

Application Submittal Checklist

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

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Ron Mizutani, President and CEO
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

January 23, 2026
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, 2025.

Please refer to Certificate of Vendor Compliance attached.

2. Declaration Statement

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

Please refer to signed Declaration Statement attached.

3. Public Purpose

Pursuant to [Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#), the requested grant will be used for a public purpose.

Hawai'i Public Television Foundation, doing business as PBS Hawai'i, has served as the State of Hawai'i's only member station of the trusted Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) since 1972.

PBS Hawai'i serves residents statewide with exclusive educational, informational, cultural, local, and public affairs programming that encourages lifelong learning.

PBS Hawai'i delivers public television programming by purchasing and presenting PBS national programming through a statewide broadcast and fiber link network, as well as cable, satellite, and streaming services, reaching up to 476,900 television households across Hawai'i.¹

PBS Hawai'i's free programming service especially benefits keiki who lack access to preschool education, low-income families and kupuna who are unable to afford subscription-based services, and residents in rural and remote communities with limited digital connectivity.

¹ Spectrum: Honolulu, 2024 + 2025



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 PUBLIC TELEVISION FOUNDATION

DBA/Trade Name: PBS Hawaii

Issue Date: 01/11/2026

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: [REDACTED]
New Hawaii Tax#: [REDACTED]
FEIN/SSN#: [REDACTED]
UI#: XXXXXX2719
DCCA FILE#: 110848

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.

Hawaii Public Television Foundation

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



(Signature)
Ron Mizutani

January 23, 2026

(Date)
President and CEO

(Typed Name)

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(Title)

A \$750,000 grant-in-aid will enable PBS Hawai'i to partially offset the cost of PBS national programming in FY27, estimated at \$1.5 million. This grant will support PBS Hawai'i's transition following the Rescissions Act of 2025, which resulted in the loss of \$1.5 million in federal funding for the purchase of PBS programming residents statewide rely on each day. Grant-in-aid funding will help stabilize annual operations while PBS Hawai'i strategically builds sustainable community, major donor, corporate, and foundation support to fully underwrite PBS national programming in future years.

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;

PBS Hawai'i has advanced lifelong learning since 1965. Originally established as Hawai'i Educational Television (Hawai'i ETV) to serve the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, it transitioned in 1972 to the Hawai'i Public Broadcasting Authority (HPBA), the state's sole federally licensed educational broadcaster and the only PBS member station in Hawai'i.

Between 1980 and 1989, HPBA expanded public television service to Maui, Hawai'i, and Kaua'i counties with the installation of broadcast transmitter KMEB on Maui and 11 broadcast translators on Hawai'i and Kaua'i. In 1997, the Hawai'i Public Television Foundation was established and received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in 2000. The organization was rebranded as PBS Hawai'i in 2003, clearly defining its role as Hawai'i's Public Broadcasting Service.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

A \$750,000 grant-in-aid will help PBS Hawai'i purchase and present PBS national programming accessible to residents statewide in FY27.

Goal 1

Provide public television service for up to 476,900 television households across Honolulu, Hawai'i, Maui, and Kaua'i counties.

Objective 1

Maintain a statewide network consisting of two broadcast transmitters on O'ahu and Maui, 11 broadcast translators on Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i, and two fiber link networks serving Maui and Hawai'i counties to deliver year-round public television programming.

Goal 2

Provide residents with exclusive PBS national programming, including PBS KIDS, PBS News Hour, Masterpiece, Antiques Roadshow, Finding Your Roots, American Experience, FRONTLINE, Nature, NOVA, and Washington Week with The Atlantic.

Objective 2

Purchase, schedule, and present PBS national programming for the educational, informational, and cultural enrichment of residents statewide.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

PBS Hawai'i provides residents statewide with year-round public television service by purchasing and presenting high-quality programming produced exclusively for PBS member stations, including:

- **PBS KIDS:** Curriculum-based early childhood education programming that supports literacy, STEM learning, and social-emotional development. Up to 90% of parents agree that PBS KIDS helps prepare their children for school²
- **PBS News Hour:** Consistently rated by Americans as the nation's most trusted news and public affairs program³
- **Masterpiece:** Award-winning adaptations of literary classics
- **Antiques Roadshow:** Educational exploration of history, culture, and economics through family heirlooms and artifacts
- **Finding Your Roots:** Exploration of ancestry and cultural heritage hosted by Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- **American Experience and Ken Burns documentaries:** In-depth examinations of U.S. history through archival materials and personal narratives
- **FRONTLINE:** Investigative journalism on domestic and international issues
- **Nature and NOVA:** Exploring science, engineering, and the natural world
- **Washington Week with The Atlantic:** Weekly analysis of national political news by respected journalists

In addition to educational and cultural programming, PBS Hawai'i serves as one of the state's emergency alert broadcasters, providing residents with critical information during hurricanes, tsunamis, wildfires, floods, and other emergencies.

