

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
 - a) Budget request by source of funds ([Link](#))
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- 7) Experience and Capability
- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

Kelina Kawayo: Kahau

*Kelina-Kawayo: Kahau.
Chief Executive*

Oct 21, 2025

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

DATE

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

Type of Grant Request:

Operating Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Db:

WATRRS GROUP

Workers Against The Recidivisme Rate

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$900,000

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

This grant will be used to acquire a building with a certified storage for food and cooking to use to provide target at risk youth and their siblings as well as family members with group Therapy and to provide a safe place to come after school or on the weekends. This building will provide a safe space to reduce/terminate violent tendencies with support of academic achievements and this will help them to stay out of the street violence. This building would help our mission to reduce and take control to of the recidivisme rate in our community and ultimately help nourish our youth within out community as well for all.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ 0

Federal: \$ 0

County: \$ 0

Private/Other: \$ 0

Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5 Fiscal Years: \$ 0

Unrestricted Assets: \$ 0

New Service (Presently Does Not Exist): Existing Service (Presently in Operation):

Type of Business Entity:

501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporation

Other Non Profit

Other

Mailing Address:

84-755 Ala Mahiku Street 70A

City:

Waianae

State:

HI

Zip: 96792

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

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Kelaine-Kanayo: Kahau. ^{Executive} Kelaine-Kanayo: Kahau.
Authorized Signature Name and Title Date Signed Oct 29, 2025

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

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

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

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

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

Workers Against The Recidivism Rate

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

Kelaine Kameyo: Kahau

(Signature)

Oct 27, 2025

(Date)

:Kelaine-Kameyo:Kahau

Executive

(Typed Name)

(Title)

SECTION 42F-102 PUBLIC PURPOSE

(1) The name of the requesting organization or individual

Workers Against The Recidivism Rates dba WATRRS GROUP

(2) The public purpose for the grant

WATRRS GROUP'S Redirect Therapy (RT), to services after school and within the communities on Oahu, with communication techniques and by redirecting the high-risk areas as well as violent behaviors of target youth. This will allow a peaceful and pro-social behavior in a changed environment

(3) The services to be supported by the grant

This grant will support the WATRRS GROUP (RT) Counseling Program, with an education center, assessment center to help with the trauma that at-risk youth are facing. This key service activity includes, but is not limited to, community outreach and engagement with group counseling and educational support.

(4) The target group

WATRRS GROUP's target population consists of disadvantaged youth, male and female, who come from low-income backgrounds, and may be prone to violence and criminal activity, and who are at high-risk for academic failure, as well as gang-oriented, as well as those who have commit status offenses on the Leeward Coast of Oahu.

(5) The cost of the grant and the budget

The project will cost \$900,000, and the total budget requested from the Hawaii State Grant in Aid is \$900,000.

Application for Grants

If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".

I. Certification – Please attach immediately after cover page

1. Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate from the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2024.

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](#).

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
WATRRS GROUP's mission is to tackle recidivism by addressing its root cause from both ends of life. We are dedicated to educating and empowering youth, transforming them into leaders and productive members of society. Our goal is to cultivate role models who will inspire and guide other at-risk youth, fostering a community rooted in resilience and positive change.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request.
WATRRS GROUP is requesting funding for the purchase of a property that will be used to provide these services and envisions a society where recidivism is effectively reduced by supporting individuals at every stage of life. We empower youth through education, guiding them to become leaders and role models for their peers. We also support adults returning from incarceration by creating a safe, stable space where they can rebuild their lives and achieve long-term success.

3. The public purpose and needs to be served:
Youth Empowerment: Educate and mentor at-risk youth, helping them develop leadership skills and become positive role models within their communities.

Support for Returning Citizens: Provide welcoming, supportive environments for adults reentering society after incarceration, including access to resources essential for success.

Addiction Recovery Support: Develop and promote programs that encourage sobriety and provide access to recovery and addiction support services.

Financial Literacy and Capital Building: Offer training and tools to help individuals improve credit, build capital, and create sustainable financial plans for their futures.

Community Engagement: Collaborate with local organizations, businesses, and stakeholders to build a strong support network for both at-risk youth and returning citizens.

4. Describe the target population to be served.
- WATRRS GROUP's main focus is on Oahu's highest-risk youth, and some adults who have been disadvantaged by the lack of education and very low-income backgrounds, with predisposed to violence and criminal activity. We do have a population that we currently provide help to from ages 10 years old and older, and we do serve the minority populations, and we do not discriminate on race, gender, or income, or the neighborhood you come from.

