

2026

Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Application



Hawaii Kyudo Foundation

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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: HAWAII KYUDO FOUNDATION

Issue Date: 12/30/2025

Status: **Compliant**

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New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#:

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No record

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Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

Form	Department(s)	Status
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Compliant
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Exempt
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

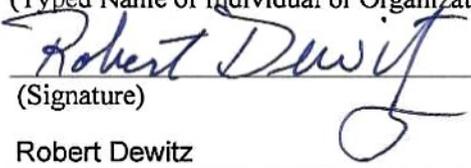
**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

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.

Hawaii Kyudo Foundation	
_____ (Typed Name of Individual or Organization)	
	1/16/26
_____ (Signature)	_____ (Date)
Robert Dewitz	Secretary
_____ (Typed Name)	_____ (Title)



HAWAII KYUDO FOUNDATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Applicant: Hawai'i Kyudo Foundation (HKF)
Request: \$150,000 State of Hawai'i Grant-in-Aid
Purpose: Capital construction of the Honolulu Kyudojo at Mau'umae
Total Cost: \$850,000
Location: Mau'umae Nature Park, Kaimukī, O'ahu

Project Overview : HKF requests \$150,000 in State GIA funding for construction of the **Honolulu Kyudojo at Mau'umae**, a **4,200-sq. ft. public facility** dedicated to kyūdō (traditional Japanese archery) and compatible uses. **At completion, the facility will be donated outright to the City and County of Honolulu**, becoming a public park asset operated **at no cost to the State or taxpayers**.

Public Purpose & Need: Kyūdō is a traditional Japanese cultural discipline with deep roots in Hawai'i's Japanese American community. Since the closure of the last City-sponsored dojo in 2012, **no public kyūdō facility exists in Hawai'i**. The Honolulu Kyudojo will:

- Preserve and revitalize an important cultural tradition
- Provide youth and adult instruction emphasizing discipline, focus, and wellness
- Offer public demonstrations, workshops, and educational programming
- Activate park land with structured, supervised community use

The facility will support other activities such as **kendo, hula, tai chi, yoga, etc.**, maximizing public benefit.

Public-Private Partnership: This project is delivered through a formal **public-private partnership** with the City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation:

- **City:** Provides park land
- **HKF:** Funds design, construction, and ongoing operations
- **State:** One-time capital investment only

No future operating or capital funding will be requested from the State.

Fiscal Responsibility: Private funding, contractor support, and bridge funds ensuring project delivery

- **State request:** \$150,000 (≈17% of total project cost)
 - **Private & in-kind funding:** ≈\$700,000
 - **Leverage:** Each State dollar leverages **approximately \$5 in private and in-kind investment**
 - **Use of funds:** Capital construction only (no salaries, operations, or maintenance)
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Project Readiness:

- Draft Environmental Assessment complete, "**Anticipated No Significant Impact**"
 - Building permits anticipated early 2026
 - Construction completion targeted for **Summer 2026**, donation to the City within **FY 2027**
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Why This Matters: One-time State investment delivers a **permanent public facility**, preserves cultural heritage, expands access to youth and wellness programming, and creates **no ongoing fiscal obligation**—a **high-impact, low-risk capital project** supported by the City and leveraged by substantial private investment.



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Dear Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature:

The following information is submitted in consideration of our organization's request for Grant in Aid:

I. Certification:

Declaration Statement: Hawaii Kyudo Foundation is in full compliance with the provisions of HRS 42F-103.

Public Purpose: The grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, HRS. No Grant-in-Aid funding will be used for private benefit or sectarian purposes.

II. Background and Summary:

1. Applicant Background

The Hawai'i Kyudo Foundation ("HKF") is a Hawai'i nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation, practice, and public education of kyūdō, traditional Japanese archery. Kyūdō is a cultural discipline with historical roots in ancient traditions, and longstanding ties reaching back to the earliest days of Hawai'i's Japanese immigrant community. The Foundation works to restore and sustain authentic kyūdō practice in Hawai'i through instruction, cultural programming, and community partnerships.

