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January 14, 2026

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Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813

Senator Ronald Kouchi
Senate President
Hawaiʻi State Capitol Room 409
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RE: Reporting Obligations Pursuant to HRS §10-14.5(a), §10-15, and §37-75 Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

VIA: Reports to the Legislature Web Portal

Alohaʻolua mai,

On behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), we appreciate your continued support and guidance as we prepare for the 2026 Legislature Session.

In accordance with statutory requirements, OHA respectfully submits the following reports in fulfillment of its reporting obligations:

- **Accounting of Expenditures made in Prior Fiscal Year. (Attachment A)**
  Pursuant to HRS §10-14.5(a).

- **Variance Report (Attachment B)**
  Pursuant to HRS §10-14.5(a) and HRS §37-75.

- **Annual Report (Attachment C)**
  Pursuant to HRS §10-15.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this submission or its attachments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-582-0466 or summers@oha.org or our Interim CFO Ryan Lee, at 808-594-0130 or ryanhl@oha.org.

Mahalo for your continued leadership and support. We look forward to working closely with you and your staff during the upcoming legislative session.

‘O wau iho nō me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

Summer Sylva
Interim Administrator / Chief Executive Office

Attachments

Cc:
Trustee Kaiali‘i Kahele, Chair, OHA Board of Trustees
Trustee John Waihe‘e IV, Chair, OHA Budget & Finance Committee
K.Sean Kekina, Chief Operating Officer
Ryan H Lee, OHA Interim Chief Financial Officer

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
FISCAL YEAR 2025 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES, REPORT DATE 12/31/2025

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES [FN 1]	FY2025				
	GENERAL FUNDS	TRUST FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL
BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY					
Personnel	-	5,179,979	482,147	-	5,662,126
Operating	2,117,078	13,594,802	951,114	94,721	16,757,715
Subtotal - Beneficiary Advocacy	2,117,078	18,774,781	1,433,261	94,721	22,419,841
BOARD OF TRUSTEES					
Personnel	-	3,222,034	-	-	3,222,034
Operating	-	663,300	-	-	663,300
Subtotal - Board of Trustees	-	3,885,334	-	-	3,885,334
SUPPORT SERVICES					
Personnel	-	6,266,961	-	-	6,266,961
Operating	1,082,922	14,819,125	-	-	15,902,047
Subtotal - Support Services	1,082,922	21,086,086	-	-	22,169,008
DEBT SERVICE	-	3,998,399	-	-	3,998,399
Subtotal - Debt Service	-	3,998,399	-	-	3,998,399
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES TOTAL	3,200,000	47,744,600	1,433,261	94,721	52,472,582

FOOTNOTES>
[1] FY2025 actuals figures from OHA's unaudited financial statements.

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
FISCAL YEARS 2025, 2026 VARIANCE REPORT, REPORT DATE 12/31/25

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	FY 2025				FY2026 ACTUAL THREE MONTHS ENDING 9-30-25				FY2026 ESTIMATE NINE MONTHS ENDING 6-30-26			
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance FAV / (UNFAV)	%	Budgeted	Actual	Variance FAV / (UNFAV)	%	Budgeted	Estimate	Variance FAV / (UNFAV)	%
GENERAL FUNDS [FN 1]												
Beneficiary Advocacy												
Personnel	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Operating	2,400,000	2,117,078	282,922	12%	600,000	-	600,000	100%	1,800,000	2,400,000	(600,000)	(33%)
Subtotal - Beneficiary Advocacy	2,400,000	2,117,078	282,922	12%	600,000	-	600,000	100%	1,800,000	2,400,000	(600,000)	(33%)
Board of Trustees												
Personnel	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Operating	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Subtotal - Board of Trustees	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Support Services												
Personnel	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Operating	600,000	1,082,922	(482,922)	(80%)	150,000	-	150,000	100%	450,000	600,000	(150,000)	(33%)
Subtotal - Support Services	600,000	1,082,922	(482,922)	(80%)	150,000	-	150,000	100%	450,000	600,000	(150,000)	(33%)
TOTAL - GENERAL FUNDS	3,000,000	3,200,000	(200,000)	(7%)	750,000	-	750,000	100%	2,250,000	3,000,000	(750,000)	(33%)
PUBLIC LAND TRUST (PLT) FUNDS [FN 2]												
Beneficiary Advocacy												
Personnel	5,842,705	5,179,979	662,726	11%	2,215,354	1,602,536	612,818	28%	6,646,061	7,258,879	(612,818)	(9%)
Operating	21,245,690	13,594,802	7,650,888	36%	4,546,204	4,726,009	(179,805)	(4%)	13,638,613	13,458,808	179,805	1%
Subtotal - Beneficiary Advocacy	27,088,395	18,774,781	8,313,614	31%	6,761,558	6,328,545	433,013	6%	20,284,674	20,717,687	(433,013)	(2%)
Board of Trustees												
Personnel	3,301,975	3,222,034	79,941	2%	1,051,530	1,045,327	6,203	1%	3,154,589	3,160,791	(6,203)	(0%)
Operating	1,540,864	663,300	877,564	57%	160,308	79,588	80,720	50%	480,925	561,645	(80,720)	(17%)
Subtotal - Board of Trustees	4,842,839	3,885,334	957,505	20%	1,211,838	1,124,915	86,923	7%	3,635,513	3,722,436	(86,923)	(2%)
Support Services												
Personnel	6,478,279	6,266,961	211,318	3%	2,235,204	1,834,831	400,373	18%	6,705,611	7,105,983	(400,373)	(6%)
Operating	18,722,278	14,819,125	3,903,153	21%	4,965,438	3,191,846	1,773,592	36%	14,896,315	16,669,907	(1,773,592)	(12%)
Subtotal - Support Services	25,200,557	21,086,086	4,114,471	16%	7,200,642	5,026,677	2,173,965	30%	21,601,925	23,775,890	(2,173,965)	(10%)
Debt Service	4,096,306	3,998,399	97,907	2%	832,525	831,846	679	0%	2,497,575	2,498,254	(679)	(0%)
Subtotal - Debt Service	4,096,306	3,998,399	97,907	2%	832,525	831,846	679	0%	2,497,575	2,498,254	(679)	(0%)
TOTAL - TRUST FUNDS	61,228,098	47,744,600	13,483,498	22%	16,006,563	13,311,983	2,694,580	17%	48,019,688	50,714,267	(2,694,580)	(6%)
FEDERAL FUNDS												
Beneficiary Advocacy												
Personnel	497,576	482,147	15,429	3%	201,531	124,685	76,846	38%	604,593	681,439	(76,846)	(13%)
Operating	1,671,523	951,114	720,409	43%	674,816	39,876	634,940	94%	2,024,447	2,659,387	(634,940)	(31%)
Subtotal - Beneficiary Advocacy	2,169,099	1,433,261	735,838	34%	876,347	164,561	711,786	81%	2,629,040	3,340,826	(711,786)	(27%)
Board of Trustees												
Personnel	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Operating	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Subtotal - Board of Trustees	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Support Services												
Personnel	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Operating	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Subtotal - Support Services	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL - FEDERAL FUNDS	2,169,099	1,433,261	735,838	34%	876,347	164,561	711,786	81%	2,629,040	3,340,826	(711,786)	(27%)

