

## Application Submittal Checklist

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

- 1) Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)
- 2) Declaration Statement
- 3) Verify that grant shall be used for a public purpose
- 4) Background and Summary
- 5) Service Summary and Outcomes
- 6) Budget
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- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Reno Abihai, Executive Director  
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/23/26  
DATE

## Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate Statement

Kaka'ako is experiencing difficulty obtaining the Hawai'i Compliance Certificate and/or TCR Waiver due to changes implemented in December 2025. We submitted IRS Form 4506-B to request a copy of our IRS Letter of Determination, as our most recent letter is dated 2020. The State's current requirements specify that letters must be dated after 2014, ours is dated after this time but somehow there is some kind of glitch that prevents us from completing the compliance process.

We have contacted the State Procurement Office for assistance and have followed up multiple times without a response. In the meantime, we are including the most recent Hawai'i Compliance Certificate we used. We continue to work diligently to resolve this issue and are providing all documentation requested to meet the State's updated compliance requirements.

Signed:   
Reno Abihai, Executive Director 1/23/26

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

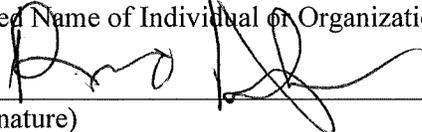
The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 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.

Kaka'ako Boxing Club  
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

  
(Signature) 1/23/26  
(Date)

Reno Abihai Executive Director  
(Typed Name) (Title)

## Public Purpose

Pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the State of Hawai'i Grant-in-Aid will be expended for a valid public purpose by supporting the programs, operations, and services of Kaka'ako Boxing Club, a nonprofit organization that provides youth development services.

Kakaako Boxing Club (KBC) is a nonprofit boxing gym dedicated to serving at risk youth and families from the five closest public housing communities in the surrounding urban core: Mayor Wright Homes, Kalihi Valley Homes, Kuhio Park Terrace, Puahala Homes, and Kamehameha Homes. These communities are located within close proximity to KBC and represent populations that face disproportionate barriers to access safe recreational space, structured mentorship, and consistent youth development programming.

KBC provides a safe, disciplined, and inclusive environment where youth from these housing communities can train, learn, and grow under the guidance of responsible adults and certified coaches. The gym operates not only as an athletic facility, but as a stabilizing community space that promotes accountability, emotional regulation, respect, and positive peer relationships. These are critical protective factors for youth growing up in high-risk environments.

These programs advance the State's interests in education, workforce readiness, civic participation, and community well-being.

Grant-in-Aid funds will be used to support program delivery, expand access to services, offset costs for low- and moderate-income participants, and maintain facilities and infrastructure necessary to provide safe and effective programming. The expenditure of funds serves a public purpose by strengthening educational outcomes, promoting positive youth development, and contributing to the long-term social and economic stability of the State.

The use of Grant-in-Aid funds will comply with all applicable state laws and requirements. Any private benefit conferred is incidental to the accomplishment of the stated public purpose.

Signed: 

Reno Abihai, Executive Director 1/23/26

## **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.

### 1. A brief description of the applicant's background

Kakaako Boxing Club (KBC) is a nonprofit boxing gym rooted in Kaka'ako and dedicated to serving at risk youth and families from the five closest public housing communities in the surrounding urban core: Mayor Wright Homes, Kalihi Valley Homes, Kuhio Park Terrace, Puahala Homes, and Kamehameha Homes. These communities are located within close proximity to KBC and represent populations that face disproportionate barriers to access safe recreational space, structured mentorship, and consistent youth development programming.

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Kaka'ako Boxing Club's mission is to serve the underdeveloped and disadvantaged youth and their caregivers through wellness programming and USA Boxing sanctioned training that ultimately increase community connectedness, social emotional skill development and the overall well being of our youth and Hawaiian community members.

### 2. The goals and objectives related to the request

The goals and objectives related to the request are multi-layered. In addition to continuing our direct youth services, the request is intended to sustain and strengthen KBC's significant role in supporting Hawaiian youth and community development, SEL skill development, and reduction of recidivism through after school health and wellness training.

**This CIP Request is specific to this: Currently our facilities are in serious disrepair. See budget justification for the repairs that are needed to get the facilities up to safety requirements and to serve additional youth per our GIA Operating request.**

### 3. The public purpose and need to be served:

Within the surrounding communities there is an overwhelming need for a focus on providing at-risk youth and disadvantaged communities with essential support, including mentorship, health and wellness training, education, and social emotional skill development coaching and training opportunities. These initiatives aim to reduce delinquency, recidivism and educational instability, with specific programs targeting Hawaiian youth, foster youth, and families needing social stability.

Workforce readiness for both low income youth needing direction, SEL skills, something to be proud of and direct their energy and keep them off the streets and off drugs. Especially those in the 4-5 surrounding housing projects. See purpose to be served in our purpose statement as well.

