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APPLICATION FOR GRANTS-IN-AID FY 2026–2027

Project Title: Preserving Zenshuji Hall: Essential Re-Roofing for a Historic Community Facility

Applicant / Fiscal Sponsor: Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB)

Executive Director: Jackie Kaina

Project Beneficiary: Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple

Project Location

Zenshuji Hall
Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple Campus
Hanapēpē, West Kaua'i, Hawai'i

Request to the Hawai'i State Legislature

The Kaua'i Economic Development Board respectfully requests **State Grant-in-Aid funding** on behalf of its member organization, the Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple, to support the **re-roofing of Zenshuji Hall**, a historic and publicly accessible community facility serving West Kaua'i. This request seeks funding for a **one-time capital improvement** to address critical roof replacement needs, protect the structural integrity of the building, and ensure the continued safe use of the Hall for community gatherings, cultural activities, and public events.

Public Purpose

This project serves a clear public purpose under **Chapter 42F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes**, by preserving a long-standing community facility that is open and accessible to the general public and contributes to community well-being, cultural continuity, and social connection in West Kaua'i.

Fiscal Sponsorship and Accountability

KEDB will serve as **fiscal sponsor and grant administrator**, ensuring compliance with all State requirements, financial accountability, and proper stewardship of public funds. No grant funds will be used for administrative or indirect costs.

Legislative District:

House District 17
Legislative District 8

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.

See attached Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate.

2. Declaration Statement

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

3. Public Purpose

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to [Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#).

The proposed grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple's community-focused renovation project is intended to benefit the general public of Kaua'i, particularly residents of West Kaua'i, by providing a safe, accessible, and inclusive community gathering space that supports social connection, family cohesion, cultural understanding, and overall community well-being.

This project aligns with Kaua'i County's General Plan themes of "Kaua'i Kākou"—a Hawaiian concept meaning "*we are all in this together*"—and "Keeping Kaua'i, Kaua'i," which emphasizes preserving the social, cultural, and community values that define Kaua'i. The Temple has served as a community anchor for more than a century and continues to operate as a welcoming, non-discriminatory space open to individuals and families of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs.

The renovated Zenshuj Hall Community Center will serve as a multi-generational gathering place for children, youth, young adults, families, seniors, and kūpuna. It will host community-based activities and programs designed to strengthen social ties, reduce isolation, and foster communication and mutual understanding across generations and cultures.

Specifically, the public purpose of this project includes:

- **Promoting Social Connection:** Providing structured and informal opportunities for community members—especially youth and seniors—to connect, engage, and build

relationships, helping to combat social isolation and strengthen community bonds.

- **Supporting Families and Intergenerational Engagement:** Offering inclusive activities such as family movie nights, cultural gatherings, music, and movement-based events that encourage quality family time, strengthen family relationships, and create shared community experiences.
- **Enhancing Social and Emotional Well-Being:** Facilitating group activities that promote communication, empathy, and social-emotional development, while supporting positive mental health outcomes through connection, belonging, and mutual support.
- **Ensuring Inclusivity and Cultural Respect:** Maintaining a welcoming, accessible environment that serves diverse populations regardless of background, faith, age, or ability, and promotes respect, dignity, and cultural understanding.
- **Advancing the General Welfare:** Contributing to the overall quality of life on Kaua'i by providing a community-centered facility that supports collective well-being, resilience, and social cohesion.

Through these public-facing uses, the project clearly serves a public purpose by advancing the health, welfare, and social fabric of the Kaua'i community. Grant-in-aid funds will be used solely to support these community benefits and will not be used for private, commercial, or sectarian purposes inconsistent with Chapter 42F or the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

II. Background and Summary

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

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

The Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB) is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that has served Kaua'i for more than three decades by initiating, managing, and implementing high-impact projects that strengthen the island's economy and community infrastructure. Founded in 1984 by local business and community leaders, KEDB was established to broaden and diversify Kaua'i's economy and to support initiatives that improve long-term economic resilience and quality of life for island residents.

Over the past 41 years, KEDB has successfully partnered with local businesses and local, state, and federal agencies to advance projects across multiple sectors, including education, technology, workforce development, energy, agriculture, and community facilities. KEDB has initiated and managed more than \$7 million in capital construction projects and administered over \$1.5 million in programmatic grant appropriations, demonstrating strong capacity for fiscal oversight, compliance, and project delivery.

A core function of KEDB is its long-standing role as lead coordinator for the County of Kaua'i's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which KEDB has managed since 2004 in partnership with the County. Through this work, KEDB supports projects that build community capacity, preserve essential infrastructure, and strengthen the physical and social foundations needed for economic stability and resilience.

Consistent with this mission, KEDB serves as fiscal sponsor and grant administrator for the proposed Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple Zenshuji Hall re-roofing project. The Temple is a long-standing community institution and KEDB member organization whose facilities support cultural activities, community gatherings, and public use in West Kaua'i. The requested funding addresses a critical, high-priority capital need to preserve a publicly accessible community facility that contributes to social connection, cultural continuity, and community well-being.

KEDB's experience administering State grant-in-aid funds, overseeing capital projects, and ensuring compliance with Chapter 42F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes makes it well suited to serve as applicant and fiscal sponsor for this request. Through this role, KEDB will ensure responsible stewardship of State funds while supporting the preservation of an important community asset that serves the people of West Kaua'i.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

Zenshuji Hall is a historic, publicly accessible community facility located in Hanapēpē, West Kaua'i, and has served as a gathering place for residents and community groups for generations. As part of the Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple campus, the Hall supports community events, cultural activities, educational programs, and intergenerational gatherings that are open to the broader public. The continued availability of this facility depends on maintaining its core structural systems.

The sole and primary objective of this grant request is to secure funding to complete the re-roofing of Zenshuji Hall, a critical capital improvement necessary to protect the building from further deterioration and to ensure its continued safe use by the public. The existing roof system has exceeded its useful life and, if left unaddressed, poses a risk of water intrusion, structural damage, and potential interruption of public access.

This request represents a preventative capital investment intended to stabilize the facility and avoid significantly higher repair or replacement costs in the future. Addressing the roof at this time is a necessary first step to preserving the Hall as a functional community resource.

The specific goals and objectives of this request are to:

- A. **Replace the Existing Roof System:** Remove and replace deteriorated roofing materials and associated components to restore the building envelope and protect the structure from weather-related damage.

- B. **Protect Public Safety and Structural Integrity:** Ensure the Hall remains structurally sound and safe for continued public occupancy and community use.
- C. **Preserve a Longstanding Community Asset:** Extend the useful life of a historic facility that has served the people of Kaua'i for more than a century and continues to provide public benefit.
- D. **Prevent Escalating Repair Costs:** Address critical infrastructure needs now to reduce the likelihood of more extensive and costly repairs resulting from deferred maintenance.

This grant request is intentionally limited in scope and does not seek funding for program expansion, new construction, or non-essential improvements. Completion of the re-roofing project will protect prior public and private investments in the facility and ensure that Zenshuji Hall remains a safe, functional, and publicly accessible space consistent with the public purpose requirements of Chapter 42F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

2. The public purpose and need to be served;

In order to benefit the people of Kauai, this project aligns with the community's identity of *Kaua'i Kakou* (Kauai's General Plan theme), a Hawaiian concept meaning "we're all in this together," along with "Keeping Kaua'i, Kaua'i," a shared vision that preserves what we value as Kauaians.

Equally important is our temple's mission and vision that serves a wider community by being a welcoming home for people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, where we envision diversity as our strength. Soto Zen strives to build a vibrant and inclusive community, a spiritual home founded on compassion, unity, and respect for the dignity and integrity of every person.

A facility like a Community Center highlights the importance of addressing the social needs of a community. Zenshuji Hall will serve as a gathering space for children, teenagers, young adults, parents, seniors, and families. It aims to create an inviting atmosphere filled with engaging activities that promote social interaction and foster communication among individuals with families of all ages and backgrounds within the community.

The purpose of such a facility promotes the general welfare and collective happiness of the community. The following fundamental requirements are addressed:

Social Connection

Combat social isolation, especially among youth.
Encourage bonds through shared experiences.

Family Bonding

Provide activities (movie nights, karaoke, and dancing to facilitate quality family time).
Strengthen family ties and create lasting memories.

Social-Emotional Development

Offer group activities to develop crucial social skills (communication, empathy).

Bridge generational gaps through intergenerational activities.

Inclusivity and Diverse Need:

Create a welcoming environment for all community members, regardless of background. Promote diversity and cultural understanding.

Mental Health and Well-Being:

Foster positive social interactions to alleviate stress and anxiety. Create a supportive environment that enhances overall mental health.

By framing activities as a journey of discovery, the Community Center meets social needs and enriches community life. It promotes inclusivity, family bonding, and emotional development, creating a space where everyone feels valued and connected. Through shared experiences it can unite a community.

3. Describe the target population to be served; and

The primary target population served by this project is the West Kaua'i community, encompassing the towns of 'Ele'ele, Port Allen, Hanapēpē, Kaumakani, Makaweli (Pākalā), Waimea, and Kekaha, as well as military personnel and their families stationed at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) in nearby Mana. Collectively, these communities represent a geographically dispersed, rural population with limited access to centralized community facilities.

Historically, most West Kaua'i towns developed around sugar plantations, with Hanapēpē serving as an "open town" that supported surrounding plantation camps. This shared history has shaped a culturally diverse population and a strong tradition of community gathering and mutual support roles that Zenshuji Hall continues to fulfill today.

According to 2020 U.S. Census data, West Kaua'i has a population of approximately 12,239 residents within the island's total population of 73,177. Individual community populations include 'Ele'ele–Port Allen (2,536), Hanapēpē (2,784), Kaumakani (666), Makaweli/Pākalā (296), Waimea (2,057), and Kekaha (3,900). The region includes special populations, such as residents of Hawaiian Homelands in Hanapēpē and Kekaha, as well as approximately 150 military personnel and dependents connected to PMRF.

West Kaua'i communities experience lower median household incomes than other parts of the island, with median incomes ranging from approximately \$39,000 to \$46,000, underscoring the importance of emphasizing free or low-cost, publicly accessible community spaces. The population is highly diverse, reflecting Kaua'i's multicultural heritage, with a majority identifying as Asian, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, or multiracial, and a growing Latin/Hispanic population.