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	Budgeted	Actual	Variance FAV / (UNFAV)	%	Budgeted	Actual	Variance FAV / (UNFAV)	%	Budgeted	Estimate	Variance FAV / (UNFAV)	%
OTHER OHA FUNDS												
Beneficiary Advocacy												
Personnel	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Operating	126,300	94,721	31,579	25%	68,372	11,848	56,524	83%	205,117	261,641	(56,524)	(28%)
Subtotal - Beneficiary Advocacy	126,300	94,721	31,579	25%	68,372	11,848	56,524	83%	205,117	261,641	(56,524)	(28%)
Board of Trustees												
Personnel	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Operating	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Subtotal - Board of Trustees	-	-	-	0%			-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Support Services												
Personnel	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Operating	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Subtotal - Support Services	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL - OTHER OHA FUNDS	126,300	94,721	31,579	25%	68,372	11,848	56,524	83%	205,117	261,641	(56,524)	(28%)
SUMMARY TOTALS:												
ACCOUNT GROUP												
Beneficiary Advocacy												
Personnel	6,340,281	5,662,126	678,155	11%	2,416,885	1,727,221	689,664	29%	7,250,654	7,940,318	(689,664)	(10%)
Operating	25,443,513	16,757,715	8,685,798	34%	5,889,392	4,777,733	1,111,659	19%	17,668,177	18,779,836	(1,111,659)	(6%)
Subtotal - Beneficiary Advocacy	31,783,794	22,419,841	9,363,953	29%	8,306,277	6,504,954	1,801,323	22%	24,918,831	26,720,154	(1,801,323)	(7%)
Board of Trustees												
Personnel	3,301,975	3,222,034	79,941	2%	1,051,530	1,045,327	6,203	1%	3,154,589	3,160,791	(6,203)	(0%)
Operating	1,540,864	663,300	877,564	57%	160,308	79,588	80,720	50%	480,925	561,645	(80,720)	(17%)
Subtotal - Board of Trustees	4,842,839	3,885,334	957,505	20%	1,211,838	1,124,915	86,923	7%	3,635,513	3,722,436	(86,923)	(2%)
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Personnel	6,478,279	6,266,961	211,318	3%	2,235,204	1,834,831	400,373	18%	6,705,611	7,105,983	(400,373)	(6%)
Operating	19,322,278	15,902,047	3,420,231	18%	5,115,438	3,191,846	1,923,592	38%	15,346,315	17,269,907	(1,923,592)	(13%)
Subtotal - Support Services	25,800,557	22,169,008	3,631,549	14%	7,350,642	5,026,677	2,323,965	32%	22,051,925	24,375,890	(2,323,965)	(11%)
Debt Service	4,096,306	3,998,399	97,907	2%	832,525	831,846	679	0%	2,497,575	2,498,254	(679)	(0%)
Subtotal - Debt Service	4,096,306	3,998,399	97,907	2%	832,525	831,846	679	0%	2,497,575	2,498,254	(679)	(0%)
TOTAL - ACCOUNT GROUP	66,523,497	52,472,582	14,050,914	21%	17,701,282	13,488,392	4,212,890	24%	50,606,270	54,818,480	(4,212,890)	(8%)
TOTAL - BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY	31,783,794	22,419,841	9,363,953	29%	8,306,277	6,504,954	1,801,323	22%	24,918,831	26,720,154	(1,801,323)	(7%)
TOTAL - BOARD OF TRUSTEES	4,842,839	3,885,334	957,505	20%	1,211,838	1,124,915	86,923	7%	3,635,513	3,722,436	(86,923)	(2%)
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TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	4,096,306	3,998,399	97,907	2%	832,525	831,846	679	0%	2,497,575	2,498,254	(679)	(0%)
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES TOTAL	66,523,497	52,472,582	14,050,914	21%	17,701,282	13,488,392	4,212,890	24%	53,103,845	57,316,734	(4,212,890)	(8%)

FOOTNOTES >

[1] FY2025 General Funds: Act 071, SLH 2023 (HB133 HD1 SD2 CD1). FY2026 General Funds: Act 248, SLH 2025 (HB410 HD1 SD1 CD1), Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

[2] The OHA Public Land Trust is composed of three primary fund categories: Core Operating, Commercial Invested Property, and Native Hawaiian Trust Funds.

[3] FY2025 figures reflect Budget Realignment #5 (approved Nov. 13, 2025). FY2026 figures reflect the June 30, 2025 approved budget, including subsequent adjustments.

[4] FY2025 and FY2026 actuals are derived from OHA's unaudited financial statements; FY2026 actuals are based on figures as of September 30, 2025.



2025

Office *of* Hawaiian Affairs Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2025 | JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Kūpaʻa ma hope o ka ʻāina

OHA
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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Pictured on the cover is the last Hae Hawai'i flown over 'Iolani Palace during the time of the Monarchy. The mana of our ali'i and the lāhui is embodied in this Hae Hawai'i and will ever remain a symbol to be steadfast. Today, this flag is carefully preserved in the Hawai'i State Archives.
Kūpa'a ma hope o ka 'āina.

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About OHA

Our Mission

To mālama Hawai'i's people and environmental resources, and OHA's assets, toward ensuring the perpetuation of the culture, the enhancement of lifestyle, and the protection of entitlements of Native Hawaiians, while enabling the building of a strong and healthy Hawaiian people and lāhui, recognized nationally and internationally.

Our Vision

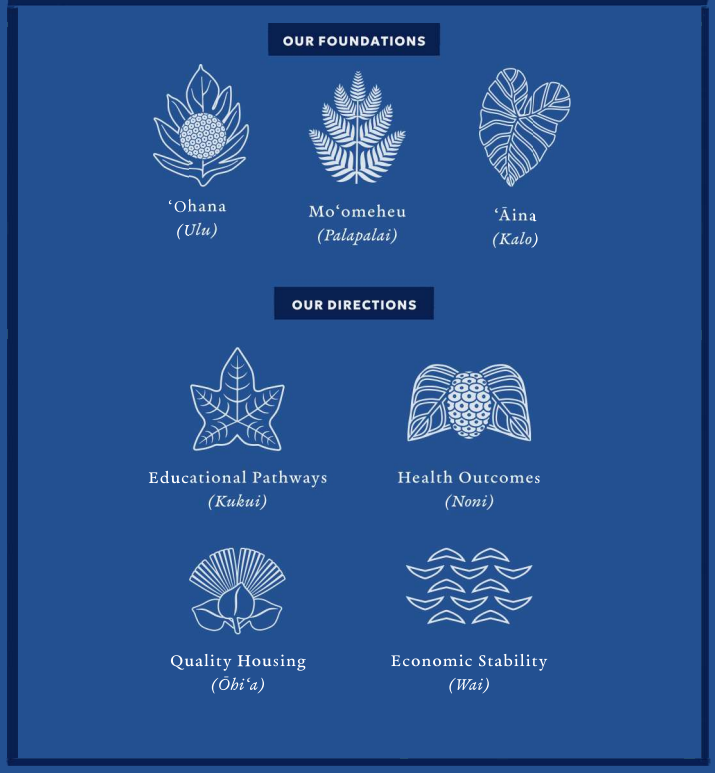
Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha

OHA's vision statement (To Raise a Beloved Lāhui) blends the thoughts and leadership of both King Kalākaua and his sister, Queen Lili'uokalani. Both faced tumultuous times as we do today, and met their challenges head on.

"Ho'oulu Lāhui" was King Kalākaua's motto. Aloha expresses the high values of Queen Lili'uokalani.

Mana i Mauli Ola

OHA believes building connections to 'ohana (family), mo'omeheu (culture) and 'āina (land) are very important. As we increase these foundational strengths, we increase our mana and ability to create greater wellbeing in other areas of our lives, such as education, health, housing and economic stability. In our current 15-year Mana i Mauli Ola Strategic Plan, we focus on four directions to provide assitance to our beneficiaries.