HKF respectfully requests **\$150,000 in State Grant-in-Aid funding** to support the capital construction of the Honolulu Kyudojo at Mau'umae, an \$850,000 public facility that will be donated to the City and County of Honolulu upon completion. State Grant-in-Aid funding will be applied exclusively to permanent capital construction costs, reducing reliance on private donations and accelerating delivery of a public facility. The grant would represent about 17% of total cost, leveraging about \$5 of private money for every public dollar spent.

HKF was specifically formed to comply with the requirements of HRS Section 102-2(b)(10) to enter into a public-private partnership ("PPP") with the City & County of Honolulu to build and operate – at no cost to the taxpayer – a public kyudojo on land furnished by the City at Mau'umae Nature Park, Kaimuki, **HKF is a new entity only because it was required by law to execute the PPP. Initially, the project was planned by sister entity, Honolulu Foundation, which has a strong, consistent, 20-year record of delivering cultural projects with private funding.**

Under HKF's agreement with the City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"), the City will allow HKF to build the kyudojo on park land, with the facility being donated to the City once completed. HKF will, under DPR supervision, continue to operate and maintain the dojo for the public benefit at no cost to the City .



2. Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this request is to support the development of the **Honolulu Kyudojo at Mau'umae**, a permanent facility dedicated to kyūdō practice and education. Specific objectives include:

- Establishing a safe and culturally appropriate kyūdō training facility
- Preserving/revitalizing a key cultural practice that has significantly declined in Hawai'i
- Providing structured instruction, demonstrations, and educational programs to the public
- Ensuring long-term accessibility and sustainability of kyūdō in Hawai'i
- Provide a multi-purpose recreational facility to the community that can support multiple activities – i.e., kendo, hula, tai chi, yoga, lua (Hawaiian martial arts)

3. Public Purpose and Need

Japanese culture is a significant component of Hawai'i's history and multicultural identity; however, many traditional arts have diminished due to the absence of dedicated facilities and qualified instruction. Kyūdō promotes discipline, mindfulness, physical well-being, and cultural understanding. The proposed project fulfills a public purpose by preserving cultural heritage, expanding educational opportunities, and enhancing community wellness. The facility is also specifically designed to be able to support kendo, hula, tai chi, and other movement-based activities. The planned meeting room can support community meetings, adult education classes, arts & craft classes, senior group exercises, game nights, etc.

Prior to the WWII internment of many of Hawai'i's Japanese American citizens, there was a flourishing kyudo community with about a dozen active clubs on Oahu alone. That level of vigor never returned after the war. Currently, there is no kyūdō facility serving the public in Hawai'i – discouraging and limiting the discipline. The last City-sponsored dojo was closed in 2012. This project will, to a degree, help address the long-term cultural impacts of the WWII internment and restore the vitality of this cultural treasure, healing and providing continuity to what was lost.

It should be noted that the City strongly supports this project and is providing support directly from the Mayor's office (see attached DPR Letter of July 29, 2025).

4. Target Population

The facility, upon completion, will become a public park asset, available to all park users. Classes will be open to all who can meet the safety requirements, and broad public participation is a goal. The facility is designed to be multi-purpose to support other compatible uses. The program will serve:

- Hawai'i residents interested in Japanese culture and traditional arts
- Youth and students seeking character development and cultural education
- Adults and seniors pursuing wellness and lifelong learning opportunities
- Members of the Japanese American community and cultural practitioners
- The public through demonstrations, workshops, and community events

It is anticipated that about 150 people per week will use the facility in first year of operations with that number doubling by year 3. Of that number, we hope at least 25% will be high school students.



5. Geographic Coverage

As the only dedicated kyūdō facility in Hawai'i, the Honolulu Kyudojo will serve practitioners, students, and cultural organizations statewide through educational outreach, cultural programming, and public events. The Honolulu Kyudojo is intended to function as a statewide resource for kyūdō practice and cultural education. There is kyudo practice and interest on neighbor islands, and this facility will become a resource for those smaller operations. Moreover, HKF's mission is to grow kyudo across the State, and we will leverage the Oahu facility to support neighbor island initiatives.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

Overview of Approach

Grant funds will support the development of the **Honolulu Kyudojo at Mau'umae**, enabling the Hawai'i Kyudo Foundation to provide structured kyūdō instruction, cultural education, and community programming. The Foundation will implement a phased approach emphasizing facility readiness, qualified instruction, public access, and ongoing evaluation to ensure effective and responsible use of State funds.