The target population also includes children, youth, and families served by West Kaua'i schools, including two elementary schools ('Ele'ele and Kekaha), Waimea Canyon Middle School, Waimea High School, and two Hawaiian immersion language schools (Ke Kula Ni'ihau and Kula

Aupuni Ni'ihau). Zenshuji Hall supports educational, cultural, and enrichment activities that complement formal schooling, serving hundreds of students annually.

Zenshuji Hall serves a broad and inclusive range of community groups, including:

- Community Organizations and Nonprofits: Local clubs, volunteer groups, and nonprofit organizations use the Hall as a meeting and event space. Youth organizations have held fundraisers on the grounds, and community arts groups have utilized the stage for public performances.
- Schools and Educational Programs: Students and educators use the facility for cultural classes, workshops, and community gatherings. Programs include traditional arts (Ikebana, Sashiko stitching, lei making), wellness activities (chair yoga, meditation, reflexology), and 'ike Hawai'i practices such as lā'au lapa'au.
- Youth and Teens: In rural West Kaua'i, youth face barriers related to transportation, cost, and access to safe gathering spaces. Zenshuji Hall provides opportunities for youth engagement through volunteer service, community events, and intergenerational activities, helping to strengthen social connection and civic participation.
- Families: Families are served through community-based programming, including the Family Discovery Nights initiative supported by a County GIA grant, which offers low-cost, family-friendly activities such as movie nights, music, and cultural events.
- Cultural and Performing Arts Groups: The Hall serves as a rehearsal and practice space for groups preserving local cultural traditions, including Taiko Kaua'i, Soto Zen Ondo Dancers, and Kaua'i Ondo Drummers.
- Senior Citizens and Kūpuna: Older adults use the Hall for social and cultural activities that complement County neighborhood center services. The West Kaua'i Senior Softball League; serving adults ages 55 to 75+; has long partnered with the Temple in supporting community events such as the annual Bon Dance Festival.
- Military Personnel and Families: PMRF personnel and their families participate in community events at the Temple, including International Peace Day. The Hall has also supported temporary community health services through the Military Readiness Training Program.
- Visitors and Volunteers: Visitors to Kaua'i, including those participating in "voluntourism," engage with the community through events such as Bon Dance and Peace Day, strengthening cultural exchange and community connection.

By serving this diverse cross-section of West Kaua'i residents, Zenshuji Hall functions as a shared, inclusive community space that supports social connection, cultural preservation, intergenerational engagement, and public well-being. Ensuring the Hall remains structurally

sound through the proposed re-roofing project is essential to maintaining access to these benefits for the target population it serves.

4. Describe the geographic coverage.

As reflected in the Hawaiian chant “*Maika'i Kaua'i, hemolele i ka mālie*” (“Beautiful is Kaua'i, so peaceful in the calm”), this project serves the West Kaua'i region, a distinct and interconnected area shaped by its people, land, and history (see attached map).

The geographic coverage includes the leeward (west) side of Kaua'i, extending along the coastline and inland to agricultural plains and upland forest areas. West Kaua'i lies in the rain shadow of Mount Wai'ale'ale, resulting in a drier climate and calmer ocean conditions than other parts of the island. Communities served include 'Ele'ele, Port Allen, Hanapēpē, Kaumakani, Makaweli (Pākalā), Waimea, and Kekaha, which are connected by Kaumuali'i Highway (Route 50), the region's primary transportation corridor.

This area includes key population, economic, and cultural centers such as Port Allen Harbor, Hanapēpē town, and Waimea, as well as agricultural lands, the Mana Plain, and the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF). Inland, the region extends to Kōke'e State Park and access points to the Nā Pali Coast, reinforcing the interconnected nature of coastal, agricultural, and upland landscapes.

Zenshuji Hall is centrally located within this corridor, making it accessible to residents throughout West Kaua'i. As a publicly accessible community facility, the Hall serves this geographically diverse region by providing a shared gathering space for cultural, educational, and community activities. Ensuring the Hall remains structurally sound through the proposed re-roofing project directly supports continued public access and use across West Kaua'i.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

The Service Summary shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant's approach to the request. The applicant shall clearly and concisely specify the results, outcomes, and measures of effectiveness from this request. The applicant shall:

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

The scope of work for this request is limited to the re-roofing of Zenshuji Hall, a critical capital improvement necessary to preserve the structural integrity, safety, and continued public use of the facility. This project represents a focused, one-time infrastructure investment designed to protect a historic community asset and prevent further deterioration.

Scope of Work

The re-roofing project includes the following components:

- Removal of the existing deteriorated roofing materials and insulation

- Replacement of damaged structural roof components, including steel purlins, as required
- Installation of new roofing materials and insulation compatible with the existing structure
- Installation or replacement of roof ventilation elements and translucent skylight panels, as applicable
- Completion of all required architectural, permitting, and inspection requirements
- Coordination with applicable State and County agencies to ensure code compliance

The scope is intentionally limited to building envelope improvements necessary to restore the roof system and does **not** include programmatic expansion, new construction, or unrelated facility upgrades.

Tasks and Responsibilities

The Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB) will serve as the fiscal sponsor and grant administrator for the project. In this role, KEDB will be responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are expended in compliance with Chapter 42F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and applicable State requirements. KEDB will manage all financial reporting, invoicing, and required documentation, and will coordinate directly with the expending State agency to ensure timely submission of progress and fiscal reports throughout the project period.

The Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple will serve as the on-site project lead and property steward. The Temple will coordinate access to the facility during construction, participate in contractor coordination meetings as needed, and support implementation activities to ensure the project proceeds efficiently. The Temple will also ensure continued compliance with all lease and land-use requirements associated with its long-term lease with the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

A licensed contractor will be engaged to perform all construction services related to the re-roofing project. The contractor will be responsible for completing all work in accordance with approved plans and specifications, obtaining and complying with all required permits, and adhering to applicable State and County building codes. The contractor will provide all required bonding, insurance, and workmanship guarantees, coordinate required inspections, and ensure that the project is completed to professional standards.

Architectural and regulatory agencies, as applicable, will provide design review, permitting support, and construction oversight. These entities will conduct required inspections and issue approvals necessary to verify compliance with State and County regulations.

Project Oversight and Accountability

The project will be implemented using standard construction management practices, including clear scopes, progress monitoring, and documentation of completed work. All tasks will be sequenced to minimize disruption to community use of the facility and to ensure public safety throughout construction.

Completion of the re-roofing work will result in a weather-tight, structurally sound facility that can continue to serve the West Kaua'i community safely and reliably.

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
		\$615,000.00		\$615,000.00

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

UH Sea Grant \$300,000, Hawaii Tourism Authority \$15,000, Hawaii Historic Foundation \$50,000, National Endowment for the Arts \$50,000

4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.

Not Applicable

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2027 for program funding.

CEDS 22 - 23 Projects - Regional Food Center & '23 Data Support	2022 -	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$ 122,000.00
Sustainable RanchingCoop Pilot Program	2022 -	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$ 100,000.00
Kuleana Ambassador Krew	2022 -	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$ 150,000.00
(ARPA) Kauai Creative Industries	2022 -	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$ 182,000.00

	2022	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
COVID - 19 Recovery Program	-			174,129.00
	2022	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
CEDS Support	-			75,000.00
	2022	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
Summer Intern Cost-Sharing Program	-			10,000.00
	2023	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
Economic Development Sector Support	-			200,000.00
	2024	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
CEDS Support	-			125,000.00
	2024	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
Rose Ringed Parakeet Population Control	-			100,000.00
	2024	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant	-			50,000.00
	2025	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
Summer Intern Cost-Sharing Program	-			10,000.00
	2025	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
CEDS Support	-			125,000.00
	2025	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
Island-Wide Drone Clubs	-			50,000.00
	2025	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
Community Benefit Parakeet Control	-			100,000.00
	2026	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
Feasibility Studies - Waimea Theater & Co-Working Space	-			122,500.00
	2025	County of Kauai	County of Kauai	\$
CRB Mitigation - Behavior Change Outreach Campaign	-			90,000.00

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

As of December 31, 2025 Kauai Economic Development Board's unrestricted / unaudited current assets were \$469,424.06.

V. Experience and Capability

1. Necessary Skills and Experience

The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the request. State your experience and appropriateness for providing the service proposed in this application. The applicant shall also provide a listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.

The applicant, KEDB has the necessary skills, experience, and organizational capacity to successfully carry out the proposed re-roofing project for Zenshuji Hall and to administer grant-in-aid funds in full compliance with Chapter 42F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

The Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB) will serve as the fiscal sponsor and grant administrator for this request. KEDB has extensive experience managing public funds and administering State, federal, and private foundation grants, including oversight of capital improvement and facility-based projects. Its responsibilities include financial management, compliance monitoring, coordination with expending State agencies, and preparation of all required reports. KEDB maintains established internal controls and grant management systems that support responsible stewardship of public funds.

Within the past three years, KEDB oversaw the renovation of the Kaua'i Creative Technology Center (KCTC), a publicly accessible facility supporting workforce development, innovation, and community programming. This capital improvement project required coordinated planning, contractor oversight, budget management, and compliance with applicable State and County requirements. The KCTC renovation was supported by multiple major funding sources, including \$650,000 in Congressional Delegated Spending administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2022, \$500,000 from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation in 2023, and \$350,000 from the Stupski Foundation in 2023. This project demonstrates KEDB's capacity to manage complex, multi-source capital funding, ensure accountability across public and private funders, and successfully deliver facility improvements.

The Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple, which owns and operates Zenshuji Hall, brings more than 122 years of institutional experience serving the Kaua'i community through the operation and maintenance of a publicly accessible facility. The Temple has been incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization since 1968 and operates under a long-term lease with the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Through this arrangement, the Temple has demonstrated long-term organizational stability, compliance with State requirements, and responsible stewardship of State-leased land and facilities.

The Temple has direct experience coordinating facility maintenance and capital improvements, working with licensed contractors, architects, and inspectors to ensure work is completed safely, professionally, and in accordance with applicable codes and permits. This experience is directly

relevant to the proposed re-roofing project, which requires careful coordination of construction activities, adherence to permitting and inspection requirements, and protection of public safety.

Over the past three years, the Temple has continued to manage routine building maintenance, minor repairs, and safety-related improvements necessary to support ongoing public use of Zenshuji Hall. During this same period, KEDB has administered multiple State, federal, and foundation-funded projects as a fiscal sponsor, ensuring compliance with grant conditions, processing reimbursements, and maintaining accurate financial and performance records. Together, these experiences demonstrate the applicant's ability to manage construction-related activities, public funding requirements, and regulatory compliance in a disciplined and transparent manner.

