PRT programs and would oversee this program. He will be in touch with all stake holders as the program rolls out both by conventional phone, email and text to monitor their progress. He will also, when deemed needed, travel to each island to evaluate their programs and make suggestions on ways they might improve. Equally important, he will learn from these involved individuals their thoughts on how to improve our program both in concept as well as technique.

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.**

The request in this application is first for the needed expansion of our existing lifesaving PRT program. This will be measured simply by the timely acquisition of materials and their distribution on a schedule, yet to be determined, which will be reported to our oversight agency. In addition, as we determine the best outside contractors for maintenance on each island regular reports will be required on the work done. These will be consolidated and submitted to our oversight agency.

The best measure we have would be how often our PRTs are used and how. Unfortunately, this information can mostly only be collected anecdotally. We hear about a use and then try to learn as much as we can. In past years Dr. Monty Downs, a founder of the PRT program on Kauai, kept records but he has retired. As we move forward there will be a concerted effort to improve our informal reporting process. We will work with DOH and EMT services around the islands to gather this information when EMT are involved, but most PRT uses are never seen by EMT and never taken to a hospital. It is very difficult to document these uses except by word-of-mouth. We plan to approach various radio stations and encourage them to work us to place PSAs on the use of PRTs and request that when one is used to report it to our toll-free number.

To measure the compliance and productivity of contracted outside support for PRT maintenance, social medial and website services, all contracts will be written using Scope of Work based contracting and monitored on a monthly basis by reports we will require from each contractor. These reports will of course be made available to the oversight agency.

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.

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

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: The Rescue Tube Foundation

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Salary - Executive Director	84,000			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	6,750			
3. Fringe Benefits (Health ins. declined)	0			
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	90,750			
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Insurance D&O, Liability, Umbrella	6,250			
2. Airfare, Inter-Island	4,000			
3. Lease/Rental of Delivery Van (as needed)	6,000			
4. Lease/Rental of Storage Space	2,400			
5. Training and support	5,000			
6. Office Supplies & Software	2,500			
7. Telecommunication (Internet & Cell)	2,850			
8. Utilities (run from a home office)	0			
9. Literature/brochure printing	3,000			
10. Rescue Tubes 700 @ \$75 each	52,500			
11. Mounting Straps 1400 @ \$1.87	2,618			
12. Shipping PRTs to HI & then to each island	16,500			
13. PRT Maint Contractor X 4 - 32hrs/m @ \$30	46,080			
14. Van Insurance, Gas & maintenance	5,500			
15. Fundraising contract \$1,500/m	18,000			
16. Accounting support contract \$500/m	6,000			
17. Workers Comp and TDI	4,200			
18. Social Media support contract \$700/m	8,400			
19. Website Development contract \$800/m	9,600			
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	201,398			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0			
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0			
E. CAPITAL	0			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	292,148			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	292,148	Branch Lotspeich 808-639-7458		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0	Branch Lotspeich January 16, 2025.		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	0	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET		Branch Lotspeich, Executive Director Name and Title (Please type or print)		

c. Equipment and motor vehicles

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: The Rescue Tube Foundation

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
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TOTAL:	0	\$0.00	\$ -	0
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				
NONE				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	0	0	\$ -	0
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				
NONE				

d. Capital project details

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: The Rescue Tube Foundation

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:	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						

e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID					
Applicant	THE RESCUE TUBE FOUNDATION			Contracts Total:	-
	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	NONE				
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2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2026.

There are substantial savings in ordering PRT in large quantity due to the custom requirement to print our instructions on each tube. There are also savings in shipping with larger quantities so we would ask to front load the distribution of funds in the first two quarters to save money.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$90,316.50	\$90,316.50	\$55,757.50	\$55,757.50	\$292,148.00

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

We have researched organizations which have shown an interest in drowning prevention and will approach large foundations such as:

AARP Purpose Prize 2025
The Chan Zuckerberg Foundation
The Bloomberg Foundation
The World Health Organization
The Red Cross
NOAA
Family foundations supporting drowning prevention
Others yet to be identified

In addition, by using the power of the Internet and support from world recognized celebrities from surfing, theater, business etc., we believe that a crowd funding campaign will generate additional valuable revenue.

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.

None

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.