1. Scope of Work, Tasks, and Responsibilities

The scope of work includes the following key activities:

- **Facility Development and Readiness**
 - Design, permitting, and construction of a safe and culturally appropriate kyūdō training facility
 - Procurement and maintenance of traditional equipment and safety infrastructure
 - Completion and donation of a 4,200 sq. ft. public kyudojo facility to the City & County of Honolulu within FY27.
- **Program Delivery**
 - Regularly scheduled kyūdō training sessions for beginners, advanced practitioners, and organized clubs
 - Free Cultural education programs explaining the historical, philosophical, and ceremonial aspects of kyūdō
 - Free public demonstrations, workshops, and community outreach activities
 - Public Facility availability for compatible uses such as kendo, hula, tai chi, and other movement-based activities.
- **Administration and Oversight**
 - Program coordination, scheduling, and participant registration
 - Fiscal management and compliance with State reporting requirements
 - Facility maintenance & operation. Importantly, HKF will ensure facility is maintained to a high standard at no cost to the public.
 - Coordination with qualified instructors and cultural advisors
 - Compliance with all DPR rules and regulations, including public access.



2. Projected Annual Timeline

The projected annual timeline for implementation is as follows:

- **Quarter 1, 2026:**
 - Finalize building permit
 - Complete Final Environmental Assessment
 - Commence construction

- **Quarter 2, 2026:**
 - Continue construction
 - Confirm instructional staffing and program schedules
 - Confirm coordination and compliance with Honolulu Dept. of Parks and Recreation requirements and procedures ensuring public access.

- **Quarter 3, 2026:**
 - Complete construction, donate completed facility to City & County of Honolulu
 - Begin outreach and participant recruitment

- **Quarter 4, 2026:**
 - Launch regular kyūdō instruction and educational programming
 - Conduct initial public demonstrations and community events
 - Adjust program design as needed based on evaluation findings

3. Quality Assurance and Evaluation Plans

The Hawai'i Kyudo Foundation will ensure program quality and accountability through the following measures:

- Facility design is by licensed, experienced, Honolulu-based architectural and engineering firms.
- Facility design will undergo the plan/code-compliance review by Honolulu Dept. of Planning and Permitting.
- Construction contractors will all be properly licensed, union firms.
- City DPR will monitor construction to ensure adherence to plans and specifications.
- Final inspection by City Dept of Planning & Permitting ("DPP") will ensure facility built to approved plans.
- Once operations commence, we will use qualified instructors trained in recognized kyūdō traditions and safety standards
- Adherence to established kyūdō practice protocols to ensure participant safety and cultural authenticity
- Ongoing monitoring of participation, attendance, and program delivery
- Collection of participant feedback through surveys and informal evaluations
- Periodic review of program outcomes by Foundation leadership to identify areas for improvement

Findings from evaluations will be used to refine programming, improve instructional methods, and enhance public access.



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Through standardized curriculum and the development of next generation instructors, as well as a steady stream of guest sensei from Japan , a strong continuity plan is a key part of our efforts. Combined with City ownership of the facility, this will ensure that the program endures for generations. Honolulu’s oldest kyudo club is more than 125 years old without the benefit of a real dojo. This project will guarantee the discipline endures for the next century.

4. Measures of Effectiveness

The following measures of effectiveness will be reported to the expending State agency:

- Number of kyūdō training sessions conducted annually
- Number of participants served, including new and returning practitioners, as well as users of the facility for other disciplines – i.e., kendo, etc.
- Number of high school students participating
- Number of public demonstrations, workshops, or outreach events conducted
- Participant attendance and retention rates
- Participant satisfaction based on survey results

These measures provide objective indicators of program activity, reach, and impact. If the final appropriation amount differs from the requested amount, the Hawai'i Kyudo Foundation will revise and submit updated measures of effectiveness to the expending agency as required.