OHA Board *of* Trustees



Kaialiʻi Kahele
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Trustee | At-Large

The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting policy and managing the agency's trust. This includes fulfilling its fiduciary duty to enact OHA's Biennium Budget and Multi-Year Financial Plan, ensuring that the trust's resources are protected, allocated responsibly, and advanced for the benefit of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. The Board meets regularly at the agency's headquarters in Honolulu, and at least once annually on each of the major islands. The Board has three standing committees: Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment; Budget and Finance; and Investment and Land Management.

Message from the Chairperson

Aloha mai kākou,

The 2025 fiscal year represents a turning point in OHA's journey of transformation. Together, the Board of Trustees and Administration have set a new standard for transparency, accountability, and alignment with our mission to hoʻoulu lāhui aloha — raise a beloved, thriving Hawaiian Nation.

The trustees approved a historic $136 million budget for FY2026–2027, a bold and values-driven investment in OHA's strategic framework, Mana i Mauli Ola (MiMO). It reflects not only our fiduciary duty, but our unwavering commitment to uplift Native Hawaiian communities, steward ancestral places, and build a foundation of equity, resilience, and cultural integrity for future generations.

For the first time in OHA's history, the budget process engaged all levels of our organization — from staff to public stakeholders — to bring clarity, fairness, and meaningful dialogue to how we steward resources entrusted to us by the lāhui. This collaborative approach has strengthened OHA's internal capacity, deepened our transparency, and set a new precedent for participatory governance.

Through this budget, we have recommitted to the people we serve. OHA will provide $1.76 million in sponsorships to support community organizations that uplift Hawaiian culture, advance education, and strengthen ʻohana across the pae ʻāina. These partnerships not only multiply OHA's impact but expand our presence and goodwill throughout Hawaiʻi and beyond.

We are also proud to announce OHA's largest-ever investment in Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools — $6.88 million— to empower innovative, culture-based education and perpetuate Hawaiian language and values for generations to come.

OHA has established a $5 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to invest in critical community infrastructure and continues to advance its long-term vision for Kakaʻako Makai with $1.5 million dedicated to community planning, due diligence, and the conceptual design for a Native Hawaiian Cultural Center and mixed-use village where Hawaiian national identity can flourish.

Internally, OHA has made major strides in becoming an employer of choice. For the first time, employees will receive 12 weeks of 100% paid family leave, merit-based pay increases, and flexible work options that reflect modern standards and Hawaiian values of balance and ʻohana. Competitive salaries and hiring incentives are helping to attract and retain top local talent, while new governance documents, an updated Employee Handbook, and improved onboarding processes strengthen institutional integrity.

OHA's expanded outreach and visibility has continued in FY2026 - from broadcasting board meetings live on ʻŌlelo TV to engaging Hawaiian communities at major national gatherings including the Native Hawaiian Convention in Tulalip and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention. The return of ʻAha ʻŌpio (Youth Leadership Summit) and the relaunch of OHA's Washington D.C. Fellowship Program signal a renewed investment in the next generation of Hawaiian leaders.

As chair, I am proud of how far we have come. OHA is evolving — guided by integrity, humility, and deep aloha for the lāhui. Together, we are reshaping governance, revitalizing trust, and building the foundation for a future in which Native Hawaiians not only survive but thrive.

Hauʻoli ka Manaʻo,



Kaialiʻi Kahele
OHA Board of Trustees Chairperson | Trustee, Hawaiʻi Island

Military Leased Lands

In the summer of 1964, the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources leased thousands of acres of public trust lands to the U.S. Department of Defense for a term of 65 years. Most of these leases were issued for $1 for the entire duration and were executed as a condition to prevent the United States from withdrawing these lands under Public Law 86-3, the Admissions Act adopted on March 18, 1959 – specifically sections 5(d) and 5(e). These nominal leases have resulted in generations of lost economic value for the Public Land Trust and for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

Across the state, numerous leases and easements held by the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force expire between 2028 and 2031 on the islands of Hawai'i, O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i, and Ni'ihau. These lands form part of the Public Land Trust as described in section 5(f) of the Admissions Act; crown and government lands of the Hawaiian Kingdom that were seized following the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom on Jan. 17, 1893.

The lease at Pōhakuloa Training Area on Hawai'i Island, as well as the leases on O'ahu at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa–Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation all expire on Aug. 16, 2029. In 2025, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) issued decisions rejecting the Final Environmental Impact Statements (FEIS) for the proposed retention of state lands at Pōhakuloa and Kahuku. BLNR's actions affirmed the concerns raised by Native Hawaiians, environmental experts, and cultural practitioners throughout the public process.

These lands are not ordinary parcels. They represent an unrelinquished legacy for Native Hawaiians: the crown and government lands of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Ensuring their future is both a cultural and economic imperative. The state cannot continue to forgo substantial economic value through nominal leases that provide little to no return to the trust or its beneficiaries.

The future of these lands – "ceded" lands taken without the consent of the Hawaiian people – demands principled, strategic, and unified action.

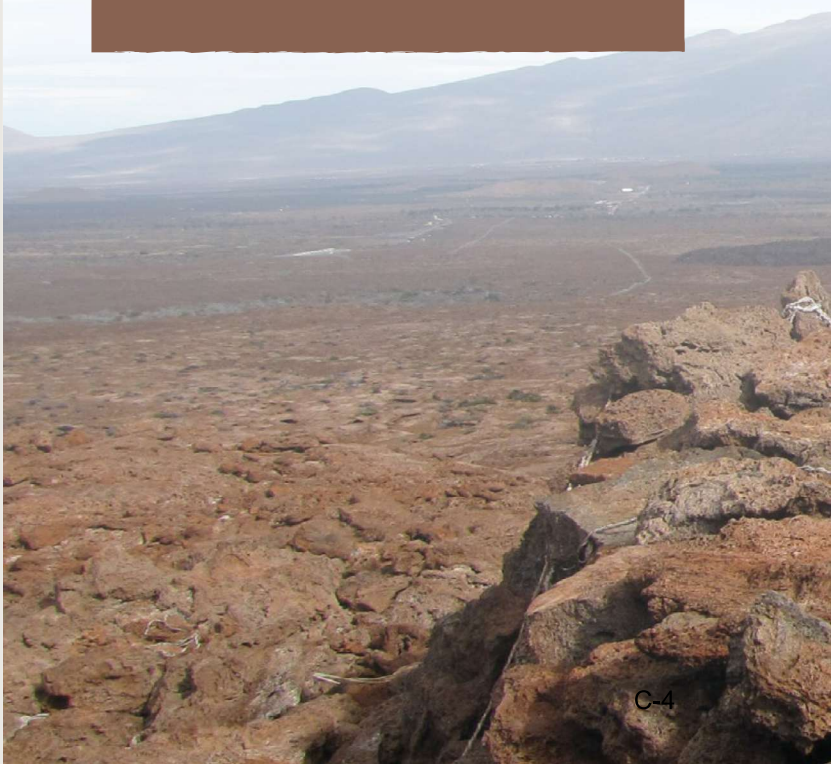
OHA must be at the table. OHA must assert its constitutional rights. OHA will lead.