WATRRS GROUP is on the west and east sides of Oahu, Makaha, Waianae, Mailli, Nanakuli, Ewa, Ewa Beach, Salt Lake and Kalini, Palolo housing and Sand Island.

Outreach in the streets and beaches, encampments from west to east, and in the darkest places, such as Hotel Street, under the bridges in Honolulu, to save and serve the youth and families.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.
- WATRRS GROUP will continue to provide services and crisis response to youth across Oahu, while this proposal is for a property/building. We at the WATRRS GROUP will still work with our at-risk youth and especially with youth who are not just in suspension from school but who are not in school and are doing illegal activity, and help to get them in the right frame of mind.

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 purpose of a building/property will be to facilitate direct services to the youth that we work with. These essential areas to conduct developmental activities to heal their past trauma and build them a successful pathway to becoming great leaders with success in our community.

At the same time, we can build more to provide more opportunities for our community as well as the WATRRS GROUP.

This will help WATRRS GROUP to provide on a larger scale and reach more youth with developmental skills and tools that they need, or enhance their learning, which will help them become a productive member of society.

Our Experts and partners are spearheaded by:

Keilene Kahau, owner, Chief Executive/Member, Project Coordinator

John Penitani, member, Assistant Executive Project Program/Member and Head Program Director

Iokua Spencer, Member, Project Director, Education

Junior Puapuga, Member, Project Director, Music

Kathlene Soares, Member, outreach mothers and families

Tupou Kulihaapai, Member, outreach to clean and sober homes and community clean up.

Brittany K. Worsham, Member, Youth Outreach community leader

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

Quarter one: Acquisition of property

Quarter two: The Design and remodeling

Quarter three: Contract with contractor and permits

Quarter Four: The supplies for the use of our organization

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

The WATRRS GROUP Acquisition team will monitor all aspects of the building, design and remodeling procurement and development. For these members possess unique expertise to make this project possible and successful. The WATRRS GROUP will conduct regular meeting to monitor and timeline and budget presented in this application.

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.
 - Adherence to the project timeline with the start date of financial budget.

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

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
0	0	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$900,000.00

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for the fiscal year 2026.
 1. W.K. Kellogg Foundation
 2. OHA
 3. Harold K.L. Castle Foundation
 4. Pepsi Foundation
 5. Hawaii Community Foundation
 6. Central Pacific Bank Foundation
 7. First Hawaiian Bank Foundation
 8. Bank of Hawaii Foundation
 9. Alexander and Baldwin
 10. City and County GIA
 11. Women's Foundation
 12. Other Private Foundation

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 list of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants-in-aid it has received within the past three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2026 for program funding.

Not applicable

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2024.
\$5,243.32

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.

Before Worker Against The Recidivism Rate dba WATRRS GROUP was created, we had been caring for the at-risk youth for over 10 years. We came together and made it a nonprofit as of July 31, 2024. Our first youth after creation was the next day, Aug 1, 2024. He came to us needing to get started in getting help with preparing for a job interview. Then in September of 2024, we went to a community meeting known as the Kupuna Council at Pokai Bay in Waianae, and the next Thursday, they introduced us to the Waianae ALO class, and we had been accepted into the youths' lives. We gained their trust, and it expanded to more youth who had not been in school or who had dropped out of school. We have been working with a lot of the youth on the west coast of Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, and Makaha, and have been addressing the traumas that they are going through.

One of our members, John Pentani, is currently in college receiving his Certification in Substance Abuse Counseling and Certificate of Competence in Substance disorders Counseling CSAC/CPSUD'S Program.

We do have other members who have experience in the music industry as an engineer, writer, musician who reads music. We have other members with experience with cultural arts and history from the Pacific, and who have studied law and business.

Our sole target is to reduce the recidivism rate by educating the youth with plans of action in creating their own business; by doing so, they will stop stealing and selling illegal products to survive.

But by doing this, trust is gained and education of business is taught, and with just enough structure and Aloha, the at-risk youth will become productive citizens within the community. They are the leaders of today and tomorrow.

We have helped the teachers at Waianae ALO class with the students that was not going to graduate in the class of 2024, and we motivated them and helped them with issues at home and in their personal lives. This year, we have seen the same efforts in this call of 2025, and the younger youth in that just came from Waianae inter.