IV. Budget

Budget: This Grant-in-Aid request seeks \$150,000 in State funds to support the capital construction of the Honolulu Kyudojo at Mau'umae. The total project cost is \$850,000, of which more than \$100,000 has already been expended using private funds for: design, engineering, environmental review, and long-lead materials. The remaining balance will be funded through a combination of private foundation grants, corporate and individual donations, and significant in-kind construction contributions. The State of Hawai'i Grant-in-Aid is the only government funding requested for this project, and no Grant-in-Aid funds will be used for salaries, operations, or maintenance. All State funds will be applied exclusively to eligible capital construction costs. HKF has a committed bridge loan from a Board member to ensure no project impacts related to timing of funds from fundraising activities.

Because HKF has bridge financing, project will proceed regardless of timing of any GIA funding. GIA funds reduce risk and accelerate completion, but are not required to initiate work. Private funding will ensure continuity of the project. This is a one-time capital investment that provides a public facility with **no future fiscal obligations – capital or operating.**

Category	Amount (\$)
Architectural & Engineering Design	\$ 100,000
Construction	\$ 730,000
Equipment & Fixtures	\$ 20,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 850,000



1. Quarterly Funding Request FY 2027

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

Other Sources of Funding:

- a. In-kind donation by construction contractors
- b. Cash donations from private foundations
- c. Cash donations from corporations and individuals

2. Tax Credits:

No federal or state tax credits have been granted within the prior three years. No state or federal tax credits have been applied for or granted in connection with the capital project.

3. Government Grants in Aid:

No federal, state, or county government contracts or grants have been granted in the past 3 years for receipt in FY 2027. HKF’s public private partnership contract with the City of Honolulu does not involve any payment or remittances of any type to HKF.

V. Experience & Capability

1. Necessary Skills & Experience: HKF, through its Board of Directors, volunteers, and committed supporters, possesses the necessary construction, finance, legal, and cultural skills to bring the project to successful completion. HKF will continue to broaden its board of directors to ensure organizational continuity, which will leverage the continuing oversight & supervision of DPR. The two most essential capabilities needed for the project are :

- I. Manage the construction phase of the \$850K capital project
- II. Perform kyudo operations & instruction once the facility is built

Construction Management: HKF’s Board Member, Robert Dewitz, will be the Construction Manager. Dewitz has an MBA, is an alum of the Harvard Business School Owner/President Management Program, and owned American Electric Company, a 175 employee, all-island, industrial electrical contracting company, for more than 20 years. As CEO of American Electric, Dewitz managed more than \$40 Million of annual construction contracting, with individuals projects up to \$15 million. Dewitz will dedicate full time effort to managing the project.

For the project, Dewitz has recruited a cadre of some of Honolulu’s most reputable licensed contractors to conduct the work, all of whom are donating their services to varying degrees. Allied Builders Systems will be general contractor, coordinating all work. Goodfellow Brothers will do site work, Commercial Plumbing Company; plumbing, DSE Hawaii: electrical, Dorvin D. Leis; mechanical, and Group Builders; interior finishes. These firms are extremely reputable, with skilled, union workforce. The following firms have committed to donating or discounting materials and equipment: COSCO Air Conditioning & Refrigeration/Daiken Corp (AC system), Alpha Electric Supply (lighting & electrical materials), Ferguson Plumbing Supply (plumbing materials & appliances), Alert Alarm Hawaii (security system, CCTV) The Bathroom Store (toilets), Foundation Building Materials (windows, glass doors).



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In addition to having the requisite technical management skills, HKF also has the necessary financial and legal skills to execute the project. HKF President, Hiroko Dewitz is a CPA. HKF former Board member and volunteer Curt Harada is former CFO of Hawaiian Electric Company. HKF Director Craig Wagnild, Esq, is a senior partner in a major law firm, specializes in property development matters, and is a past President of the Hawaii Bar Association.