For more information on Military Leased Lands, scan QR code or go to:
www.oha.org/aloha-aina

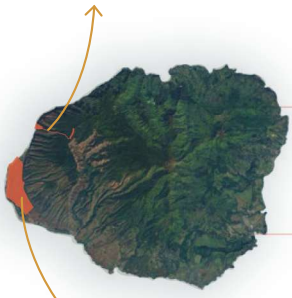
Scan QR code to take OHA's statewide Military Leased Lands Community Survey, or go to:
www.oha.org/aloha-aina-survey

Community advocates continue to assert that both FEIS are inadequate and fail to meaningfully address decades of documented environmental damage, cultural desecration, and the significant health risks associated with military land use. In its testimony, OHA identified critical deficiencies, including:

- Incomplete archaeological inventory surveys
- Insufficient biological assessments
- Lack of evidence of lease compliance or future cleanup commitments
- No justification for 65-year lease terms
- Missing or inadequate mitigation measures
- Insufficient cultural access provisions
- Environmental justice concerns
- Inadequate analysis of alternatives
- Lack of evaluation of impacts from live-fire military activities



Kōkeʻe Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO)
Kona Moku, Kauaʻi

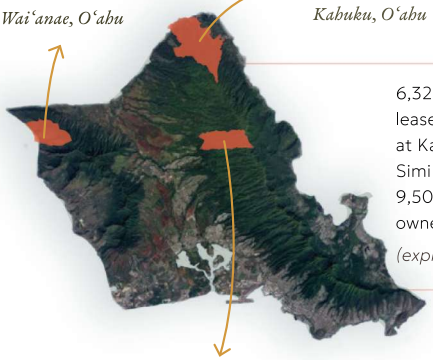


8,195 acres are set to expire between 2027 and 2030: 8,172 at PMRF, 23 at KPGO.

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF)
Kona Moku, Kauaʻi

Mākua Military Reservation
Waiʻanae, Oʻahu

Kahuku Training Area
Kahuku, Oʻahu



6,322 acres on O'ahu are subject to state lease renegotiation: 1,150 at Kahuku, 4,390 at Kawailoa-Poamoho, and 782 at Mākua. Similar to Pōhakuloa, most of the nearly 9,500 acres at Kahuku Training Area is owned by the federal government.

(expiring August 16, 2029)

Kawailoa-Poamoho Training Area
Waialua, Oʻahu



Pōhakuloa Training Area
Hawaiʻi Island

Of the 133,000 acres at Pōhakuloa only 23,000 are leased from the state and subject to the renegotiation.

(expiring August 16, 2029)

Islands are not to scale

The ahu (shrine) at Pu'u Koli with Maunakea rising in the background. Pu'ukoli is the energetic piko of Moku o Keawe. *Photo: E. Kalani Flores*

FY2025 Grantees

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs' Grants Program is integral to the agency's efforts to increase wellness for our beneficiaries by supporting nonprofit organizations that are directly serving the Native Hawaiian community. For fiscal year 2025, OHA awarded $16,291,380 for grants and another $440,000 in sponsorships (see page 8) for a total of $16,731,380.

ʻĀINA HOʻOPULAPULA
Hawaiian Homestead Communities

Mana Maoli
$300,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Island, Oʻahu, Kauaʻi
Mana Mele Project
Inspire, empower and support 160 Native Hawaiian youth enrolled at or living near 10 Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools to foster growth in cultural, academic and creative industries skills and knowledge through musical storytelling to preserve, perpetuate and evolve Native Hawaiian music, knowledge, and culture.

TiLeaf Group
$300,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Island, Oʻahu, Kauaʻi
Homestead Neighborhood Watch Project
Train at least 36 Native Hawaiians, and institute Neighborhood Watch initiatives in four Hawaiian homestead communities on the island of Oʻahu enabling four Hawaiian Beneficiary Associations to be capacitized and trained to operate their own watch programs within three years.

HOʻOMOHALA WAIWAI ʻOHANA
ʻOhana Economic Stability

Laʻiʻōpua 2020
$400,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Island
Aʻo
Provide a trades skills training and certification program that will result in an increase of at least 45 certified workers and at least 30 job placements each year of the program. The program will focus on CDL and large equipment operation and a first responders course.

HOʻOMOHALA WAIWAI KAIAULU
Community Economic Development

Changemakers Community Economic Development Corporation
$400,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Island
Philanthropono Native Hawaiian Fundraising Certificate and Professional Certification System
Provide 50 Native Hawaiians access to fundraising training and professional certification that is based on cultural values, behaviors and models of resource collection and redistribution practices with at least 10 becoming certified, professional funraisers.

Kapolei Community Development Corporation
$400,000 ◆ Oʻahu
KCDC Homestead Night Market
Empower 30-40 Native Hawaiian-owned enterprises through the establishment of a Sunday Night Market in Kapolei, showcasing everything from crafts to food vendors and live Hawaiian music, facilitating new market opportunities and stable income while preserving cultural heritage, balancing cultural preservation with commercialization.

Mālama Kauaʻi
$313,637 ◆ Kauaʻi
Hui Hānai ʻAi
Support 31 Native Hawaiian farmers and food producers to achieve growth and stability in their businesses with 1:1 technical support, marketing and distribution of their products within an established community food hub, and capital investments in their operations.

Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association
$250,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Island, Kauaʻi, Lānaʻi, Maui, Molokaʻi, Oʻahu
Entrepreneur Development and Capacity Building
Equip 40 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs, nonprofits, or community organizations with tangible pathways to enter the tourism sector and an additional 60 Native Hawaiians through the Hoʻokipa Hawaiʻi Weekend event, resulting in the curation of 20 new, authentic Hawaiian products and regenerative experiences.

Waiʻanae Economic Development Council
$400,000 ◆ Oʻahu
Native Hawaiian Entrepreneurship Initiative on the Waiʻanae Coast
Provide business education and related services to 200 Native Hawaiians from Waiʻanae Coast communities over the next two years in the areas of entrepreneurship, social enterprise, or nonprofit development to increase Native Hawaiian ownership and/or leadership by 75%.

HAWAIIAN-FOCUSED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FUND ADMINISTRATION

Kanu o ka ʻĀina Learning ʻOhana (KALO)
Phase II - Facilities Funding
$2,850,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Island, Kauaʻi Molokaʻi, Oʻahu
Administer the 24-25 HFPCS Fund Administration. PH II. Facilities Funding to 16 Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools.

Kanu o ka ʻĀina Learning ʻOhana (KALO)
$500,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Island, Kauaʻi, Molokaʻi, Oʻahu
Phase III - Nā Lei Naʻauao- Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education Federal Advocacy
Coordinate advocacy efforts for 17 Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools to create a path forward to establish an authentically Hawaiian educational system.

Kanu o ka ʻĀina New Century Public Charter School
Phase II - Facilities Funding
$150,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Island
Fund Kanu o Ka ʻĀina Public Charter School to ensure adequate resources, including funding of transportation and facilities.

KUMUWAIWAI NAʻAUAO
Educational Resources

Boys & Girls Club of Hawaiʻi
$410,000 ◆ Oʻahu
Ka Ulu Aʻe o ka Naʻauao
Provide culturally relevant educational support and career readiness training to 212 Native Hawaiian at-risk youth (ages 7-17) from Nānākuli and Waiʻanae to increase the number of youth on track to graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education.

Photos courtesy of OHA grantees


Laʻiʻōpua 2020



ʻĀina Alliance


Waiʻanae Economic Development Council


Keiki o ka ʻĀina


Hui Mauli Ola

EA Ecoversity
$401,440 ◆ Hawai'i Island, Maui, O'ahu
Basic Hawaiian
Create and beta-test Basic Hawaiian, a ground-breaking Hawaiian Language program which will increase language and culture proficiencies of 85 Native Hawaiians to Level III on the Ana 'Ōlelo Hawaiian Language Proficiency Scale.

Ho'ākeolapono Trades Academy and Institute
$400,000 ◆ Kaua'i
High School Trades Innovation Program
Educate 20 Native Hawaiian students on Kaua'i (grades 9-12) in the building trades industry to increase the Native Hawaiian graduation rate.