^{2,3} YouGov online survey, January 6–10, 2025

4. Describe the target population to be served;

Residents of all ages benefit from PBS Hawai'i's educational, informational, and cultural programming. Up to 93,489 cable service households with keiki ages two through 12 engage with curriculum-based PBS KIDS programming that supports early learning in literacy, mathematics, science, and social-emotional development.⁴

Adults 18 and older participate in lifelong learning through PBS series and independent films that explore history, science, global affairs, and the performing arts.

⁴ Spectrum: Honolulu, 2024 + 2025

5. Describe the geographic coverage;

PBS Hawai'i provides residents with statewide coverage through a broadcast and fiber link network, as well as cable, satellite, and streaming services. Residents on O'ahu and Kaua'i receive PBS Hawai'i programming through broadcast transmitter KHET on O'ahu. Residents in Maui County, as well as Hilo, Hakalau, and Waimea on Hawai'i Island, receive programming through broadcast transmitter KMEB on Maui.

Residents of Nā'ālehu and South Point, two of the most remote rural communities on Hawai'i Island, receive PBS Hawai'i programming through a dedicated fiber link connection from O'ahu.

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;

PBS Hawai'i will pay its annual PBS programming assessment as invoiced by PBS, estimated in two or three installments during FY27. Payment of this assessment is essential for PBS Hawai'i to maintain its status as a PBS member station and retain the right to purchase and present programming exclusive to PBS member stations.

The PBS Hawai'i Vice President of Content will oversee the acquisition and presentation of PBS national programming and will assign the Chief Broadcast Programmer and Traffic Coordinator to schedule programming throughout the year in each series' established day and time slot, ensuring uninterrupted public television service to residents statewide.

PBS Hawai'i Weekly National Programming Service (Programs change seasonally)		
Day	Time	PBS Program
Sunday	5a-12p 6:30p 7-9p	PBS KIDS PBS News: Compass Points Masterpiece
Monday	5a-1p & 3-5p 6:30p 8p	PBS KIDS PBS News Hour Antiques Roadshow
Tuesday	5a-1p & 3-5p 6:30p 8p 9p 10p	PBS KIDS PBS News Hour Finding Your Roots American Experience / American Masters FRONTLINE
Wednesday	5a-1p & 3-5p 6:30p 8p 9p	PBS KIDS PBS News Hour Nature NOVA
Thursday	5a-1p & 3-5p 6:30p	PBS KIDS PBS News Hour
Friday	5a-1p & 3-5p 6:30p 7:30p	PBS KIDS PBS News Hour Washington Week with The Atlantic
Saturday	5a-12p 6:30p	PBS KIDS PBS News: Horizons

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

The following is the PBS Hawai'i timeline outlining activities to purchase, schedule, and inform the public of PBS national programming in FY27:

July 2026	Schedule PBS programming for August 2026 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, August 2026 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
August 2026	Schedule PBS programming for September 2026 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, September 2026 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
September 2026	Schedule PBS programming for October 2026 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, October 2026 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
October 2026	Schedule PBS programming for November 2026 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, November 2026 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
November 2026	Pay PBS programming fee, 1 of 2 payments Schedule PBS programming for December 2026 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, December 2026 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
December 2026	Schedule PBS programming for January 2027 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, January 2027 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
January 2027	Schedule PBS programming for February 2027 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, February 2027 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
February 2027	Schedule PBS programming for March 2027 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, March 2027 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
March 2027	Pay PBS programming fee, 2 of 2 payments Schedule PBS programming for April 2027 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, April 2027 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
April 2027	Schedule PBS programming for May 2027 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, May 2027 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
May 2027	Schedule PBS programming for June 2027 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, June 2027 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org
June 2027	Schedule PBS programming for July 2027 Publish PBS programming schedule in the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide, July 2027 Post the PBS programming schedule on pbshawaii.org

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

PBS determines programming standards for all PBS member stations including PBS Hawai'i. PBS requires all member stations to schedule flagship programs on specific days and timeslots:

PBS KIDS series	Sunday-Saturday, morning and afternoon timeslots
PBS News Hour	Monday-Friday, primetime
PBS News: Compass Points / PBS News: Horizons	Sunday / Saturday, primetime
Masterpiece	Sunday, primetime
Antiques Roadshow	Monday, primetime
Finding Your Roots	Tuesday, primetime
American Experience / American Masters	Tuesday, primetime
FRONTLINE	Tuesday, primetime
Nature	Wednesday, primetime
NOVA	Wednesday, primetime
Washington Week with The Atlantic	Friday, primetime

PBS Hawai'i complies with all PBS national programming standards, as demonstrated by the daily presentation of PBS flagship programs, the publication of daily programming schedules on pbshawaii.org, and the production and statewide distribution of the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide to inform the public.