The proposed re-roofing project is appropriately scaled to the applicant's demonstrated capacity and experience. The clear division of responsibilities; KEDB providing fiscal oversight and compliance management, and the Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple providing on-site coordination and facility stewardship; ensures effective implementation with minimal risk. This combined experience positions the applicant to successfully complete the project, protect public safety, and preserve Zenshuji Hall as a vital community asset serving West Kaua'i.

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.

The facilities relevant to this request consist of Zenshuji Hall, located on the campus of the Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple in Hanapēpē, West Kaua'i. Zenshuji Hall is an existing, publicly accessible community facility that has served residents of West Kaua'i for decades as a gathering space for cultural events, educational activities, community meetings, and intergenerational programs.

Zenshuji Hall is structurally sound but requires critical roof replacement to maintain its integrity and continued safe use. The existing roof system has reached the end of its useful life due to age and prolonged exposure to Kaua'i's climate. Re-roofing is necessary to prevent water intrusion, protect interior spaces, and avoid further deterioration that could limit or interrupt public access to the facility. The proposed project addresses this specific infrastructure need and does not involve expansion of the facility footprint or changes to its intended use.

The facility is located on land leased from the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) under a long-term 65-year lease, demonstrating site stability and long-term access. The Temple, incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and stewardship of the facility and has a demonstrated history of managing building upkeep and coordinating repairs with licensed contractors and regulatory agencies.

All facilities required to carry out the proposed re-roofing project are currently in place. No additional land acquisition or off-site facilities are required. The project will be implemented

using the existing structure, with construction services provided by a properly licensed contractor and oversight provided by the applicant and fiscal sponsor.

Upon completion of the re-roofing project, Zenshuji Hall will remain fully adequate for its intended public use, providing a safe, weather-tight, and functional community space that supports the ongoing delivery of services and activities for the West Kaua'i community.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

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.

Project Team – Key Personnel

Name	Position / Title	Organization	Relevant Experience & Role
Jackie Kaina	Executive Director	Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB)	Jackie Kaina provides executive leadership and oversight for publicly funded projects administered by KEDB. She coordinates project implementation, manages agency and stakeholder relationships, and ensures compliance with State, County, and federal requirements. Her experience overseeing capital and facility-based projects supported by public and foundation funding supports effective supervision and accountability for the Zenshuji Hall re-roofing project.
Christine (“Chrissy”) Gorospe	Finance Manager	Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB)	Christine Gorospe manages budgeting, grant accounting, invoice processing, and financial reporting for KEDB-administered projects. She ensures grant funds are used in compliance with State requirements and maintains documentation for audits and expending agency review. Her financial oversight ensures transparency, accuracy,

and accountability for the Zenshuji Hall re-roofing project.

Kehaulani Kukahiko	Manager, Education & Workforce Development	Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB)	Kehaulani Kukahiko coordinates education and workforce initiatives in collaboration with schools, Kaua'i Community College, and industry partners. Her experience in project administration, interagency coordination, and stakeholder engagement supports internal coordination and administrative capacity during implementation of the Zenshuji Hall re-roofing project.
Gerald Hirata	President, Board of Directors	Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple	Gerald Hirata has served as President of the Temple's Board since 2009, providing governance and organizational leadership. He has overseen multiple publicly funded cultural and community projects and ensures Temple operations align with public-serving purposes and accountability requirements related to the Zenshuji Hall re-roofing project.
Edward Goka	Board Treasurer; Facilities Manager	Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple	Edward Goka oversees facilities and financial stewardship for the Temple. He previously served as Superintendent of the City of Beverly Hills Parks and Tree Department, managing public facilities and renovations. His experience supports construction coordination, quality control, and fiscal oversight for the Zenshuji Hall re-roofing project.

James Kimo Martin	Facilities & Construction Advisor	Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple	James Kimo Martin has over fifty years of experience in construction, building design, and real estate on Kaua'i. His knowledge of local construction practices supports informed coordination with licensed contractors and effective oversight of the Zenshuji Hall re-roofing project.
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Adrienneggart	Facilities & Remodeling Advisor	Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple	Adrienne Taggart has more than twenty-eight years of experience as a residential remodeling contractor. Her background in renovation planning, contractor coordination, and quality control supports practical oversight and workmanship standards during implementation of the Zenshuji Hall re-roofing project.
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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.

See Attached Organizational Chart

3. Compensation

The applicant shall provide an annual salary range paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position title, not employee name.

KEDB Executive Director	\$98,000
Finance Manager	\$65,000
Manager, Workforce Development & Education	\$63,000

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.

None

3. Private Educational Institutions

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution. Please see [Article X, Section 1, of the State Constitution](#) for the relevance of this question.

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

If the grant is received for Fiscal Year 2027, the funds will be used to complete the re-roofing of Zenshuji Hall, which represents the highest and most immediate capital priority for the facility. Completion of this one-time capital improvement will protect the structure from further deterioration, ensure public safety, and preserve continued public access to the Hall. Replacing the roof will significantly extend the useful life of the facility and reduce the risk of costly emergency repairs, allowing the Temple to maintain the building through routine maintenance and standard operations.

- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

If the grant is not received after Fiscal Year 2027, the activity funded by this request will remain fully sustainable without the need for additional State funding. The re-roofing project is a non-recurring capital improvement, and once completed, no ongoing State support will be required. The Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple will continue to manage facility operations and routine maintenance using existing organizational resources, community support, and non-State funding sources, including private donations and community-based fundraising.

This request is intentionally limited to addressing the roofing project as a critical first step in preserving the facility. The applicant does not anticipate requesting additional State grant-in-aid funding related to the roofing work beyond Fiscal Year 2027. The Kaua'i Economic Development Board (KEDB), as fiscal sponsor, will ensure proper project close-out and compliance with all grant requirements, with no expectation of future State funding for this activity.

APPENDIX:

- Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate
- Declaration Statement affirming its compliance with Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- Organizational Chart
- Shioi Construction Proposal
- Rendering Photo of the Zenshuji Hall
- Budget Worksheets
 - Page 6, Budget request by source of funds
 - Page 7, Personnel salaries and wages
 - Page 8, Equipment and motor vehicles
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 - Page 10, Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid
- References Cited by Census Data, HI Department of Education, Maps
- Letters of Support
 - Ruth Hashisaka- Kauai Kookie
 - Mark Jeffers- Story Book Theatre of Hawaii
 - Professor Christine Yano- University of Hawaii- Dept of Anthropology
 - JoAnn A. Yukimura- Community Member
 - Randall Francisco- Community Partner



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: KAUAI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.*

DBA/Trade Name: KAUAI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.*

Issue Date: 01/21/2026

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: [REDACTED]

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: [REDACTED]

UI#: XXXXXX9460

DCCA FILE#: 58590

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

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

Status Legend:

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

2. Declaration Statement

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

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, Hawai'i 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 are appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to its records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring 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, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State of Hawai'i; 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.
3. If the applicant is a nonprofit organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is determined and designated as a nonprofit 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 Hawai'i, including Article X, Section 1.

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i 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

4. The use of grant-in-aid funding complies with all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, including Article X, Section 1.

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawai'i 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 repayment to the State of Hawai'i of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

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

Applicant: Kaua'i Economic Development Board

(Signature)



(Typed Name)

Jaclyn Kaina

(Title)

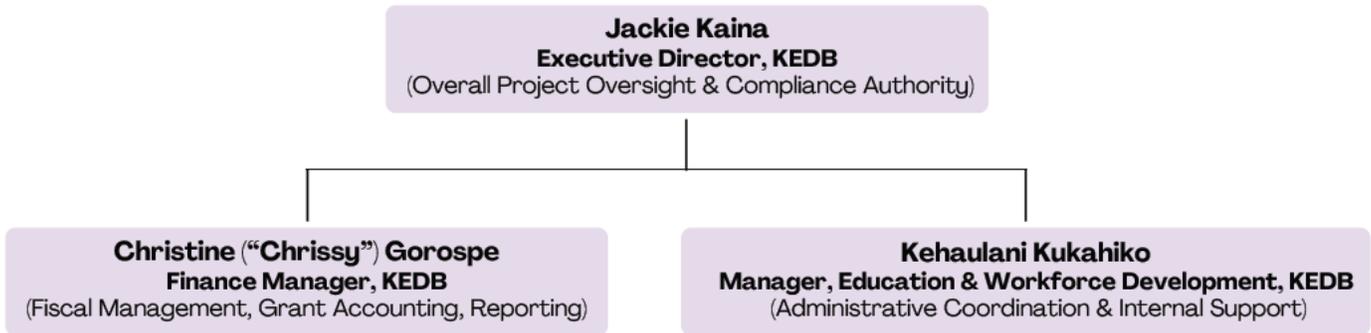
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(Date)

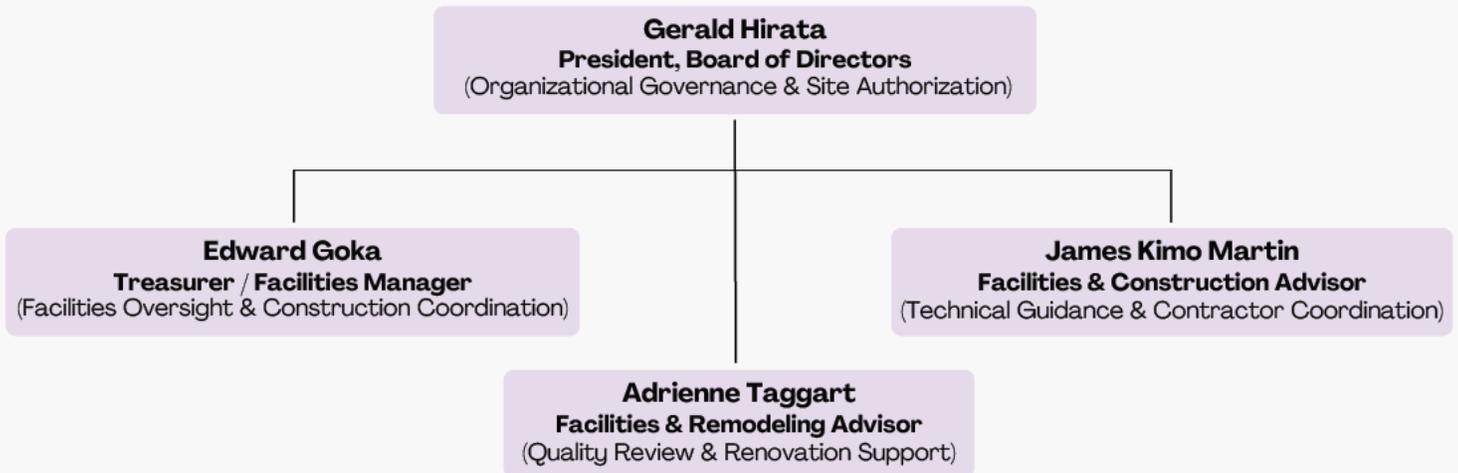
January 21, 2026



Kaua'i Economic Development Board Fiscal Sponsor



Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple Project Site & Facility Steward