Kyudo Operations and Instruction: HKF operations will be led by Hiroko Dewitz. Mrs. Dewitz was the 3rd ranked female archer in Japan during her time as a student at Kobe University. By virtue of this background, and additional training and experience since then, Hiroko is well qualified to lead the dojo operations and instructional effort. Dewitz, with input from former HKF Board member Ai Oyama (Oyama has more than 20 years of kyudo experience), will establish the curriculum in accordance with International Kyudo Federation standards.

In addition to Dewitz, as demand grows, classes may also be conducted Oyama or by qualified volunteers from Hawaii Kyudo Kai, Honolulu's largest kyudo club. We anticipate that other seasoned kyudo instructors will come forward from Honolulu's large Japanese expat population once our program becomes public knowledge. HKF also has commitments from senior kyudo sensei in Japan to serve as guest instructors for one- or two-week advanced seminars. Regarding operating cost, ongoing costs are minimal and will be covered by class fees and/or donations.

HKF is a new entity, formed in December 2024 to comply with the legal requirements of HRS 102-2(b)(10) to enter into its PPP with the City of Honolulu. Therefore, it does not have 3-year prior history that it can cite. However, HKF's progress to-date on the kyudojo project speaks for itself. Design and engineering are nearly complete and building permits will be applied for not later than January 31, 2026. The mandatory Draft Environmental Assessment has been completed with a finding of "Anticipated No Significant Impact", has been approved by the City, and is posted to the State of Hawaii Environmental Record website. We anticipate final approval By 1 April 2026. The pre-engineered metal building for the dojo has been under contract for months, with initial deposit paid, and shipping to Hawaii planned for April 2026. About \$100,000 has been paid to date on the project for architectural & engineering services, soils analysis, environmental consultants, and long-lead material deposits.

2. Facilities: This is a capital request to construct the facility – kyudojo - we need to carry out the part of our mission that is to bring the discipline to a broad audience in Honolulu, especially younger people. A rendering of the facility is below. It is designed to be "multi-purpose" so that it can serve the community in a variety of ways in addition to kyudo. The overall facility is about 4,200 Sq Ft and it will be on about ½ acre of land, to include 19 parking stalls, a Japanese garden, a meeting room, and an exterior-access restroom for use by park volunteers. The facility is designed to standards set by the International Kyudo Federation, and will be suitable for officially sanctioned international competitions.

A rendering of the facility follows:



Honolulu Kyudojo at Mau'umae



VI. Personnel: Project Organization & Staffing

1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training:

During the construction phase of the project, a full-time construction manager will be assigned to the project to oversee progress daily and to interface with the general contractor, subcontractor, and architect. The Construction Manager ("CM") will be HKF Board member Robert Dewitz, and he will be an unpaid volunteer. Dewitz's qualifications for this role were explained in section V. 1

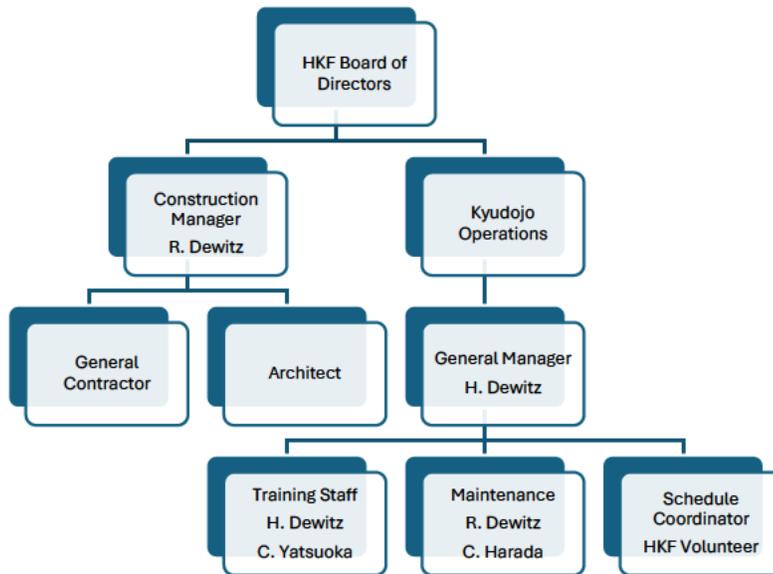
Once the dojo is completed it is anticipated that initial operations will be held 3 times per week for a period of 4 hours each. One of these sessions will be classes for beginners, one session will be for advanced users who have already passed the minimum safety qualifications, and one session will be reserved for organized club use. Operations and training for this first phase will be accomplished largely by Hiroko Dewitz. Another HKF volunteer will do schedule coordination with other organized club users.