Ho'okāko'o Corporation
$300,000 ◆ Moloka'i
Ho'okahua (to lay a foundation)
A three-year initiative to develop, expand, and sustain, through increased enrollment, teacher support for licensure and differentiated Hawaiian language medium K-2 instruction for 50 keiki targeting a 70% proficiency rating by the end of each school year.

Hui Mākua o ke Kula Kaiapuni o Kualapu'u
$120,000 ◆ Moloka'i
Ke Ao 'Ōlino - Era of Enlightenment
A three-year project to educate 120 Native Hawaiian family members of Hawaiian Immersion students on Moloka'i in Hawaiian language and culture to increase their knowledge by at least 50%.

Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO)
$391,008 ◆ Hawai'i Island
Ho'opili Mai
Deliver a high-quality, culturally grounded preschool initiative to 120 Native Hawaiian keiki in Waimea on Hawai'i Island, utilizing culture-based curriculum and Hawaiian language to increase kindergarten readiness by 75%.

Keiki o ka 'Āina
$410,000 ◆ Moloka'i, O'ahu
Board and Stone, Strengthening Families and Equipping for the Future
Educate and train 1,232 Native Hawaiians on O'ahu and Moloka'i who previously completed Board and Stone classes with Master Trainer Kumu Earl Kawa'a in cultural foundations and life-long learning.

Maui Hui Mālama
$410,000 ◆ Maui
Breaking Barriers and Creating Connections to Education, Careers, and Culture
Provide holistic, integrated educational services to support 200 Maui County Native Hawaiian high-needs youth (ages 5-24) and their families to overcome educational barriers with 85% reaching or exceeding their goals (e.g. improving attendance, being promoted to subsequent grade levels, and enrolling in higher/continuing education).

The Men of PA'A
$400,000 ◆ Hawai'i Island
Mālama Puna Workforce Development Project
Empower over 200 Native Hawaiians from the Puna District, particularly those emerging from the justice system and their families, by providing comprehensive job training and financial literacy programs to measurably improve employment, financial stability, and community resilience outcomes within two years.

OLA KA LĀHUI
Vulnerable Populations

Housing Solutions Incorporated
$180,000 ◆ O'ahu
Mohala Mai
Provide annual rent subsidies for 17 Native Hawaiian justice-involved women at Mōhala Mai, an affordable permanent supportive housing project to prevent recidivism, prevent houselessness, support employment transition, and provide social services.

Hui Mahi'ai 'Āina
$495,000 ◆ O'ahu
Waimānalo Vulnerable Populations
Provide 93 houseless Native Hawaiians in Waimānalo a safe, drug-free place to live with access to food, medical care, social services, and job skills training to increase their experience of safety, stability, and social support networks.

Kū Ānuenue
$100,000 ◆ Hawai'i Island
Kū Ānuenue: No ka pono o ka Māhū
Increase access for Native Hawaiian māhū and queer people on Hawai'i Island to supportive relationships, safe and equitable environments, constructive social engagement, and cultural competencies.

Waimānalo Health Center
$500,000 ◆ O'ahu
Hale Kōkua Waiwai Program
Provide 150 Native Hawaiian families or individuals who are currently houseless and "house ready" or those at-risk of houselessness with rent/mortgage and/or deposit payments for rapid rehousing and houselessness prevention.

OLA KA MO'OMEHEU
Cultural Preservation & Perpetuation

Ka Honua Momona International (KHM)
$200,000 ◆ Moloka'i
Mahuaola no nā Kualima
The purpose of Mahuaola no na Kualima (Nurturing the next generation) will be to improve the health and education of 250 Moloka'i children by holistically providing culturally rich, environmentally relevant, family focused, and place-based programming to increase community stewards' positive healthy life choices by 80%.

OLA KE KANAKA
Physical, Spiritual, Mental & Emotional Health

'Āina Alliance
$400,000 ◆ Kaua'i
Indigenous Healing Hub
Educate 100 Native Hawaiians from Kaua'i in traditional healing practices such as lā'au lapa'au, lomilomi, 'ai pono, and ho'oponopono to increase traditional healing practice.

Five Mountains Hawai'i (dba Kīpuka o ke Ola)
$500,000 ◆ Hawai'i Island
Kūpuna Community Care Network (KCCN)
Assist 105 Native Hawaiians from Hawai'i Island struggling with diabetes, obesity, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, depression, and anxiety to make at least two clinically-significant wellness improvements within three-years and reach an additional 225 Native Hawaiian residents at-risk for chronic disease development with crucial health and wellness education information.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai'i
$500,000 ◆ Hawai'i Island, Maui, O'ahu
Mana Mama, Healthy Babies, Strong Families
Deliver culturally adapted, holistic care to 100 hāpai (pregnant) and postpartum Native Hawaiian women on Maui, O'ahu, and Hawai'i Island, ensuring all participants receive early and adequate prenatal care, improving maternal and infant health outcomes.

Hui Mauli Ola
$500,000 ◆ O'ahu
Hāinu Lā'au: Keiki Wellness
Educate 245 Native Hawaiian keiki, parents and educators on the island of O'ahu in traditional Hawaiian healing principles to improve protective factors for Native Hawaiian youth by 70%.

Humanity Hale
$500,000 ◆ Hawai'i Island
Hawaiian Arts for Healing
Educate 120 Native Hawaiian foster youth from West Hawai'i Island in Hawaiian arts and cultural practices to increase their access to healing opportunities.

Keli'i William Ioane Legacy Foundation
$310,295 ◆ Hawai'i Island
Ola ke Kānaka, wellbeing through traditional Hawaiian Practices and values
Increase access for 120 Native Hawaiians to traditional lā'au lapa'au healing practices, culturally grounded sustainable gardening practices, and culturally grounded spiritual attunement of 'āina aloha to increase wellbeing.

Kula no nā Po'e Hawai'i
$500,000 ◆ O'ahu
Kūpuna Community Care Network (KCCN)
Provide 400 kūpuna ages 50+ and their caregivers with educational resources, cultural programming, clinical experiences, and training to achieve health equity and support safe "aging-in-place" within their homes and community.

Moloka'i Child Abuse Prevention Pathways
$240,000 ◆ Moloka'i
Prevention of Child Sexual Violence (CSV)
Educate 850 students, including 595 Native Hawaiian youth on Moloka'i grades Pre-K-12, how to recognize, prevent, and report Childhood Sexual Violence.

POHALA MAI
'Ohana Experiencing Financial Hardship

Hawaiian Community Assets
$1,660,000 ◆ Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i, Lāna'i, Maui, Moloka'i, O'ahu
Kūkulu Kahua
Establish an Emergency Financial Assistance Fund to address hardships faced by Native Hawaiians dedicated to deliver critical, temporary financial aid to low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals and families.

Polynesian Voyaging Society
$200,000 ◆ Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i, Lāna'i, Maui, Moloka'i, O'ahu
Moananuiākea: A Voyage for Earth
Train and nurture 60 Native Hawaiian voyagers and navigators and educate 5,000 Native Hawaiian youth across the pae 'āina to grow the number of active voyagers and navigators by 50%.

TOTAL FY2025 GRANTS $16,291,380

FY2025 Sponsorships

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs provides funding support to eligible organizations that have events, projects, or programs that serve our lāhui in alignment with OHA's strategic plan.