Licensed Contractor





SHIOI CONSTRUCTION

Building Hawai'i since 1948

PROPOSAL

Building Hawaii Since 1948
 Contractor's License #ABC-12379
 98-724 KUAHAO PLACE
 PEARL CITY, HI 96782
 PH: 487-2441 FAX: 487-2445

Proposal Submitted To: Jerry Hirata	Phone / Email: 808-346-4650	Date: 11/19/25
Street: 3205 Umi Street, Suite 205	Job Name: Kauai Soto Zen Temple	
City, State, and Zip Code: Lihue, HI 96766	Job Location Hanapepe	
Architect:	Date of Plans:	Phone:

Shioi Construction Inc., is pleased to submit our proposal for: **Kauai Soto Zen Temple**

\$390,000 - Social Hall Reroof:

- Remove & replace 2 each steel purlins (due to deterioration)
- Remove & replace sheet metal roofing and insulation (to match existing or similar)
- Includes translucent panel skylights
- Includes re-using or new 6 each roof ventilators
- Includes Architect and permit fees
- Excludes gutters & downspouts

\$130,000 - Interior Painting:

- Paint steel roof purlins and girders only
- Brush rust as necessary & apply epoxy clear sealer and one epoxy finish coat
- Excludes steel columns & beams

\$95,000 - Louvers

- Remove & install 12 each new metal louvers
- Includes new wood framing as required

Includes:

1. Payment and performance bonds

Excludes:

1. All other work and any work not listed above
2. Prevailing wages (add if required)
3. Electrical, mechanical and fire sprinkler work
4. After hours work
5. Builders risk insurance

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of: **Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand & No/100 (\$615,000.00)**

Payments to be made as follows:
 Monthly progress billings.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practice. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, flood, hurricane, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Worker's Compensation insurance.

SHIOI CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Authorized Signature: Roy Y. Shioi
 Roy Y. Shioi, President

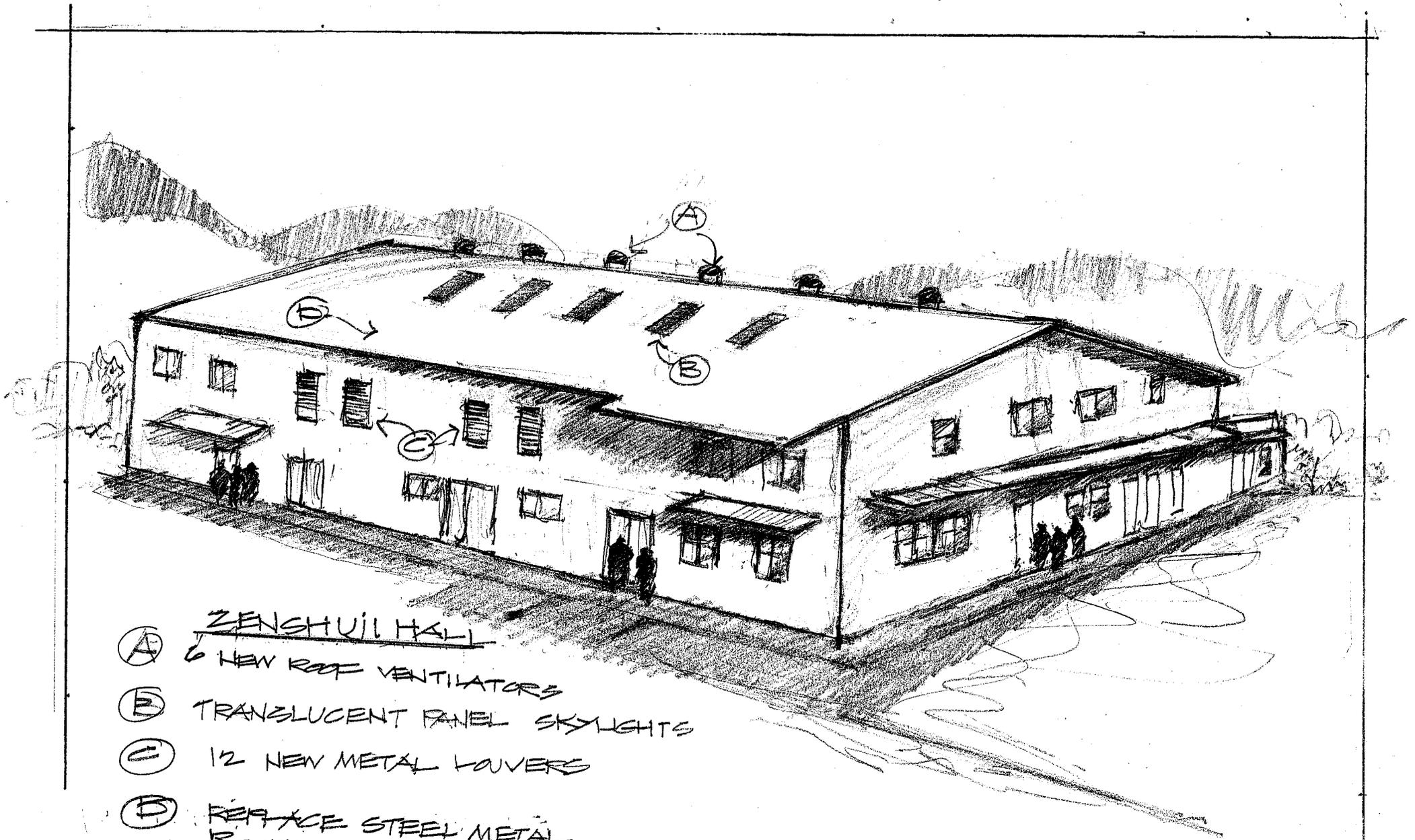
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Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 30 days.

Acceptance of Proposal – The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature: Shraddha Hirata Date of Acceptance: 22 Jun. 2026

Signature: _____



ZENSHUJI HALL

- Ⓐ NEW ROOF VENTILATORS
- Ⓑ TRANSLUCENT PANEL SKYLIGHTS
- Ⓒ 12 NEW METAL LOUVERS
- Ⓓ REPLACE STEEL METAL ROOFING AND INSULATION (TO MATCH EXISTING OR SIMILAR)

NOTE: INTERIOR PAINTING
VERIFY NOTE

By GERARD M. HIRATA
800-245-2841 OR 800-346-4650

Perkins
1/21/26

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

App Kauai Economic Development Board

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				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0			
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0			
E. CAPITAL	615,000			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	615,000			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	615,000	Jaclyn Kaina (808)245-6692		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	0	Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	0			
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	0			
TOTAL BUDGET	615,000	Jaclyn Kaina, Executive Director		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

Applicant: Kaua'i Economic Development Board

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Not Applicable	0.00		\$ -	0
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				0

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Not Applicable	0.00		\$ -	0
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				0

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: No equipment or motor vehicles will be used for this project.

Applicant: Kauai Economic Development Board

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			615000			
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:			615,000			
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						
The requested funding is based on a formal construction proposal from Shioi Construction, Inc. for the re-roofing of Zenshuji Hall.						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Kauai Economic Development Board

Contracts Total: \$ 2,268,754.00

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	CEDS & Economic Development Sector Support	2021 - 2022	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 313,125.00
2	21 -22 Summer Ag Intern	2021 - 2022	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 45,000.00
3	Kauai AG Economic Development Plan	2022-2023	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 75,000.00
4	Ho'akeolapono Nawahine HVAC Training & Certification Program	2022-2023	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 50,000.00
5	CEDS 22 - 23 Projects - Regional Food Center & '23 Data Support	2022 - 2023	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 122,000.00
6	Sustainable RanchingCoop Pilot Program	2022 - 2023	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 100,000.00
7	Kuleana Ambassador Krew	2022 - 2023	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 150,000.00
8	(ARPA) Kauai Creative Industries	2022 - 2023	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 182,000.00
9	COVID - 19 Recovery Program	2022 - 2023	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 174,129.00

10	CEDS Support	2022 - 2026	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 75,000.00
11	Summer Intern Cost-Sharing Program	2023-2024	Mayor's Office	County of Kauai	\$ 10,000.00
12	Economic Development Sector Support	2023 - 2024	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 200,000.00
13	CEDS Support	2024 - 2025	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 125,000.00
14	Rose Ringed Parakeet Population Control	2024 - 2025	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 100,000.00
15	Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant	2024 - 2025	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 50,000.00
16	Summer Intern Cost-Sharing Program	2025-2026	Mayor's Office	County of Kauai	\$ 10,000.00
17	CEDS Support	2025 - 2026	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 125,000.00
18	Island-Wide Drone Clubs	2025 - 2026	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 50,000.00
19	Community Benefit Parakeet Control	2025 - 2026	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 100,000.00
20	Feasibility Studies - Waimea Theater & Co-Working Space	2026-2027	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 122,500.00
21	CRB Mitigation - Behavior Change Outreach Campaign	2026-2027	Office of Economic Development	County of Kauai	\$ 90,000.00

APPENDIX References Cited by Census Data, DOE, Maps

1. Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT): dbedt.hawaii.gov/economic
 - a. State of Hawaii Data Book
2024 State of Hawaii Data Book Individual Tables
 - Table 1.06 – Resident Pop by County 210-2014
 - Table 1.17 – Resident Population of Hawaiian Home Lands, By Island: 2020
 - Table 1.18 - Resident Population , By Island and Zip Code Tabulation Area 2020
 - Table 1.22 - Military Personnel Dependents Service by Island: June 30, 2024
 - Table 1.29 – Resident Population By Age Group, By County: 2024
 - b. Hawaii Individual Income Tax Statistics, Tax Year 2022, Department of Taxation, State of Hawaii, December 2024
2.0 Table A-14 Selected Data Form Resident Tax Returns By Zip Code – 2022, p. 66
Geographic Area, Kauai County, West Kauai: Median Income
 - c. 2.1 Overview of Population in 2020: Kauai County
(Data source: 2020 Decennial Census)
 - d. 2.2 Population of Towns and Census Tracts by Race
 - e. 2.3 DEBT snapshots of Census Tract Data
2. Department of Education, School Report
2.4 School Reports, HiDOEnrollment 2025-26
Kauai Westside Schools
3. Map of Kauai
Kauai Hawaii Three-Dimensional 3D Raised Relief Map
RaisedRelief.com
<https://raisedrelief.com/products/kauai-hawaii-three-dimensional-3d-raised-relief-map?srsId=AfmBOopeOKIIHFqZffz8u4y8ZW7KIH9QC0Ui686KjLANo8vjvt8MkYr>