After graduation of the first class of beginners (approx. 6 months duration) a second round, hopefully consisting of two classes of beginners, will commence. The second instructor, in addition to Hiroko Dewitz, has not yet been determined, but will likely be a member of Hawaii Kyudo Kai. – qualifications for these individuals have been explained in section V.1



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2. Organization Chart:



3. Compensation

All Directors and Officers of HKF are unpaid volunteers. All positions shown above are unpaid volunteers. **No GIA funds will be used for salaries.**

VII. Other

1. **Litigation:** None
2. **Licensure/Accreditation:** None Required
3. **Private Educational Institutions:** No part of the grant shall be used for the support or benefit of a private educational institution.
4. **Future Sustainability Plan:** The grant is for a capital project that should be completed in FY27. No additional capital funding will be requested beyond FY 27.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

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BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	0	0	0	0
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
1. Airfare, Inter-Island	0	0	0	0
2. Insurance	0	0	0	0
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	0	0	0	0
4. Lease/Rental of Space	0	0	0	0
5. Staff Training	0	0	0	0
6. Supplies	0	0	0	0
7. Telecommunication	0	0	0	0
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0	0	0	20,000
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0	0	0	0
E. CAPITAL	150,000	0	0	680,000
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	150,000	0	0	700,000
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	150,000	Robert Dewitz 808-371-0216		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0	<i>Robert Dewitz</i> 1/16/26		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	700,000	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	850,000	Robert Dewitz, Secretary Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

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

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

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

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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:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028	FY:2028-2029
PLANS	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -		
LAND ACQUISITION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
DESIGN	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000		
CONSTRUCTION	\$ -		\$ 100,000	\$ 680,000		
EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000		
TOTAL:	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: The bulk of funding sought will be from private sources. About half of that has already been pledged for FY 26-27 Total cost \$850,000, including money spent in FY 24-25						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

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Contracts Total: \$ 0.0

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Public Private Partnership For Development of Kyudojo at Mau'Umae Nature Park, Kaimuki, Oahu	5/14/2025 - 5/13/2050	Dept. of Parks & Recreation	Honolulu	\$0.0
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**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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RICK BLANGIARDI
MAYOR
MEIA



LAURA H. THIELEN
DIRECTOR
PO'O

July 29, 2025

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Hawaii Kyudo Foundation ("Foundation"), a non-profit organization dedicated to establishing a traditional Japanese archery range, known as a *kyudojo*, at Mau'umae Nature Park ("Park") in Kaimuki.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") has entered into an agreement with the Foundation to design, construct, and operate a *kyudojo* at the Park. Under this agreement, DPR will provide land within an undeveloped area of the Park, while the Foundation will fully fund the design, construction, and ongoing operation of the facility—at no cost to taxpayers.

Once construction is complete, the *kyudojo* will be gifted to DPR for public use. The Foundation will continue to manage the facility, offering public classes, cultural demonstrations, and opportunities for residents of all ages to engage in this unique and enriching discipline.

In addition to the archery range, the facility will include a meeting room and flexible-use space designed to support a variety of broader neighborhood needs.

In conclusion, I fully support the Foundation's efforts in developing a *kyudojo* at the Park. This initiative aligns with DPR's motto, "We add quality to life," and promotes health, wellness, and outdoor engagement, particularly among youth and families in our community.

Please feel free to contact my office at (808) 768-3001 or via email at laura.thielen@honolulu.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura H. Thielen", is written over a white background.

Laura H Thielen
Director