$500 ◆ Kaʻuikiokapō
Mālama the Sweet Waters of the Dark Bay

$1,500 ◆ Hoʻolehua Homesteaders Association
2025 Prince Kūhiō Hoʻolauleʻa Molokaʻi

$2,000 ◆ Technology Readiness User Evaluation
Hawaiʻi AI & Cloud Innovation Summit

$2,500 ◆ Ulu Aʻe Learning Center
Kapuʻuola Hula Festival

$3,000 ◆ Hana Laulima Lāhui o Kaʻū, Inc
Annual Prince Kūhiō Day Hoʻolauleʻa

$3,500 ◆ O Makuʻu ke Kahua
Makuʻu Kuʻi Fest

$3,700 ◆ Hawaiʻi Friends of Restorative Justice
16th Annual Parole Completion Celebration

$4,000 ◆ The Waipā Foundation
The Waipā ʻĀina Festival

$4,100 ◆ Hiki Ola
2025 Ola ka ʻIeʻie Workshop

$5,000 ◆ Hale o Nā Aliʻi o Hawaiʻi ʻAha Kahuna Nui, Inc.
Hale o Nā Aliʻi o Hawaiʻi Convention

$5,000 ◆ Hāna Arts
Mei Mele: Hāna Hoʻolauleʻa Series

$5,000 ◆ Hawaiian Music Perpetuation Society
Maliʻo Concert

$5,000 ◆ Keaukaha Community Association
Keaukaha Community Event

$5,000 ◆ The Lawrence and Hokulani DeRego Foundation
Hula ʻOni Ē Hula Competition

$5,000 ◆ Nā Kuaʻāina o Waimānalo
Makalehua o Waimānalo (The Pride of Waimānalo)

$5,000 ◆ Naʻālehu Theater
Gabby Pahinui Waimānalo Kanikapila

$5,000 ◆ Nurture Cultivate, Inc.
2025 Panina Makahiki

$5,000 ◆ Maui Economic Development Board
16th Annual Hawaiʻi STEM Conference

$5,000 ◆ Pōhāhā i ka Lani
Kaʻe Lehua

$5,000 ◆ Pōhai ʻo Kamehameha
2024 Papa Aliʻi - Royal Order of Kamehameha I

$5,000 ◆ St. Andrew's Schools
2025 Queen Emma Ball Lūʻau on the Square

$6,000 ◆ ʻAha Kukui o Molokaʻi
Molokaʻi Kamehameha Celebration

$9,000 ◆ Hale Kua
Waikōloa Music & Cultural Festival

$9,000 ◆ Waiʻanae Coast Community Foundation
2024 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole Festival

$9,450 ◆ Hawaiʻi Rise Foundation
Mele Manaka Three-Day Community Event

$10,000 ◆ Civic Club aka ʻAhahui Sīwila
65th Annual Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention

$10,000 ◆ ʻEkolu Mea Nui
ʻEkolu Mea Nui

$10,000 ◆ Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu Scholarship Fund
2024 Holokū Ball

$10,000 ◆ Hawaiian Community Development Board
Prince Kūhiō Film Festival

$10,000 ◆ Hui o Kuapā
2025 Ke Aupuni Palapala Professional Development

$10,000 ◆ Kanu o Ka ʻĀina Learning ʻOhana
Aloha ʻĀina Leader Awards

$10,000 ◆ Keu the Brand
2nd Annual Pai Ka Leo (dba ʻAha Mele Hoʻomau Oʻahu)

$11,250 ◆ Big Island Substance Abuse Council
2025 Summer Jam

$11,250 ◆ Festivals of Aloha
Nā Kamehameha Commemorative Pāʻū Parade and Hoʻolauleʻa

$11,250 ◆ Young of Heart Workshop (dba Pu'uhonua Society)
2025 Hōʻeu Mana

$13,500 ◆ Hoʻoulu ʻIke Center for Hula and Mele
ʻĀina Hoʻopulapula Mele and Hula Competition

$14,500 ◆ Hui Mākua Pūnana Leo o Molokaʻi
Hoʻomau Molokaʻi 2025

$15,000 ◆ Friends of ʻIolani Palace
ʻIolani Palace Event

$15,000 ◆ Hale Kipa
Kūkulu ʻana i ke Kaiāulu

$15,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Academy of Recording Arts
48th Annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards

$15,000 ◆ Hawaiʻi Ponoʻī Foundation
2025 Onipaʻa Celebration

$15,000 ◆ Homestead Community Development Corporation
2025 Hawaiian Homelands Sovereignty Conference

$15,000 ◆ Kalihi-Pālama Culture & Arts Society
2024 Queen Liliʻuokalani Keiki Hula Competition

$15,000 ◆ Kuanaʻike
2025 Spirit Fest

$15,000 ◆ Leeward Kai Canoe Club
Leeward Kai Father's Day Regatta

$15,000 ◆ Lunalilo Home
ʻAha ʻĀina Hōuluulu Kālā no ka Lani Lunalilo

$15,000 ◆ The Moanalua Gardens Foundation
48th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival

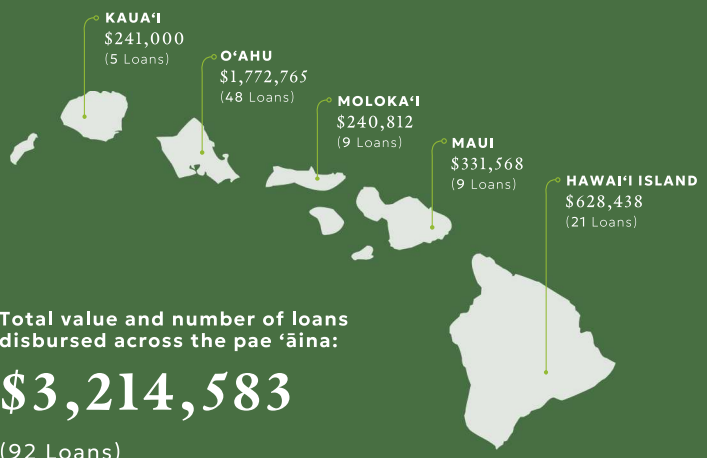
$15,000 ◆ Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association
Hoʻokipa Hawaiʻi Weekend

$25,000 ◆ Merrie Monarch Festival Committee
2025 Merrie Monarch Festival

TOTAL FY2025 SPONSORSHIPS $440,000

Consumer Micro-Loan & Mālama Loan Disbursement

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025



Total value and number of loans disbursed across the pae ʻāina:

$3,214,583

(92 Loans)

Loan Disbursement Breakdown

Purpose	No. of loans	$ Amount
Business - Mālama	7	$432,000
Business (secured)	6	$780,000
Consumer Micro-Loan	3	$13,300
Debt Consolidation	45	$748,795
Debt Consolidation (secured)	3	$80,803
Home Improvement	26	$1,040,685
Home Improvement (secured)	2	$119,000
Total	**92**	**$3,214,583**

Other categories of Hua Kanu and Mālama Loans offered include disaster relief and education.

Other categories of Consumer Micro-Loans offered include auto repairs, career advancement, funeral expenses, home repairs, and medical expenses.

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Emergency Financial Assistance:

Kanaaho Grants & Kūkulu Kahua

In response to the 2023 wildfires, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs set aside $5 million to provide financial assistance to wildfire survivors. The program launched during FY24 and continued through FY25, with all remaining funds set to be disbursed before the end of the the calendar year.

Kanaaho Grants targeted individual renters and homeowners of Native Hawaiian ancestry who resided in the wildfire impact zones. OHA received hundreds of applications for this emergency funding and disbursed grants of $5,000 - $10,000 to some 711 qualifying individuals.

Then in May 2025, OHA awarded Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA) a $1.66 million Community Grant to administer another emergency financial assistance program - Kūkulu Kahua. This statewide initiative was designed to provide critical support for Native Hawaiian families facing urgent financial hardship by offering one-time support for emergency needs – such as rent, utilities, and funeral expenses – paired with access to financial counseling and wraparound services designed to empower families on their journey toward economic resilience.