Table 1.06-- RESIDENT POPULATION, BY COUNTY: 2010 TO 2024

[Based on place of usual residence, regardless of physical location on the estimate or census date. Includes military personnel stationed or homeported in Hawaii and residents temporarily absent; excludes visitors present. Revised from previous *Data Book*]

Date 1/	State total	City and County of Honolulu	Hawaii County	Kauai County	Maui County 2/
2010: April 1	1,360,304	953,203	185,076	67,095	154,930
July 1	1,365,117	957,547	185,296	67,241	155,033
2011: July 1	1,385,141	973,655	186,775	68,057	156,654
2012: July 1	1,405,255	989,372	188,611	68,973	158,299
2013: July 1	1,423,345	1,002,491	190,672	70,076	160,106
2014: July 1	1,434,323	1,008,918	192,702	70,869	161,834
2015: July 1	1,446,452	1,017,588	194,740	71,736	162,388
2016: July 1	1,456,816	1,023,810	196,950	72,389	163,667
2017: July 1	1,458,161	1,022,659	198,507	72,782	164,213
2018: July 1	1,459,965	1,021,681	200,108	73,367	164,809
2019: July 1	1,456,943	1,019,013	199,750	73,395	164,785
2020: April 1	1,455,252	1,016,494	200,629	73,292	164,837
July 1	1,451,252	1,012,407	200,754	73,209	164,882
2021: July 1	1,447,029	1,004,349	203,933	73,851	164,896
2022: July 1	1,440,359	995,652	206,324	73,823	164,560
2023: July 1	1,441,387	994,576	208,043	73,933	164,835
2024: July 1	1,446,146	998,747	209,790	73,840	163,769

1/ April 1, 2020 figures are the resident total population estimates base, derived from the 2020 Decennial Census. Population Estimates for July 1, 2020 through July 1, 2024 are based on revisions released in March 2025. Population estimates for July 1, 2010 through July 1, 2019 are based on revisions released in November 2024. The April 1, 2010 population estimates base reflects changes to the 2010 Census population from the Count Question Resolution program, legal boundary updates, and other geographic program revisions.

2/ Including Kalawao County (Kalaupapa Settlement).

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Population Division, "Intercensal Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties in Hawaii: April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2020" (CO-EST2020INT-POP-15)(released November 2024) and "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties in Hawaii: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024" (CO-EST2024-POP-15)(released March 2025) <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/data/tables.html>> accessed May 27, 2025; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Hawaii State Data Center.

**Table 1.17-- RESIDENT POPULATION OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
BY ISLAND: 2020**

Island and Hawaiian Home Lands	Total	Island and Hawaiian Home Lands	Total
State of Hawaii	34,356	Kauai	2,576
Hawaii	6,269	Anahola (Agricultural)	228
Homuula-Upper Piihonua	2	Anahola (Residential)	1,659
Honokaia	5	Hanapepe	35
Honomu	-	Kapaa	-
Kamaoa-Puueo	6	Kekaha	491
Kamoku-Kapulena	55	Moloaa	13
Kaohe-Olaa	-	Wailua	150
Kaumana	119	Waimea	-
Kawaihae	500	Lanai	117
Keahuolu	-	Lanai City	117
Kealakehe	990	Maui	3,980
Keaukaha	1,617	Honokowai	2
Keoniki	17	Kahikinui	34
Kolaoa	-	Keanae-Wailua	7
Lalamilo	73	Keokea (Agricultural)	113
Makuu	106	Leialii	422
Nienie	7	Paukukalo	729
Panaewa (Agricultural)	670	Pulehunui	-
Panaewa (Residential)	1,054	South Maui	1
Pauahi	5	Waiehu	1,441
Piihonua	59	Waiku-Hana	-
Ponohawaii	17	Waiohuli (Residential)	1,231
Puukapu	936	Molokai	2,070
Upolu	-	Hoolehua-Palaaau	1,370
Waiakea	14	Kalamaula	383
Wailau	-	Kalaupapa	82
Waimanu	-	Kamiloloa-Makakupaia	81
Waiohinu	17	Kapaakea	154
Kahoolawe	-	Ualapue	-

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**Table 1.17-- RESIDENT POPULATION OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
BY ISLAND: 2020 -- Con.**

Island and Hawaiian Home Lands	Total	Island and Hawaiian Home Lands	Total
Oahu	19,344	Oahu (con.)	
East Kapolei	789	Mali	8
Haiku	-	Makaha Valley	-
Honolulu Makai	1	Maluohai	1,020
Kakaina-Kumuhau	318	Nanakuli	5,135
Kalaeloa	8	Papakolea	1,091
Kalawahine	308	Pearl City	3
Kanehili	1,566	Princess Kahanu Estates	1,068
Kapolei	-	Waiahole	29
Kaupea	1,332	Waianae	2,114
Kewalo	245	Waianae Kai	616
Lualualei	54	Waimanalo	3,639

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census Redistricting File, <<https://data.census.gov>> accessed April 11, 2022, and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Table 1.18-- RESIDENT POPULATION, BY ISLAND AND ZIP CODE TABULATION AREA: 2020

[ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs) are approximate area representations of the U.S. Postal Service five-digit ZIP Code service areas that the Census Bureau created using whole blocks to present statistical data from censuses and surveys. Based on decennial census figures for population as of April 1]

Zip code tabulation area	Name	Resident population	Zip code tabulation area	Name	Resident population
State of Hawaii		1,453,498	Maui		
Hawaii			96708	Haiku	10,993
96704	Captain Cook	6,818	96713	Hana	2,264
96710	Hakalau	650	96732	Kahului	27,507
96719	Hawi	2,020	96753	Kihei	27,611
96720	Hilo (Main Office)	46,615	96761	Lahaina Main Office	23,167
96725	Holualoa	4,094	96768	Makawao	18,512
96726	Honaunau	136	96779	Paia	2,992
96727	Honokaa	4,990	96790	Kula	9,115
96728	Honomu	606	96793	Wailuku	31,939
96737	Ocean View	4,806	Kauai		
96738	Waikoloa	7,447	96703	Anahola	2,638
96740	Kailua-Kona	38,234	96705	Eleele	2,536
96743	Kamuela	13,339	96714	Hanalei	1,557
96749	Keaau	20,503	96716	Hanapepe	2,784
96750	Kealakekua	3,806	96722	Princeville	2,328
96755	Kapaau	3,613	96741	Kalaheo	6,424
96760	Kurtistown	3,923	96746	Kapaa	19,991
96764	Laupahoehoe	649	96747	Kaunakani	666
96771	Mountain View	8,483	96751	Kealia	152
96772	Naalehu	2,579	96752	Kekaha	3,900
96773	Ninole	412	96754	Kilauea	4,378
96774	Ookala	281	96756	Koloa	5,766
96776	Paauilo	1,782	96765	Lawai	767
96777	Pahala	1,559	96766	Lihue	16,937
96778	Pahoa	14,687	96769	Makaweli	296
96780	Papaaloa	548	96796	Waimea	2,057
96781	Papaikou	1,670	Molokai		
96783	Pepeekeo	2,222	96729	Hoolehua	1,358
96785	Volcano	4,125	96742	Kalaupapa	82
Lanai			96748	Kaunakakai	4,441
96763	Lanai City	3,367	96757	Kualapuu	768
			96770	Maunaloa	720

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Table 1.18-- RESIDENT POPULATION, BY ISLAND AND ZIP CODE TABULATION AREA: 2020 -- Con.

Zip code tabulation area	Name	Resident population	Zip code tabulation area	Name	Resident population
Oahu			Oahu (con.)		
96701	Aiea	42,833	96814	Downtown	24,870
96706	Ewa Beach	80,299	96815	Waikiki	28,786
96707	Kapolei	47,181	96816	Waialae Kahala	51,586
96712	Haleiwa	8,259	96817	Kapalama	56,823
96717	Hauula	5,441	96818	Main Office	51,851
96730	Kaawa	1,584	96819	Sand Island	53,334
96731	Kahuku	3,309	96820	Daniel K. Inouye Airport	16
96734	Kailua	49,922	96821	Hawaii Kai	19,727
96744	Kaneohe	57,746	96822	Makiki	42,231
96759	Kunia	479	96825	Hawaii Kai	31,147
96762	Laie	6,316	96826	Makiki	30,092
96782	Pearl City	37,437	96850	Honolulu	6
96786	Wahiawa	41,217	96853	Hickam AFB	347
96789	Mililani	54,732	96857	Schofield Barracks	4,058
96791	Waialua	7,987	96859	Tripler Army Med. Center	-
96792	Waianae	51,965	96860	Pearl Harbor	5,025
96795	Waimanalo	11,064	96863	MCBH Kaneohe Bay	2,458
96797	Waipahu	78,109	96848	East West Center	475
96813	Downtown	27,372	96858	Fort Shafter	424

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census, Table P1 <<https://data.census.gov>> access June 5, 2023; Hawaii Telcom, *The Official Hawaiian Telcom White Pages* 2011 Oahu and United States Postal Service, Zip Code Lookup <<https://tools.usps.com/zip-code-lookup.htm>> accessed June 5, 2023.