The WATRRS GROUP is now in the school paper to show the achievements, breaking the cycle of the gangs within the school and the classroom, and how much they have become united as one ohana, because they want to change and grow in body, mind, and spirit.

We have been invited to help the youth at the Liliuokalani Center, and letters of recommendation have been given for the WATRRS GROUP on their behalf, and from the Waianae Alo class to help more youth out in the streets. We now go to Ewa Beach to help individual families, and to Kamehamea IV housing to help those youth and families with the trauma that they face.

We are currently helping an individual youth who was on the run. She was inspired to change her life after the WATRRS GROUP met with her. But because of safety issues in her own home, she then found herself outside the home and requested to come live with Keline Kahau, the owner of WATRRS GROUP.

The WATRRS GROUP MEMBERS have the experience and understanding of what these youth are facing and why; we are boots on the ground and in the cracks and cracks and crevices of the streets. We have earned the trust and respect of the youth who are in the streets, and we bring them the help.

This building would allow WATRRS GROUP to help more youth who need the help and inspiration to get out of the streets and get into the business of positive change

2. Facilities

The applicant shall describe its facilities and demonstrate their adequacy in relation to the request. If facilities are not presently available, describe plans to secure facilities.

We have not located the facility yet, but we are looking for one. WATRRS GROUP's envision is to start in Makaha, which would be a safe and neutral property. This property is a quiet area and a place that's close to Waianae High School, and a very large lot that has the space for youth to live and grow, or just to come and feel safe from gun violence and those who present any threats to the youth.

The key that WATRRS GROUP has is people who have created the territories of different gangs, from crips, Bloods, La Familia, and more. We got that, and we are now in the process of cleaning what had been decades ago. There is a new concept of new gangs forming, and that is being too slow down. The WATRRS GROUP is about slowing down the Recidivism Rate so that the crime rate will go down, and the mentality of the youth will change to cause a ripple effect.

Our goal is to start in Waianae, head toward the east, south, and north of Oahu, then the different islands.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

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

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

Individual from WATRRS GROUP staff on the building Acquisition Group:

Keline K Kahau

Keline Kahau is the Chief Executive of the WATRRS GROUP for 1 year, prior to this creation Keline Kahau has been involved in helping the youth in Waianae on Lahaina street in Makaha, and owned businesses from catering, writing contracts serving the community with food distributions, clothing, and guidance. Keline Kahau has a business and computer networking degree.

John W. Penitani

John Penitani has been the Executive Assistant of WATRRS GROUP for 1 year now. He has owned many business, from Restaurants, sales merchant and specialize in communication with business in different countries. John Penitani has earned different degrees in law, retail, and is now going for his Certification in Substance Abuse Counseling and Certificate of Competence in Substance disorders Counseling CSAC/CPSUD'S Program.
Iokua K.K. Spencer

lokua Spence has its own clothing business and is our head director for the programs for the youth and is a musician and artist. lokua has created a lot of the actives that help the youth with their trauma through music.

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.

Chief Executive/ Public Relations/Secretary/Treasurer
Keline K. Kahau

Executive Assistant/Public Relations /Youth Advocacy Secretary/Treasurer
John W. Penitani

Public Relations/Youth Advocacy/Committee Director
Iokua K. Spencer

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.

At this time, all positions are voluntary and unpaid. However, upon receipt of any forthcoming grant monies, a portion of the awarded monies, with the parameters of the grant, will be apportioned or used as a salary or payment to our three highest-paid officers.

Chief Executive-\$75,000.00
Executive Assistant-\$75,000.00
Committee Director-\$45,000.00

The majority of the grant monies will be used to fund the organization.

VII. Other

1. Litigation

The applicant shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgment. If applicable, please explain.

WATRRS GROUP HAS NO PENDING LITIGATION.

2. Licensure or Accreditation

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

App Worker Against The Racism/ism Rate

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				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL	900,000			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)				
SOURCES OF FUNDING				
(a) Total State Funds Requested	900,000			
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested				
(c) Total County Funds Requested				
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested				
TOTAL BUDGET	900,000			

Budget Prepared By:	
Name (Please type or print): <i>Kelina - Kameyo; Kahau, SOB6739606</i>	Phone
Signature of Authorized Official: <i>Kelina - Kameyo; Kahau.</i>	Date: <i>Oct 21 2025</i>
Name and Title (Please type or print): <i>Kelina; Kameyo; Kahau Executive</i>	