None

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

\$26,702.00 in Bank

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 Rescue Tube Foundation (RTF) has been working to save lives using PRT to prevent avoidable drownings for nearly 15 years. We have evolved from a loosely organized volunteer group to a 501(c)(3) incorporated in Hawai'i. Our programs are found on all 6 major Hawaiian Islands. We have nearly 600 Public Rescue Tube (PRT) installations in Hawai'i: 240 on Kaua'i, 180 on Maui, 80 on Hawai'i, 40 on Oahu, 6 on Lanai, and 6 on Molokai. We know of over 200 uses of these PRT (there are certainly many more that we do not hear about) and it is estimated that 35 to 50 lives may have been saved by this program to date although it is of course impossible to actually know who might have died in any particular situation.

RTF has been led from the beginning by a dedicated part time Executive Director who has established a statewide network responsible for the installation and maintenance of the PRT installations. This network is made up of volunteers from Rotary, the Lions, military bases, private foundations, the Department of Homelands, and concerned individuals throughout the state. DNLR and several county councils and county parks departments have approved our activities.

In 2018 RTF led a movement to indemnify the use of PRTs as well as the ownership on private land of a PRT by adding new language in the State's Good Samaritan Law. This drive was successful in the first session it was advanced and then-Governor Ige signed it into law that year. We are very humbled by this important advance in providing those who would use or install a PRT the same legal protection as is afforded AEDs.

Our success over these many years is based on the dedication of 100's of people in Hawai'i. They believe in our mission and enthusiastically support us every day of the year.

As examples of our experience and appropriateness for providing this service, in the last three years we have:

- Worked, through the Lions of Oahu, with the Honolulu County Council and the Honolulu Mayor's Office to place the first 30 PRT installations on Oahu. There are

plans to greatly increase this program, but funds are very limited and a Grant in Aid would expedite this effort to save lives on the beaches of Oahu.

- Worked with several Rotary Clubs on Maui, to increased the number of PRTs there.
- Worked with the Kauai Lifeguard Association to establish an even stronger relationship for PRT support on Kauai.
- Worked with the Alex & Duke De Rego Foundation, to support the installation of PRTs on Hawaii. This effort is currently involving both Rotary and Lions clubs there.

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.

To save this expense, the Rescue Tube Foundation has no facilities. Our programs are run out of the home office of our Executive Director at no cost to the foundation. We rent a storage locker in Lihue to store our PRT. The storage facility has graciously extended a 50% discount for this locker.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern and proposed service capacity appropriate for the viability of the request. The applicant shall provide the qualifications and experience of personnel for the request and shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction relative to the request.

The Rescue Tube Foundation has only one employee, our Executive Director. He has worked for many years on a small stipend; volunteering the rest of his time to accomplishing our lifesaving activities for many communities.

He is extremely well qualified for this position having previously been the Vice President for Operations of a multimillion-dollar consumer electronics company in Irvine California and before that was the President of a national company providing command and control facilities for clients such as: The Secret Service, NASA, IBM, Ford Motor, the US Departments of Defense and Energy, to name a few. He co-founded the Rescue Tube Foundation and knows its lifesaving goals and procedures to his core.

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.

The Rescue Tube Foundation has only one employee, our Executive Director, therefore we have no Organizational 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, not employee name.

Our Executive Director has worked for an annual stipend of \$18,000.

He has volunteered the rest of his time as needed and donates his home office for our use at no cost to the foundation.

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.

None

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.

None

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.

It will not.

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.**

The Rescue Tube. Foundation has existed for nearly 15 years having grown out of a project of the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay and incorporated as a non-profit when we decided to expand our successful programs to all Hawaiian Islands. We have relied on small grants from various local foundations, the small margin placed on the sale of our proprietary PRTs and donations from concerned and supportive citizens.

Our request to be considered for a State of Hawaii Grant in Aid is first meant to grow and expand our lifesaving program to unserved areas throughout Hawai'i, but equally important, our application includes requests for funds to contract with fundraising and grant writing organizations to start a major movement towards finding sustaining support. We are not a sales organization and cannot survive on a margin from our sales. In fact, we have made it clear that we desire to have funding to allow us to provide our Public Rescue Tubes free of charge to qualified organizations to knock down the financial barrier keeping most communities from starting or expanding PRT programs of their own.

We have no misconceptions of how difficult this will be, but the fact is that drowning is the leading cause of death in children 1 to 15 in Hawai'i and is the third leading cause of avoidable deaths worldwide and we have a proven program to help reduce the number of these tragedies, we feel this is a goal that must be pursued.

Granting us this Grant in Aid request will create the financial foundation we need to fight to continue this essential lifesaving work.

We must find a way to create a sustainable future to protect the ocean going public of Hawai'i from preventable drownings and with your help we will.

PUBLIC RESCUE TUBES SAVE LIVES!