Table 1.22-- MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS, BY SERVICE AND ISLAND: JUNE 30, 2024

Service and island 1/	Personnel and dependents	Military personnel	Dependents in Hawaii			
			Total	Spouses	Children	Other dependents
State total	86,094	42,503	43,591	15,918	27,355	318
Air Force	11,394	5,361	6,033	2,074	3,931	28
Oahu	11,307	5,318	5,989	2,060	3,901	28
Maui	42	19	23	8	15	-
Hawaii	23	9	14	3	11	-
Kauai	7	2	5	2	3	-
Lanai	2	-	2	1	1	-
Other 2/	13	13	-	-	-	-
Army	38,469	18,408	20,061	6,955	12,864	242
Oahu	38,167	18,211	19,956	6,918	12,798	240
Hawaii	107	63	44	16	27	1
Maui	57	33	24	9	14	1
Kauai	36	13	23	8	15	-
Lanai	8	-	8	3	5	-
Other 2/	94	88	6	1	5	-
Coast Guard	2,784	1,330	1,454	544	906	4
Oahu	2,656	1,272	1,384	519	861	4
Kauai	56	24	32	11	21	-
Maui	46	25	21	9	12	-
Hawaii	25	8	17	5	12	-
Other 2/	1	1	-	-	-	-
Marine Corps	10,725	6,040	4,685	1,961	2,711	13
Oahu	10,597	5,930	4,667	1,951	2,703	13
Hawaii	59	48	11	5	6	-
Maui	21	17	4	3	1	-
Kauai	10	9	1	1	-	-
Lanai	5	5	-	-	-	-
Other 2/	33	31	2	1	1	-

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Table 1.22-- MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS, BY SERVICE AND ISLAND: JUNE 30, 2024 -- Con.

Service and island 1/	Personnel and dependents	Military personnel	Dependents in Hawaii			
			Total	Spouses	Children	Other dependents
Navy	22,362	11,214	11,148	4,304	6,814	30
Oahu	22,070	11,049	11,021	4,259	6,733	29
Kauai	150	78	72	24	47	1
Hawaii	73	38	35	12	23	-
Maui	49	35	14	6	8	-
Molokai	4	1	3	1	2	-
Lanai	2	1	1	-	1	-
Other 2/	14	12	2	2	-	-
Space Force	360	150	210	80	129	1
Oahu	318	136	182	70	111	1
Maui	42	14	28	10	18	-

1/ Based on Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) data for active duty military personnel and their dependents. If a person is both personnel and a dependent, they are only counted in the "military personnel" category. Island data are based on mailing address, and dependents are counted under their own mailing address, not their sponsor's.

2/ Includes Fleet Post Office and Unknown zip codes.

Source: U.S Department of Defense, Defense Manpower Data Center, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System data; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Table 1.29-- RESIDENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, BY COUNTY: 2024

[As of July 1. Includes military personnel stationed or homeported in Hawaii and residents temporarily absent; excludes visitors present]

Age group	State total	Hawaii County	City and County of Honolulu	Kauai County	Maui County 1/
Total	1,446,146	209,790	998,747	73,840	163,769
Under 5 years	76,624	10,318	53,980	3,800	8,526
5 to 9 years	83,635	11,827	58,130	4,296	9,382
10 to 14 years	84,676	12,805	57,283	4,616	9,972
15 to 19 years	78,433	11,801	53,479	4,098	9,055
20 to 24 years	86,841	10,014	65,611	3,316	7,900
25 to 29 years	88,805	10,288	66,543	3,741	8,233
30 to 34 years	97,684	12,260	71,193	4,446	9,785
35 to 39 years	98,898	13,190	70,459	4,606	10,643
40 to 44 years	96,219	13,781	65,833	5,082	11,523
45 to 49 years	85,351	12,686	57,722	4,527	10,416
50 to 54 years	84,344	11,937	57,757	4,458	10,192
55 to 59 years	84,464	12,155	57,383	4,455	10,471
60 to 64 years	89,848	14,422	58,945	4,970	11,511
65 to 69 years	87,122	15,761	55,275	5,038	11,048
70 to 74 years	79,359	15,249	49,589	4,766	9,755
75 to 79 years	62,819	10,598	41,365	3,561	7,295
80 to 84 years	38,354	5,536	26,661	1,993	4,164
85 years and over	42,670	5,162	31,539	2,071	3,898
16 years and over	1,185,150	172,363	818,596	60,226	133,965
18 years and over	1,152,797	167,421	796,909	58,466	130,001
Under 18 years	293,349	42,369	201,838	15,374	33,768
18 to 64 years	842,473	115,115	592,480	41,037	93,841
65 years and over	310,324	52,306	204,429	17,429	36,160
In percent					
Under 18 years	20.3	20.2	20.2	20.8	20.6
18 to 64 years	58.3	54.9	59.3	55.6	57.3
65 years and over	21.5	24.9	20.5	23.6	22.1
Median age	41.4	44.5	40.2	43.9	43.6
Dependency ratio 2/	71.7	82.2	68.6	79.9	74.5

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**Table 1.29-- RESIDENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, BY COUNTY:
2024 -- Con.**

1/ Maui County including Kalawao County.

2/ Number of dependent persons (persons under 18 years and persons 65 years and over) as a proportion of the working population (persons between the ages of 18 and 64 years old). For example, a dependency ratio of 60 means that there are 60 dependent people to every 100 working-age persons.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Tables SC-EST2024-AGESEX-15 (June 2025) and CC-EST2024-AGESEX-15 (June 2025) <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest.html>> accessed June 26, 2025; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

TABLE A-14 (CONTINUED)
SELECTED DATA FROM RESIDENT TAX RETURNS BY ZIP CODE-2022

ZIP CODE	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	Number of Returns	Hawai'i AGI*		Tax Liability				% of Returns with(+) Tax	
			Amount (Million\$)	Median (\$)	Before Credits		Mer Credits*		Before Credits	Mer Credits
					Amount (Milfon \$)	Median (\$)	Amount (Million\$)	Median (\$)		
96704	HAWAI'I COUNTY (CONT.)		\$123	\$32,382	\$7.70	\$1,211	\$6.80	\$978	77.3%	66.5%
	Kona	2,367								
96725	Kona	1,511	\$114	\$41,150	\$7.20	\$1,797	\$6.50	\$1,645	82.4%	73.1%
96726	Kona	521	\$22	\$26,940	\$1.20	\$858	\$1.10	\$523	77.5%	60.5%
96739	Kona	272	\$21	\$41,088	\$1.30	\$2,147	\$1.30	\$2,115	79.8%	74.6%
96740	Kona	14,145	\$986	\$41,122	\$61.80	\$1,814	\$55.90	\$1,675	83.9%	74.5%
96745	Kona	2,741	\$196	\$45,460	\$12.90	\$2,173	\$11.40	\$2,051	85.8%	77.2%
96750	Kona	2,616	\$139	\$37,003	\$8.00	\$1,592	\$7.30	\$1,407	83.6%	72.4%
96718	Puna-Ka'Ci	192	\$10	\$30,359	\$0.60	\$1,172	\$0.60	\$849	72.9%	66.7%
96737	Puna-Ka'Ci	942	\$31	\$18,850	\$1.60	\$459	\$1.30	\$47	69.0%	51.9%
96749	Puna-Ka'Ci	6,766	\$297	\$29,589	\$16.20	\$1,159	\$14.80	\$846	78.2%	66.1%
96760	Puna-Ka'Ci	1,381	\$59	\$25,693	\$3.10	\$827	\$2.90	\$514	76.8%	62.6%
96771	Puna-Ka'Ci	1,722	\$66	\$23,853	\$3.40	\$757	\$3.10	\$455	75.9%	60.5%
96772	Puna-Ka'Ci	1,000	\$36	\$25,913	\$2.00	\$754	\$1.80	\$442	73.9%	58.6%
96777	Puna-Ka'Q	683	\$24	\$30,423	\$1.20	\$1,241	\$1.10	\$1,015	79.8%	65.6%
96778	Puna-Ka'u	5,534	\$194	\$22,432	\$10.00	\$657	\$8.70	\$288	74.8%	57.8%
96785	Puna-Ka'u	1,200	\$55	\$27,174	\$3.00	\$884	\$2.70	\$676	74.0%	63.0%
	KAUAI COUNTY									
96715	Lihu'e	141	\$6	\$37,277	\$0.30	\$1,712	\$0.30	\$1,640	81.6%	73.0%
96766	Lihu'e	8,795	\$577	\$43,350	\$35.20	\$2,086	\$33.30	\$1,987	85.3%	78.2%
96703	North Kaua'i	973	\$56	\$34,914	\$3.50	\$1,584	\$2.60	\$1,335	85.3%	72.7%
96714	North Kaua'i	852	\$105	\$35,721	\$7.40	\$1,443	\$6.70	\$1,195	82.6%	71.5%
96722	North Kaua'i	884	\$105	\$42,719	\$7.60	\$1,553	\$6.30	\$1,307	78.6%	71.3%
96746	North Kaua'i	8,501	\$522	\$40,737	\$31.40	\$1,907	\$29.20	\$1,782	83.0%	75.1%
96751	North Kaua'i	205	\$12	\$35,236	\$0.70	\$1,295	\$0.60	\$1,092	75.1%	64.9%
96754	North Kaua'i	1,925	\$155	\$41,097	\$10.80	\$1,831	\$8.80	\$1,664	82.6%	73.9%
96756	Koloa-Po'ipu	2,652	\$269	\$44,018	\$18.80	\$2,070	\$16.70	\$1,955	84.2%	76.1%
96705	West Kaua'i	1,356	\$94	\$46,516	\$6.00	\$2,259	\$5.80	\$2,165	85.2%	79.9%
96716	west Kaua'i	1,077	\$62	\$45,078	\$3.40	\$2,203	\$3.3	\$2,133	85.7%	78.6%
96741	West Kaua'i	2,561	\$205	\$46,177	\$13.10	\$2,180	\$12.40	\$2,059	83.7%	78.1%
96747	West Kaua'i	342	\$16	\$44,126	\$0.90	\$2,094	\$0.90	\$2,084	88.6%	83.3%
96752	West Kaua'i	1,315	\$67	\$39,908	\$3.70	\$1,785	\$3.50	\$1,687	81.9%	74.8%
96765	West Kaua'i	1,039	\$65	\$43,534	\$3.90	\$2,070	\$3.70	\$1,979	83.7%	77.0%
96769	West Kaua'i	239	\$13	\$41,830	\$0.70	\$2,067	\$0.70	\$1,934	88.7%	79.5%
96796	West Kaua'i	1,027	\$54.70	\$39,459	\$3.00	\$1,854	\$2.90	\$1,683	82.0%	74.1%

* Contains negative values.

Overview of Population in 2020: Kauai County

(Data source: 2020 Decennial Census)

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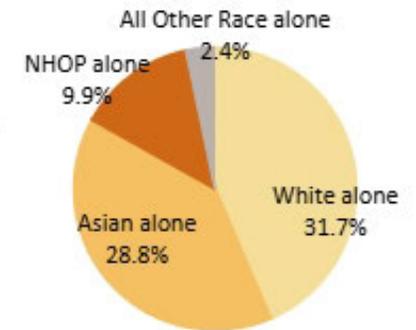
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- Kauai County
- Maui County

Characteristics of race groups can be explored using data from the American Community Survey. Click the image below for the latest report on detailed race groups in Hawai'i done by DBEDT.