HCA, a HUD-certified housing counseling agency with 25 years of service to Hawaiʻi communities, administers the program and delivers culturally grounded financial assistance to eligible OHA beneficiaries. In its first quarter the program assisted 173 individuals distributing a total of $260,000.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment by both organizations to uplift Native Hawaiian ʻohana during times of crisis and build toward long-term financial stability.

“This partnership with OHA recognizes that impactful solutions come from within our communities,” said Chelsie Evans Enos, executive director of Hawaiian Community Assets. “Together, we are responding to immediate needs while building the foundation for stronger, more resilient Native Hawaiian households.”



Strategy & Implementation (S&I) Highlights

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Strategy & Implementation (S&I) helps operationalize trustees' strategic vision by designing, coordinating, and monitoring initiatives across four strategic directions: Educational Pathways, Health Outcomes, Quality Housing, and Economic Resilience. Through program development, partnerships, and community engagement, S&I works to ensure that OHA's resources are aligned with beneficiary needs and culturally grounded.

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

- OHA facilitated three Hawai'i Education Alliance Task Force convenings with Kanaeokana that involved 27 organizations. The final report includes fiscal blueprints forecasting best- and worst-case scenarios for federal funding level changes.
- Coordinated a teacher recruitment event for immersion and Hawaiian-Focused charter schools with the Department of Education and 11 schools.
- Established a webpage highlighting vacancies at kaiapuni and Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools. It received more than 1,300 views in its first month.
- Advocated for key legislative priorities during session to include tracking 50+ education-related bills and drafting 30+ testimonies.
- Participated in or hosted 75+ events and/or meetings with both public and private education organizations to include February 2025 Ola Ka 'Ī events across the pae 'āina.

HEALTH OUTCOMES

- OHA appropriated $668,800 in its FY2026 budget to the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine (UH-JABSOM) for student stipends and grants to increase the medical workforce in rural communities across the pae 'āina.
- Established or strengthened formal partnership agreements and new working relationships with key partners across federal, state, and county governments, nonprofit organizations, and communities.
- OHA facilitated and engaged beneficiaries and stakeholders in 14 meetings on the islands of O'ahu, Kaua'i and Hawai'i related to 'āina momona and 'Ōiwi wellbeing.

ECONOMIC STABILITY

- OHA successfully launched its Access to Home Ownership (AHO) Program to make home ownership accessible to more Native Hawaiians. Some 467 applications were received and 342 were referred to American Savings Bank for mortgage prequalification. In the program's first round, 17 homes were purchased by new homeowners on four islands. OHA's $1.5 million investment unlocked more than $9.4 million in homeownership value across the pae 'āina.
- Partnerships were strengthened to expand Native Hawaiian participation in agriculture, food systems, and workforce readiness initiatives.
- Engagement with business and community-based organizations strengthened pilina across the economic ecosystem advancing Native Hawaiian access to capital and enterprise development opportunities.

QUALITY HOUSING

- OHA continued to fund DHHL with $3 million annually to cover debt service on bonds issued by DHHL.
- Set aside $250,000 in its FY 2026 budget for the Mālama Honua Home Improvement/ Renovation Program, a statewide health and safety-focused program.
- Participated in housing panels at the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i/Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission's Virtual Fair Housing Conference and Purple Mai'a discussion on Hawai'i Housing Solutions.
- Engaged with housing-related stakeholders from government agencies, nonprofit organizations and the private sector and participated in regular meetings with housing-related working groups.

OHA's Access to Home Ownership Program

AHO
ACCESS TO HOME OWNERSHIP
BY THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

In February 2025, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs announced the launch of its "AHO" (Access to Home Ownership) program, a mortgage loan program designed to address Hawai'i's affordable housing crisis and assist Native Hawaiians in achieving homeownership in Hawai'i.

As part of the initial phase of the AHO mortgage-backed program, OHA used $1.5 million to guarantee portions of home loans financed by American Savings Bank (ASB) to eligible borrowers. The OHA loan guarantee eliminates the monthly mortgage insurance premium typically required for low down payment mortgages, potentially saving borrowers hundreds of dollars every month.

AHO program benefits include a low down-payment option, a below market interest rate, and a no mortgage insurance requirement.

Eligible applicants must be first-time homebuyers and owner occupants, residents of Hawai'i and registered in OHA's Hawaiian Registry Program. In light of the program's early success, additional funds have since been added to support the program.

In Hawaiian, "aho" is the cordage that secures the structure of a house and provides structural integrity, support, and flexibility.

342 *of* **467**
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in homeownership value was unlocked
from OHA's $1.5 million investment

17
homes were purchased



"All we can ask for is a fighting chance, and OHA provided that. We want to keep Hawaiians home, raising our families here, and programs like this make that possible."
- Dane Fujiwara
AHO Homeowner

"Finding your program is such a blessing and gives us much needed hope that we will be able to continue to raise our three keiki here."
- AHO Applicant

Iwi Kūpuna Advocacy

OHA's support and advocacy for our iwi kūpuna was highlighted when the organization acted to support beneficiaries from Wainiha on Kaua'i's north shore to stop an individual wastewater system construction project at Hale Makai vacation cottages after the discovery of multiple human burials on the site.

The Hawai'i Department of Health issued a Stop Work Order in October 2024 for the project after persistent advocacy from the local community, cultural descendants, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The area has long been known for its cultural and historical significance, making it a sensitive location for development.

OHA's advocacy efforts with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to halt the project included direct engagement with the Department of Health, and collaboration with the Wainiha community and attorneys from NHLC.

Then in April 2025, a team representing OHA and Hui Iwi Kuamo'o traveled to the National Museums of Northern Ireland to receive iwi kūpuna in formal ceremonies.

This repatriation was years in the making. In October 2021, OHA entered a claim for the repatriation of five iwi kūpuna and five mea kapu (sacred objects) believed to be at the museum. The museum could not immediately locate three of the iwi kūpuna. In April 2022, a team traveled to Ireland and retrieved two iwi kūpuna plus the mea kapu.

In November 2024, the three missing iwi kūpuna were located initiating the April 2025 repatriation. Kathryn Thomson, chief executive of the museum said that the repatriation "represents the museum's commitment to address past wrongs."



OHA organized an informational meeting for the Wainiha community on Nov. 4, 2024. About 100 people attended the meeting at Waipā to hear from state and county government representatives regarding the iwi discovered at Wainiha. In this photo, DLNR Director Dawn Chang shares mana'o. Also pictured are State Historic Preservation Department representatives Jessica Puff and Jordan Kea Calpito. *Photo: Joshua Koh*

OHA Land Highlights

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

More than $4.7 million in grants was awarded to OHA to support mālama ʻāina efforts on its lands.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Resilience Grant/Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife

$500,000 *(December 2024)*

These funds were used to support forestry operations on OHA's Wahiawā and Wao Kele o Puna lands, focusing on site preparation for koa reforestation efforts and fencing for ungulate control.

I Ulu Mai ka Ululāʻau/Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program

$2,242,500 *(January 2024)*

These funds are directly supporting the implementation of the Wahiawā lands' vegetation continuum as established in the Wahiawā Lands Conceptual Master Plan. The proposed projects aim to restore native species and habitats, improve the health of the watershed, initiate a native seed bank for projects across Hawaiʻi, generate a food source for the community, and provide educational opportunities for the continued and expansive care of Kūkaniloko.

Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Grant

$2,000,000 *(May 2025)*

These funds are being used to support environmental assessments and technical studies, including site-specific environmental hazard management plans, for OHA's commercial properties at Kakaʻako Makai and Nā Lama Kukui. These assessments and studies will ensure the responsible stewardship and management of OHA's properties, supporting future cleanup efforts in preparation for site redevelopment.