PBS Hawai'i program presentations are verified through daily reports from Centralcast in Syracuse, New York, a public media joint master control service that provides 24-hour monitoring and recording of all PBS Hawai'i programming. The PBS Hawai'i Chief Engineer retains Centralcast daily programming reports on file to respond to any inquiries regarding program compliance or broadcast accuracy.

PBS Hawai'i regularly updates programming schedules as PBS debuts new series or schedules simulcasts of major national events, including the State of the Union address, presidential debates, and national political conventions. PBS provides programming updates directly to the PBS Hawai'i Chief Broadcast Programmer, who works with the Traffic Coordinator to schedule all updates and simulcasts. The Chief Broadcast Programmer then forwards updated schedules to PBS Hawai'i Communications, which is responsible for updating the monthly program guide and the program schedule on pbshawaii.org.

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.

PBS Hawai'i FY27 national programming measures are:

1. Maintaining a network of two broadcast transmitters on O'ahu and Maui, 11 broadcast translators on Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i, and two fiber link networks that serve Maui and Hawai'i
2. Scheduling PBS flagship programming for daily presentation on PBS Hawai'i reaching up to 476,900 television households statewide
3. Publishing and distributing 12 editions of the PBS Hawai'i monthly program guide from July 2026 through June 2027, listing PBS programming schedules by series, day, and time to inform residents of upcoming episodes
4. Payments to PBS for national programming fees, projected in two installments at a total cost of \$1.5 million

IV. Financial

Budget

1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.
 - a. Budget request by source of funds ([Link](#))
 - b. Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#))
 - c. Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#))
 - d. Capital project details ([Link](#))
 - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#))
2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2027.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
	\$750,000			\$750,000

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2027.

PBS Hawai'i will identify donors and foundations interested in supporting programming for FY27. In FY26, two private foundations contributed to the purchase of PBS programming.

In addition to securing funding for PBS programming, PBS Hawai'i will fundraise to cover operational expenses through the development of a diversified business model. The following projections are from FY26 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026):

Individual donors through one-time or monthly donations via direct mail solicitations, on-air pledge drives, matching gift campaigns, and website donations.
Projection: \$1.8 million

Major donors through stewardship at special events, the PBS Hawai'i Holomua Leadership Society, stock transfers, IRA distributions, and personal cultivation.
Projection: \$235,000

Corporate underwriters through sponsorships of PBS Hawai'i broadcast and digital content. Projection: \$850,000

Operational grants from foundations that award unrestricted funding.
Projection: \$158,000

4. 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 2027 for program funding.

Not applicable

5. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2025.

Our unrestricted cash balance as of December 31, 2025 is \$4,362,677 less accounts payable of \$70,525 and undisbursed budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$2,303,804. The net unrestricted cash balance is \$1,988,348.

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.

PBS Hawai'i has served as the State of Hawai'i's sole PBS member station since 1972, bringing more than 53 years of experience delivering high-quality public television programming to residents statewide.

The PBS Hawai'i Chief Broadcast Programmer has 20 years of experience in programming and works closely with the Traffic Coordinator, who has 50 years of experience in broadcast scheduling, including 18 years of service with PBS Hawai'i. Together, the PBS Hawai'i Programming team brings a combined 70 years of experience in scheduling daily broadcast programming.

PBS Hawai'i has a strong track record of successfully applying for, securing, complying with, and reporting on competitive grants between 2024 and 2026, including:

- **Bendon Family Foundation** grant, awarded December 2025, supporting the purchase of PBS national programming.
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) Next Generation Warning System** grant, awarded October 2024, supporting the replacement of the KMEB Maui transmitter to ensure reliable public television service and emergency alert delivery to residents of Maui County and Hawai'i County.
- **PBS Climate, Nature & Our Planet** national grant, awarded February 2024, supporting the presentation of national climate and environmental programming, the production of local programming addressing the impacts of climate change in Hawai'i, community engagement events, and youth educational outreach.