Race composition in 2020

	Number	% of total..
Total Population	73,298	100.0%
One Race	53,290	72.7%
- White alone	23,204	31.7%
- Asian alone	21,102	28.8%
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	7,227	9.9%
- Black or African American alone	376	0.5%
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone	287	0.4%
- Some Other Race alone	1,094	1.5%
Two or More Races	20,008	27.3%



Selected races, alone

Race	Number	% of total pop.
Filipino	12,861	17.5%
Native Hawaiian	5,925	8.1%
Japanese	5,227	7.1%
Chinese	516	0.7%
Korean	174	0.2%
Vietnamese	129	0.2%
Samoan	88	0.1%

Selected races, alone or in combination

Race	Number	% of total pop.
Filipino	23,392	31.9%
Native Hawaiian	18,096	24.7%
Japanese	12,806	17.5%
Chinese	7,207	9.8%
Korean	903	1.2%
Samoan	530	0.7%
Vietnamese	220	0.3%

Population of Town by Race (%) - Compiled

Census 2020

Towns	Population	White	African/Native American	Asian	Pacific Islander	Other	Two or more 2+	Latin-Hispanic
Eleele	2,505	9.5	0.4	61.8	5.3	0.7	22.5	8.2
Hanapepe	2,678	16.0	0.4	48.6	8.5	0.2	26.3	8.6
Makaweli	672	4.0	0.0	77.0	2.0		16.0	5.0
Waimea	2,057	12.7	0.3	43.0	12.3	1.1	30.6	7.2
Kekaha	3,715	15.9	0.7	43.6	12.4	1.0	26.4	8.7
Kaumakani	749	4.0		77.0	2.0		16.0	5.0
	12,376	10.4	0.4	58.5	7.1	0.8	23.0	7.1
	Sum	Average						

Population of Census Tracts by Race (%) - Compiled

Census 2022

Race (alone or in combination)

Tract	Population	White	African/Native American	Asian	Pacific Islander	Other	Two or more 2+	Latin-Hispanic
409	5,622	43.8		55.0	52.8			
408	3,985	21.4		82.4	22.7			
407.02	5,516	52.2		53.6	22.7			
	15,123	39.1		63.7	32.7			
	Sum	Average						

409 Kekaha Waimea

408 Kaumakani-Hanapepe

407.02 Kalaheo-Kalawai Park (Include parts of Kalaheo and Eleele)

DEBT Snapshots of Census Tract Data Hawaii Population by Census Tract: 2022

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Kauai County

Total population: **73,610**
Sex ratio (males per 100 females): **99.4**
Age:
Median age: **42.7**
Under 18 (%): **21.4**
65 years and over (%): **21.8**
Race (alone or in combination):
White (%): **52.0**
Asian (%): **51.4**
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (%): **28.5**
Civilian unemployment rate (%): **3.9**
Persons below poverty (%): **8.8**
Bachelor's degree or higher (aged 25 and over, %): **30.2**
Foreign born (%): **14.6**
Language Spoken (aged 5 and over):
Other than English (%): **18.0**
Speaks English less than very well (%): **8.6**
Housing units:
Total: **30,392**
Occupied: **23,465**
Owner occupied med value (\$): **817,900**
Owner occupancy (%): **67.3**
Vacant (%): **22.8**
Households:
Average size: **3.10**
Family (%): **70.1**
Living alone (%): **20.9**
Median household income (\$): **93,612**
Median rent (\$): **1,810**

Kekaha-Waimea Tract 409

Tract Name: **Kekaha-Waimea**
Total population: **5,622**
Sex ratio (males per 100 females): **97.1**
Age:
Median age: **43.3**
Under 18 (%): **23.4**
65 years and over (%): **20.8**
Race (alone or in combination):
White (%): **43.8**
Asian (%): **55.0**
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (%): **52.8**
Civilian unemployment rate (%): **3.3**
Persons below poverty (%): **12.8**
Bachelor's degree or higher (aged 25 and over, %): **18.5**
Foreign born (%): **6.3**
Language Spoken (aged 5 and over):
Other than English (%): **21.5**
Speaks English less than very well (%): **10.3**
Housing units:

Total: **2,191**
Occupied: **1,781**
Owner occupied med value (\$)¹: **535,900**
Owner occupancy (%): **56.1**
Vacant (%): **18.7**
Households:
Average size: **3.10**
Family (%): **71.7**
Living alone (%): **24.0**
Median household income (\$): **82,599**
Median rent (\$)²: **1,941**

Kaumakani-Hanapepe Tract 408

Tract Name: **Kaumakani-Hanapepe**
Total population: **3,985**
Sex ratio (males per 100 females): **111.9**
Age:
Median age: **40.6**
Under 18 (%): **18.9**
65 years and over (%): **18.3**
Race (alone or in combination):
White (%): **21.4**
Asian (%): **82.4**
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (%): **22.7**
Civilian unemployment rate (%): **5.8**
Persons below poverty (%): **6.7**
Bachelor's degree or higher (aged 25 and over, %): **14.9**
Foreign born (%): **13.2**
Language Spoken (aged 5 and over):
Other than English (%): **39.9**
Speaks English less than very well (%): **20.3**
Housing units:
Total: **1,259**
Occupied: **1,116**
Owner occupied med value (\$)¹: **738,100**
Owner occupancy (%): **46.7**
Vacant (%): **11.4**
Households:
Average size: **3.57**
Family (%): **82.9**
Living alone (%): **11.0**
Median household income (\$): **88,387**
Median rent (\$)²: **1,092**

Kalaheo-Kalawai Park Tract 407.02

Tract Name: **Kalaheo-Kalawai Park**
Total population: **5,516**
Sex ratio (males per 100 females): **100.0**
Age:

Median age: **41.9**
Under 18 (%): **22.9**
65 years and over (%): **22.8**
Race (alone or in combination):
White (%): **52.2**
Asian (%): **53.5**
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (%): **22.7**
Civilian unemployment rate (%): **1.6**
Persons below poverty (%): **12.3**
Bachelor's degree or higher (aged 25 and over, %): **35.0**
Foreign born (%): **9.2**
Language Spoken (aged 5 and over):
Other than English (%): **18.4**
Speaks English less than very well (%): **8.4**
Housing units:
Total: **2,174**
Occupied: **1,914**
Owner occupied med value (\$): **848,000**
Owner occupancy (%): **78.5**
Vacant (%): **12.0**
Households:
Average size: **2.88**
Family (%): **60.7**
Living alone (%): **29.3**
Median household income (\$): **107,324**
Median rent (\$): **1,508**

High School					
9	10	11	12	Total	Pre-K
0	0	0	0	340	3
0	0	0	0	318	8
0	0	0	0	397	6
0	0	0	0	323	8
0	0	0	0	469	0
189	172	152	190	703	0
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3	1	0	0	41	0
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Kauai

The Garden Isle

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Kokee

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State Park

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Kekaha

Waimea

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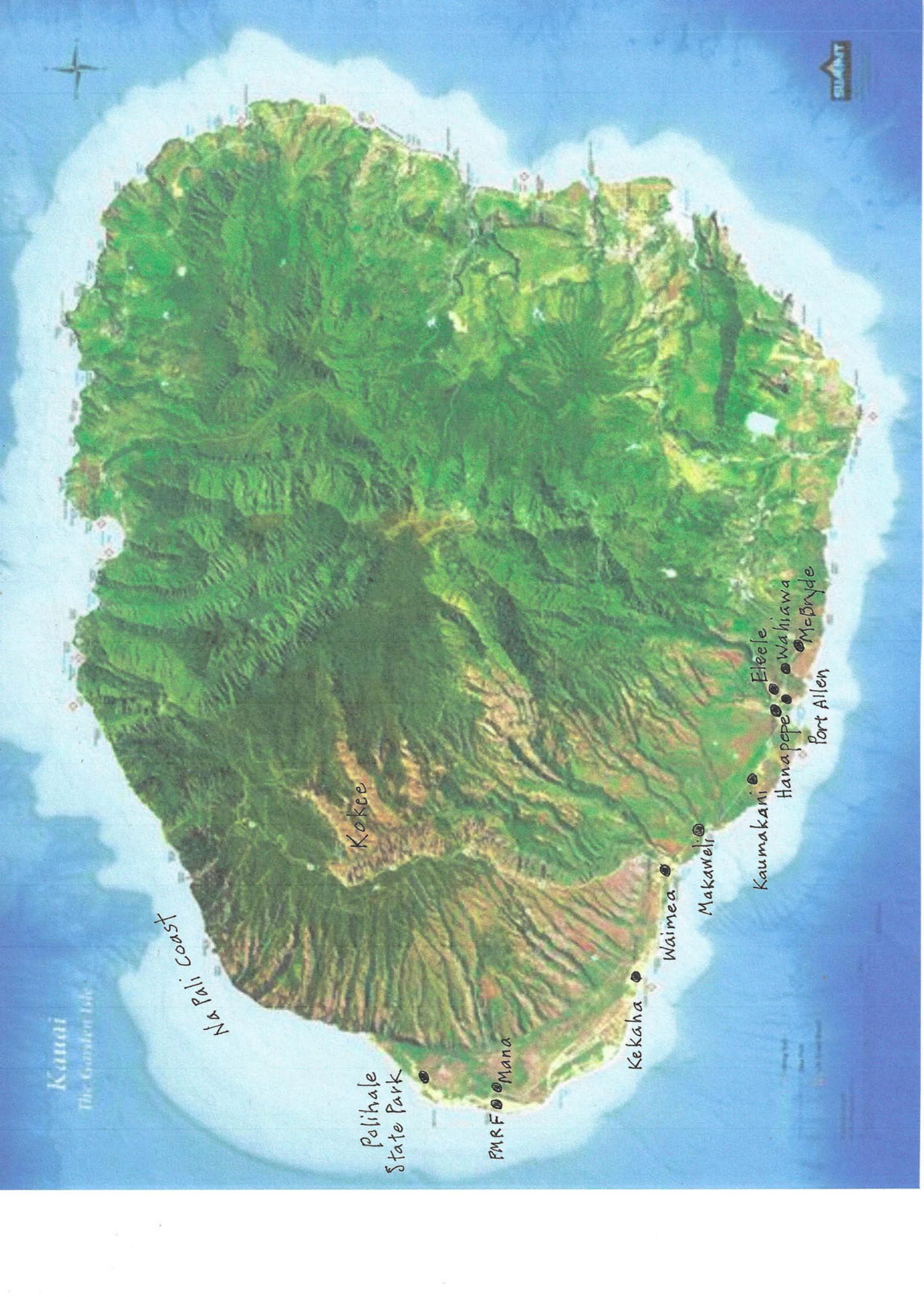
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December 5, 2026

Hawaii State Legislature, Hawaii State Capitol

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Dear Sir and/or Madam:

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE KAUAI SOTO ZEN TEMPLE PROPOSAL:

Preserving Zenshuji Hall: Essential Re-Roofing and Community Facility Improvements

Aloha,

I am writing on behalf of Kauai Kookie LLC, a locally owned and operated business that has proudly served the people of Kauai for generations, to express our strong support for the Kauai Economic Development Board (KEDB) and the Kauai Soto Zen Temple in their request for State Grant-In-Aid funding for capital improvements to the Zenshuji Social Hall.