4. Describe the target population to be served

Kaka'ako is serving at-risk youth and families from the five closest public housing communities in the surrounding urban core: Mayor Wright Homes, Kalihi Valley Homes, Kuhio Park Terrace, Puahala Homes, and Kamehameha Homes. These communities are located within close proximity to KBC and represent populations that face disproportionate barriers to access safe recreational space, structured mentorship, and consistent youth development programming.

Youth ages 8 to 18 and their families in low income and disadvantaged communities.

5. Describe the geographic coverage

These Honolulu public housing developments are concentrated in the Kalihi-Palama area, serving as major affordable housing hubs. Mayor Wright Homes (approx. 15 acres) is in the Palama area near downtown, while Kuhio Park Terrace (22 acres), Kuhio Homes, Kalihi Valley Homes, Puahala Homes, and Kamehameha Homes are in upper Kalihi, often considered part of the same, largely contiguous, redeveloping residential, and, at times, high-density area.

## **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.

1. Describe the scope of work, tasks, and responsibilities

- Scope-
  - Serve 100 low income/disadvantaged youth ages 8 to 18 with boxing skills, health and wellness training, mentorship and coaching with a focus on building

skills related to discipline, self management, emotional regulation, relationship management and USA Boxing sanctioned competition training and development for those who demonstrate commitment and skill. SEL and workforce readiness skills for all participants as these are critical for career success. **Repair facilities in order to best serve the community including flooring, ceiling repair, mold abatement, paint restoration and equipment repair**

- Tasks-
  - Recruit 100 youth for the program, repair facilities, create an evaluation plan with assessments, milestones and outcomes in order to measure impact of the program on participants in the program and start gathering data for long term impact and sustainability.
- Responsibilities-
  - Executive Director and Head Coach Reno- will secure the materials and workforce for repairs to the boxing club and provide coaching and engage in recruitment.
  - Evaluator/SEL Expert D.A. Dabner will create an evaluation plan and assessments, implement the surveys, collect the data, analyze the data and provide an annual impact report. Also responsible for the implementation of SEL coaching for all staff and participants.
  - Coach Joni - Responsible for daily boxing and fitness coaching, connecting and building positive relationships with the youth.
  - Coach John- Responsible for young adult fitness and boxing techniques and competition training.
  - Sean Fitzsimmons- Responsible for the coaching and mentoring the youth for the organization.

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

Months 1-3 develop an evaluation plan.

Months 2-4 administer baseline assessment.

Month 10-12 administer post evaluation.

Month 12 create an impact report.

Months 1-12 recruitment of youth to participate.

Months 1-3 repair facilities.

Months 4-6 deliver SEL coaching and training.

Months 1-12 deliver boxing classes and coaching 7 days a week.

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

**Funding is being requested to repair facilities** and our operating request is to facilitate more formal and systematic methods to measure the impact of our programming. However, we have trained, coached and sent hundreds of individuals to compete locally, regionally and nationally and have documented stories from participants about how much our programs, coaching, and mentorship changed their

lives. Since Coach Reno's participation, there have been more than 20 champions that have come out of this club and more than 50 over the years. We know that with the current climate, these services for this specific population are even more critical than ever. We understand how a more systematic evaluation of our programming is critical to measuring our impact and will do so with this grant. Our evaluator has decades of expertise and will create an evaluation plan, baseline assessment, post assessment and impact report. **At least 90% of youth will take the baseline assessment and post assessment. Utilizing that data we will improve delivery in the upcoming years as needed.**

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.
  - Each of the budget items will be completed by a licensed contractor. Floors, ceiling, paint, repair restrooms etc. See budget justification for details.

**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
  - b. Personnel salaries and wages
  - c. Equipment and motor vehicles
  - d. Capital project details
  - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2026

Quarter1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
155,931	155,932			311,863

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

NA at this point.

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.

We have not applied for state and federal tax credits, have not been granted any in the prior three years and don't anticipate applying for any in the future.

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.

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

\$69,206 with monthly dues coming in from paying adult members.

#### **EXPERIENCE and CAPABILITY**

1. **Necessary Skills and Experience** – 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.

Coach Reno - Has been involved with boxing, Jiu-Jitsu and mixed martial arts for over 30 years and competed in multiple disciplines. Reno has been a boxing coach for the past 9 years. Reno also brings over 25 years of experience working in leadership roles across international and local technology companies, healthcare organizations, insurance providers, and homeless service agencies.

Coach Joni - Has been involved in boxing for more than 10 years and has been coaching for 4 years. She also has 13 years of experience in education having served as a teacher at an alternative learning center and a consultant for individuals with autism as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Coach John - Has been involved in boxing for over 20 years and has competed nationally and internationally. John has been coaching for the past 5 years. John is also heavily involved in perpetuating pacific island culture by educating youth and adults in cultural practices as well as performing for large audiences on local, national and international stages.