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.

PBS Hawai'i is owner of the PBS Hawai'i Clarence T.C. Ching Campus and property located at 315 Sand Island Access Road, Kalihi, O'ahu since 2016. The 30,000+ square-foot facility includes:

- Three multimedia studios
- Master Control center
- Production Control center
- Five edit bays
- Community Courtyard
- Keiki Neighborhood
- Four meeting rooms
- Administrative offices

All daily programming activities are scheduled and monitored in Master Control by the PBS Hawai'i Programming team and PBS Hawai'i Chief Engineer.

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.

PBS national programming is delivered to residents statewide through the PBS Hawai'i broadcast signal via a network of transmitters, translators, and fiber link feeds built, maintained, and monitored by PBS Hawai'i Engineering. The PBS Hawai'i President and Chief Executive Officer oversees the Chief Engineer, who ensures that PBS programming is reliably received through broadcast, fiber link, cable, satellite, and streaming services by routinely monitoring all incoming and outgoing feeds in PBS Hawai'i Master Control.

The PBS Hawai'i President and Chief Executive Officer has led the station for five years and regularly communicates with the PBS President and Chief Executive Officer and public media peers nationwide to receive updates regarding programming fees and systemwide PBS changes. These updates are shared with PBS Hawai'i management, including the Chief Engineer, to ensure operational and financial preparedness.

The PBS Hawai'i Chief Engineer has more than 25 years of experience in the information technology industry and 15 years of experience in radio and television broadcasting. The Chief Engineer received direct training from his predecessor, who served PBS Hawai'i for 35 years. In 2025, the Chief Engineer successfully directed the purchase, installation, and testing of the KMEB Transmitter Replacement Project funded by FEMA. He works closely with the Federal Communications Commission to ensure regulatory compliance and with the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, which coordinates the Emergency Alert System in partnership with FEMA.

PBS national programming is scheduled by PBS Hawai'i Content. The Vice President of Content oversees the Chief Broadcast Programmer and Traffic Coordinator, who select and schedule PBS programming by entering program titles, dates, and time slots into the ProTrack scheduling system. ProTrack transmits PBS Hawai'i's programming schedule to Centralcast in Syracuse, New York, a public media joint master control service. Centralcast then delivers the programming signal, which PBS Hawai'i distributes statewide through its broadcast, fiber link, cable, satellite, and dish platforms.

The Vice President of Content is a 33-year veteran Hawai'i journalist, executive producer, managing editor, and Emmy Award-winning news director. He oversees PBS Hawai'i's national and local broadcast content to ensure editorial quality and a cohesive station narrative.

The PBS Hawai'i Chief Broadcast Programmer has 20 years of experience scheduling PBS programming. He receives regular programming updates from PBS and coordinates with programmers across the PBS system through community forums, virtual meetings, and participation in the PBS Annual Meeting and Technology Summit.

Together, PBS Hawai'i Engineering and Content staff possess the expertise and institutional knowledge necessary to consistently deliver high-quality PBS programming to residents throughout the State of Hawai'i.

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 PBS Hawai'i President and Chief Executive Officer oversees the Engineering department, which is responsible for maintaining the broadcast and fiber link infrastructure required to deliver PBS programming statewide. The Vice President of Content oversees the Programming function, which is responsible for scheduling exclusive PBS national content for presentation on PBS Hawai'i.

Please refer to the attached PBS Hawai'i organizational chart for an illustration of these operational and reporting workflows.

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.

President and CEO: \$250,000
Senior Vice President and CFO: \$150,800
Vice President of Content: \$136,468
Vice President of Advancement: \$136,468

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.

PBS Hawai'i is licensed, accredited, and a member of the following organizations:

- PBS
- American Public Television (APT)
- National Educational Telecommunication Association (NETA)
- PBS News Hour Student Reporting Labs
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency
- Charity Navigator, Four-Star Charity
- Candid, Bronze Seal of Transparency
- Aloha United Way (AUW)
- Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i

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 2027 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2027, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

Beginning in FY2026, PBS Hawai'i faces a significant sustainability challenge following the loss of federal funding, which previously represented 17.3% of its annual operating budget, or approximately \$1.5 million. Replacing this recurring revenue is essential to sustaining the organization's operations and its ability to serve Hawai'i's communities through trusted public media programming.