For more than a century, the Kauai Soto Zen Temple has been a cornerstone of West Kauai, providing spiritual guidance, cultural continuity, and a welcoming space for community connection. The Temple's proposed re-roofing and facility improvements are essential investments that will protect this historic structure and ensure it remains a safe, accessible, and functional gathering place for residents across generations.

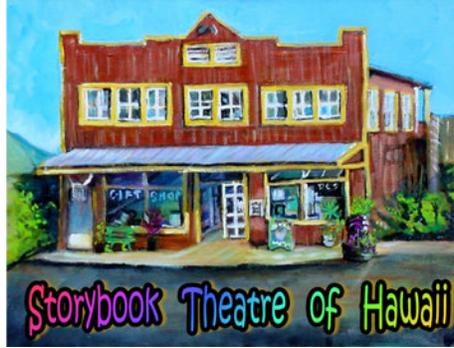
We also commend KEDB for serving as the project's fiscal sponsor and for its leadership in advancing inclusive, place-based economic and community development. KEDB's involvement provides confidence that the project will be well-managed, community driven, and aligned with broader efforts to support resilient local economies and vibrant communities. For these reasons, Kauai Kookie LLC fully supports this Grant-In-Aid request and respectfully urges favorable consideration of funding for this vital project.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express our support.

With Aloha,

Ruth Hashisaka

President



January 12, 2026

To: Hawai'i State Legislators
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: Letter of Support for Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple Proposal
"Preserving Zenshuji Hall: Essential Re-Roofing and Community Facility Improvements"**

Aloha nui lā e members of the Hawai'i State Legislature,

It is with deep respect and wholehearted support that I write in favor of the Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple's 2026 Grant-in-Aid request for *Preserving Zenshuji Hall: Essential Re-Roofing and Community Facility Improvements*. The Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple—Zenshuji—has been a pillar of spiritual, cultural, and community life in *Hanapēpē / Ele'ele* and throughout West Kaua'i for generations. Its legacy stretches back to the earliest Japanese immigrant communities on Kaua'i and continues today as an inclusive place that serves people of all ages and backgrounds.

For decades, the temple has offered meditation, cultural events, and community gatherings that promote peace, mindfulness, and harmony. It is widely recognized not only as the only Soto Zen Buddhist temple on Kaua'i but also as a place where residents and visitors alike find solace, connection, and cultural enrichment. Regular Sunday meditation sessions and community services offer spiritual grounding, while traditional festivals—such as their annual *Obon/Bon Dance*—celebrate multi-cultural heritage and bring families together for joyful remembrance and cultural continuity.

My personal connection with the temple and its President, Mr. Gerald Hirata, spans more than eight years through collaborative community events and cultural education projects. Mr. Hirata has served on the Board of Trustees of Storybook Theatre of Hawai'i and has worked closely with me on events such as *Hanapepe Community History Day* and the *Annual International Day of Peace activities*. In each collaboration, the Kaua'i Soto Zen Temple consistently contributed vision, respect for cultural traditions, and warm community engagement—from youth participants to kupuna, and from Hawaiian hula groups to taiko and Filipino dancers—reflecting the diversity that makes our island community strong.

The Temple's leadership, including Mr. Hirata's ongoing contributions, has fostered partnerships that strengthen the social and cultural fabric of West Kaua'i. Its cooperation with organizations such as the Hanapepe Economic Alliance and direct support for community initiatives—including *Sparky's International Garden for Peace*—demonstrates a commitment to community vitality that extends well beyond its own grounds.

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Investing in the preservation and improvement of *Zenshuji Hall* is critical—not only for the Temple’s continued operation, but also for the cultural, spiritual, and inter-generational value it provides to families across West Kaua‘i. This facility supports meditation, education, cultural festivals, and safe gathering space for people of all ages.

I wholeheartedly support the Kaua‘i Soto Zen Temple’s application for facility improvement funds and respectfully urge your favorable consideration of their 2026 Grant-in-Aid proposal. Mahalo nui loa for your attention and kokua for this treasured community institution.

With gratitude and aloha,

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Mark Jeffers.
Founder - Storybook Theatre of Hawaii



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SUBJECT: Letter of Support of the Kauai Soto Zen Temple Proposal entitled "Preserving Zenshuji Hall: Essential Re-Roofing and Community Facility Improvements"

To whom it may concern:

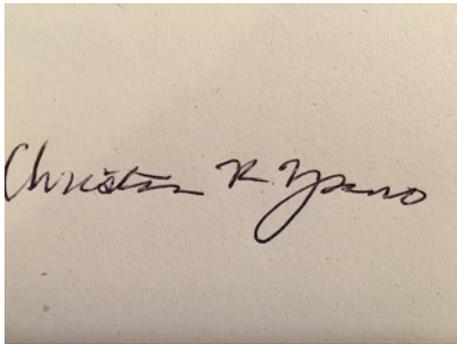
I am writing this letter in strong support of a grant application, "Preserving Zenshuji Hall: Essential Re-Roofing and Community Facility Improvements," submitted by Gerald Hirata to help upgrade and renovate the Zenshuji Hall at the Kauai Soto Zen Temple located in Hanapepe. I am an anthropologist with a focus on Japanese culture, especially as it may be found in Hawaii. I have worked on various local projects, including research on bon dance in Hawaii, Cherry Blossom Festival, and English Standard Schools. Most recently, I was a consultant on a large-scale bon-dance-focused project with Mr. Hirata in 2023.

This current grant has an immediate goal of renovating a key building at the temple in order to serve as a venue for meeting and gathering of the community on the West side of Kauai. Because of the age of the buildings and current state, funds are needed to assure the structural integrity of the building. Having worked with Mr. Hirata and his enthusiastic body of volunteers, I can vouch for their larger goals – that is, community building and sustenance that is vital in an era of rural depopulation. From my interactions in 2023, I have been impressed with the community response generated by Mr. Hirata's efforts. Renovating this building represents the infrastructural backbone geared to renovating community cultural activities, educational development, and civic engagement. These are lofty goals, represented by one building. What brings these goals to life is the strong-minded active spirit of the members of the Kauai Soto Zen Temple, a religious organization that serves not only as a spiritual center, but a critical community hub. This project, then, is about far more than one religious sect. It is really about the historical underpinnings that have brought this Kauai community together and made it a living magnet for Kauai development.

For this reason, partnering with the Kauai Economic Development Board is highly significant. Indeed, the two – Kauai Soto Zen and Kauai Economic Development Board – work well together to support community efforts at both the emotional/social level as well as administrative implementation level. A project such as this brings these together, enhancing the quality of life of the community. From my observations and conversations with Mr. Hirata, this collaboration will achieve the goals set forth by the temple and KEBD.

The strength of this proposal piggybacks on previous funding at the state and national levels. They include the Hawaii Tourism Authority - Community Enrichment Program and the National Endowment for the Arts. Receiving an NEA grant is a huge accomplishment in a national competition, and reflects the far-ranging thinking of Hirata and his committee. That is what impressed me tremendously with the 2023 project – the combination of heart, vision, and grit (i.e. hard work). Gerald Hirata and his team at the Kauai Soto Zen Temple have proven the worthiness of their efforts. I strongly support this grant.

Sincerely,

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Christine R Yano
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RE: Kaua'i Soto Zen Zensuji Hall Upgrade and Renovation

As a former mayor and councilmember on Kaua'i, it is my pleasure to support KEDB's request for monies to support the repair and strengthening of Kaua'i Soto Zen's Zensuji Hall to allow its continuance as a community center for cultural, historical, and educational events that are open to all.

From Hawaiian lei making and la'au lapa'au to cooking classes to the annual crowd attracting O'On festivals and Peace Day celebrations to honor the legacy of Senator Spark Matsunaga, the Kauai Soto Zen Temple has been a gathering place for the town of Hanapepe and the wider Westside community for many years.

Funds to keep this community hub safe and in repair will help to continue its role in serving the community as a venue for educational and community-building activities, civic and community engagement, and family and recreational events.

It is a project worth funding. I strongly support this project.

Mahalo nui loa.

Me ke aloha,

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JoAnn A Yukimura

December 31 2025

Hawaii State Legislature
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Honorable Chairs and Committee Members:

**RE: Kauai Economic Development Board – Kauai Soto Zen 2026 Grant-in-Aid:
“Preserving Zenshuji Hall Essential Re-Roofing and Community Facility Improvements”**

Aloha! My name is Randall Francisco. I am writing in support of the partnership of the applicants requesting funding in order to renovate the historic Hanapepe Zen Temple Zenshuji Hall. The building which is more than 40 years old is in need of financial support in order to provide a modern contemporary space critical to both temple and community-wide use. As the application indicates, the structure will undergo much needed adaptive-reuse essential to meeting the high demand of community space large enough to accommodate capacity-building that has seen significant growth throughout Kauai’s westside as a result of demographic, economic, workforce and community development, including, population shift.

Located in the historic town of Hanapepe, “Kauai’s Biggest Little Town” the building serves as a critical community-driven space recognized by many especially, for its renown of the annual Summer O-bon Festival. I have attended many community and free events over the years. The temple has adeptly made its space available, especially, when there was a need far beyond its original intentions. Any support can only help strengthen the organization’s ability to do more --- and, do better, both sustainably and, thus continue to serve as a community-minded organization and neighbor.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated. Mahalo for your time. Feel free to contact me anytime at franciscorandall@yahoo.com or 808-635-4130.

Aloha,



Randall Francisco
Hanapepe Resident
Hanapepe Economic Alliance, Vice President and Director
West Kauai Business & Professional Association, Former President and Director