Sean Fitzsimmons is a Hawaii-based criminal defense attorney with extensive experience representing clients across a wide range of criminal matters. He is a former amateur boxer who competed in Ohio and has spent more than fifteen years in the sport developing discipline, perseverance, and strategic judgment first as a fighter, and now as a coach. In addition to his legal practice, Fitzsimmons remains actively involved in boxing as a mentor and community advocate. He also serves as Vice Chair of the Chinatown–Downtown Neighborhood Board, where he contributes to local governance and community planning. His career reflects a

sustained commitment to public service, accountability, and strengthening community-based programs

D.A. Dabner has 35 years of organization leadership, 7 years of C-suite executive level leadership focused on Organization development, Strategic Planning, training and development, evaluation, social emotional learning, along with 40 years of health and wellness experience.

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.

Kakaako Boxing Club is located in the lower Kapalama area on the top floor of a commercial building near the Kapalama canal on Kohou Street. The gym is 3,440 square feet and has a discounted lease with Kamehameha Schools since 2020.

#### **PERSONNEL: Project Organization and Staffing**

- **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 coaches named above provide daily coaching to youth along with preparation for USA Boxing sanctioned competition. See above for qualifications.

D.A. Dabner to provide evaluation, impact and SEL training.

- **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.

All report to the Executive Director as this is a small organization.

- **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.

See budget for all annual salary amounts. To this point, the staff have all been donating their time annually, paying for trips and memberships for youth to compete. This is not sustainable, thus our application to you to that we can measure the impact and provide consistent services and recruit 100 youth.

## 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.

N/A

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.

Grant-in-Aid funds received by Kaka ako Boxing Club will not be used to support, subsidize, or otherwise benefit any sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution, in compliance with Article X, Section 1, of the Hawai'i State Constitution. No portion of the grant funds will be expended for instructional purposes, tuition, or activities that constitute direct support of a private educational institution.

If awarded, the grant funds will be used solely to support the lawful public purpose activities and infrastructure needs of Kaka ako Boxing Club, a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, consistent with all applicable constitutional, statutory, and regulatory requirements.

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.

Once the repairs are completed. There will be no further funds required. In terms of the overall organization sustainability. Here are our plans.

A comprehensive approach to sustainability is essential for the long-term success of Kaka'ako boxing club. This plan outlines the key strategies and considerations to ensure the club remains viable, environmentally conscious, and beneficial to its community.

The club will focus on maintaining stable revenue streams through its continued membership pricing tiers, community sponsorships, donations, grants, and fundraising

events. Careful budgeting and expense management will continue to be prioritized to ensure funds are allocated efficiently and reserves are built for future needs.

#### Community Engagement:

Active involvement with the business and local community will be encouraged by hosting events, offering accessible classes, and building partnerships with schools and organizations. This engagement will foster a sense of belonging, positivity, safety, and support for the club's mission and members.

#### Program Development:

Using USA Boxing State, National SEL standards and state guidance on our key areas of focus; health and wellness, Coaching and mentorship, workforce development and social emotional skills development, the club will regularly assess and update its programs to meet the evolving needs of its members and community. Offering diverse training opportunities and continually improving coaching methods in an effort to retain existing members and attract new participants, and partners.

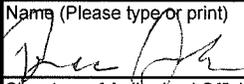
#### Leadership and Governance:

Strong leadership and transparent governance will continue and be maintained through clear decision-making processes and effective strategic planning. The involvement of staff, coaches, and members in strategic planning will ensure the club's vision and goals are shared by all youth, members, partners and community stakeholders.

## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: Kaka'ako Boxing Club

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	
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL	311,863			
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>				
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	311,863	DA Dabner	808-277-7220	
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print)		Phone
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0			1/23/2026
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official		Date
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>311,863</b>	Reno Abihai, Executive Director		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

# BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Applicant: Kaka'ako Boxing Club

## 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:2027-2028
PLANS	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0
LAND ACQUISITION	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0
DESIGN	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	N/A	N/A	311863	N/A	0	0
EQUIPMENT	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>311,863</b>	<b>N/A</b>		

**JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:** 1) Break down a non-load bearing wall to maximize space utilization \$14,980 2) Flooring - \$41,280 3) Repair/renovate men's and women's restrooms- \$83,602 4) Paint facility after renovations and repairs - \$21,500 5) New Secure Front Door - \$10,020 6) HVAC and AC Upgrade - \$53,450 7) Alarm and New Security System - \$26,210 8) Waste/Debris Removal - \$3,000 9) Mount TV Screens, additional sound equipment - \$2,325 10) New, secure backdoor - \$2,136 11) Mold Remediation \$18,890 12) Ceiling Repair \$34,400



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

Applicant: Kakalako Boxing Club

Contracts Total: -

CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1 N/A Have never received any government contracts, grants or grants in aid to date.				
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