In response, PBS Hawai'i is developing a sustainability-focused strategic plan centered on stabilizing operations and diversifying revenue. The plan emphasizes growth in philanthropy, corporate sponsorships, earned income, and digital revenue, alongside deeper engagement with audiences and donors through PBS national programming and locally relevant content. It also focuses on improving operational efficiency and strengthening partnerships across media, business, education, and cultural sectors.

Together, these strategies position PBS Hawai'i to reduce reliance on declining traditional funding sources and build a more resilient, locally rooted focused revenue model that supports long-term public service and impact.

While we are working towards becoming a 100 percent community funded public television service, we may apply for future GIA funding depending on our progress towards that goal.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: Hawai'i Public Television 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. Salaries	0	0	0	0
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	0	0	0	0
3. Fringe Benefits	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	0	0	0	0
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Programming	750,000	0	0	0
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	750,000			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0	0	0	0
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0	0	0	0
E. CAPITAL	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	750,000			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	750,000	Karen Yamamoto 808-462-5025		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0	January 23, 2026		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	0	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	750,000	Karen Yamamoto, Senior Vice President and CFO Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: Hawai'i Public Television Foundation __

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

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS Not applicable				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: Hawai'i Public Television 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:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028	FY:2028-2029
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:						
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENT Not applicable						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

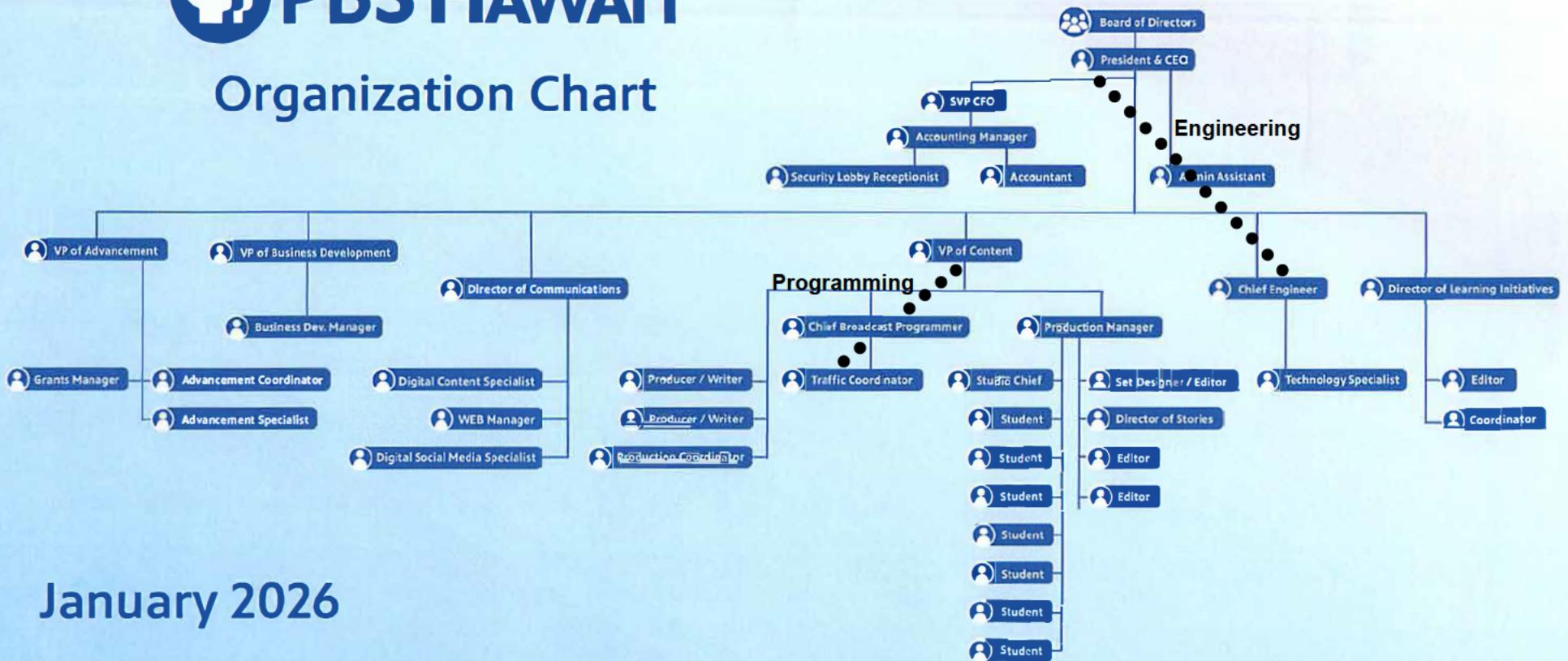
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	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
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