Protecting Papahānaumokuākea

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the Papahānaumokuākea Native Hawaiian Cultural Working Group (NHCWG) are speaking out in opposition to the renewed push by the Western Pacific Fishery Council (WESPAC) and the federal government to open Papahānaumokuākea National Marine Sanctuary to commercial fishing following a presidential executive order (EO14276).

Papahānaumokuākea is home to more than 7,000 marine species, a quarter of which are endemic to Hawaiʻi. Scientific research, along with ʻike Hawaiʻi and historic traditions, support its protection as a Marine National Monument and Sanctuary, recognizing the sacredness of the region and ensuring the continued vitality of marine species and cultural practices.

WESPAC has falsely asserted that Native Hawaiian fishers support weakening existing protections in the area. However, NHCWG member Pelika Andrade notes that "fishing outside of the localized areas we call home is not Hawaiian. Protected/no-take areas are a contemporary Hawaiian solution to restoring balance from commercial extraction. These protections are only necessary because of how industries, like commercial fishing, have depleted our oceans."

Prior to the designation of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands as Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in 2006, commercial fishing operations in the region had already caused serious declines of several key species.

"Papahānaumokuākea is a puʻuhonua that allows our people to revitalize practices like navigation that depend on healthy ecosystems, and allows fish populations recover. Our marine monuments are fulfilling their purpose," said OHA Board of Trustees Chairperson Kaialiʻi Kahele.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is a co-trustee of the Monument and a co-manager in Sanctuary management.



School of ulua in the waters of Holanikū (Kure Atoll) in Papahānaumokuākea. *Photo: NOAA*

Major OHA Research Highlights

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Research and Evaluation Department regularly collaborates and partners with other Native Hawaiian-serving organizations and agencies. These are a few highlights.

ʻImi Pono Hawaiʻi Wellbeing Study: Five Years of Native Hawaiian Agency Research Collaboration

In March 2025, the fifth annual ʻImi Pono Hawaiʻi Wellbeing Survey was conducted, concluding a five-year collaborative study between OHA, Kamehameha Schools, Liliʻuokalani Trust, Papa Ola Lōkahi, and The Queen's Health Systems. Rooted in ʻŌiwi values, the study is committed to gathering and sharing data to help guide organizational planning and strengthen services for Native Hawaiians. The ʻImi Pono partnership has been extended for another five years.

- 7,500 respondents in the past five years (2,000 in FY2025).
- Curation of the world's largest dataset on Native Hawaiian wellbeing.
- 20 research publications (five published in FY2025).
- Two peer-reviewed journal articles (one published in FY2025).
- Team members have conducted numerous presentations and appeared on news programs/podcasts.
- Data collected has been cited in local and national news.
- New survey items in 2025 included perspectives on ea (sovereignty) and Ke Akua mana (spirituality).



The Native Hawaiian Research Hui is a collaboration of Native Hawaiian-serving organizations. Pictured here are a few of its members. Bottom (l-r): Dr. Pālama Lee (LT), Dr. Brandon Ledward (KS), Wendy Kekahio (KS), Kanilehua Kim (QHS), and Keith Gurierrez (OHA). Top (l-r): Dr. Samantha Scott (POL), Carla Hostetter (OHA), Dr. Kathy Tibbets (LT) and Dr. Penn Pantumsinchai (LT). *Photo: Jacob Chinn*

Papakilo Database: New Archival and Historical Hawaiian Collections Available Online

Lahaina Restoration Foundation (LRF)

August 2024: Released five collections from the Lahaina Restoration Foundation (LRF) totaling 1,499 historical photographs, letters, maps and documents. This digitization project, started in 2022, forever preserved collections that were ultimately lost in the 2023 Lahaina Wildfires.

Kaʻiminaʻauao Kaʻeo Database

December 2024: Released the Kaʻiminaʻauao Kaʻeo Database, a comprehensive listing of Hawaiian cultural objects in U.S. museums to support repatriation in partnership with the ʻAha Kāne Foundation and Hui Iwi Kuamoʻo.

Historic Waikīkī Photo Collection

Added 60 historic photographs dating from 1890 through 1974 to the Historic Waikiki Photo Collection.

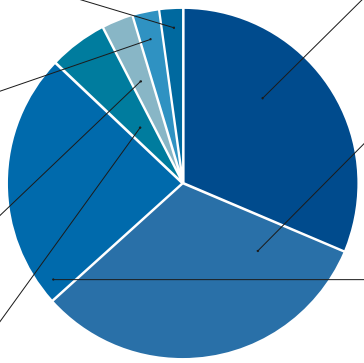
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FY2025 Budget Summary

The Approved Budget and Spending Limit for the fiscal year are outlined below and are based on a biennium budgeting cycle. To prudently manage resources over this period, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs executes budget realignments as needed. The FY2025 budget was initially approved on June 29, 2023, and subsequently revised through five realignments on February 1, 2024; May 23, 2024; February 5, 2025; August 7, 2025; and November 13, 2025.

APPROVED BUDGET
$66,523,497



OTHER OHA PROGRAMS
$2,169,099
Reflects budgets for programs funded through non-trust funding sources, such as federal funds.

PROGRAM SERVICES
$3,159,227
Program services include costs directly related to program activities such as printing, advertising, bulk mail and other costs.

OVERHEAD
$4,630,672
Includes facility costs (e.g., utilities and rent) and operational expenses (e.g., equipment and travel).

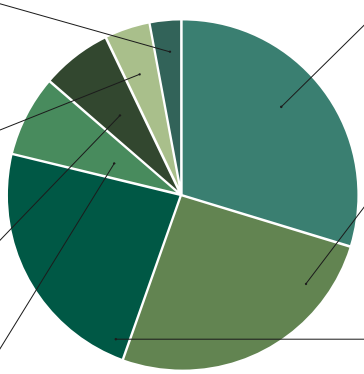
CONTRACTS
$6,209,815
Includes expenditures directly related to implementing program activities, services-on-a-fee and legal services.

GRANTS
$21,978,070
Includes grants and sponsorships. This total does not equal the total on pages 6-8 as those totals include prior year appropriations.

CORE PERSONNEL
$15,438,670
Includes salary, fringe and other personnel costs. Does not include personnel costs for programs with designated funding sources.

PROPERTY
$12,937,944
Includes operational costs of OHA properties at Kaka'ako Makai, Nā Lama Kukui, 500 North Nimitz, 501 Sumner, the Palauea Cultural Preserve, and Wao Kele o Puna.

SPENDING LIMIT
$67,619,009



CARRYOVER BUDGET FROM FY2024
$1,835,148
Unspent funds at the end of FY2024 eligible for carryover into FY2025, subject to approvals and funding restrictions.

OTHER OHA PROGRAMS
$2,183,647
Funding is derived from intergovernmental sources and miscellaneous income.

STATE OF HAWAI'I GENERAL FUNDS
$3,000,000
General Fund appropriations by the Hawai'i State Legislature.

CARRYOVER BUDGET FROM FY2022 & FY2023
$4,057,000
Unspent funds at the end of FY2022 and FY2023 eligible for carryover into FY2025, subject to approvals and funding restrictions.

PUBLIC LAND TRUST REVENUE
$21,500,000
By state law, OHA is entitled to 20% of receipts from the use or sale of the Public Land Trust. In 2006, the legislature authorized an interim amount of $15.1 million per year. In 2022, that amount was increased to $21.5 million.

5% OF THE NHTF PORTFOLIO
$21,024,969
The Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF) investments include both Financial Assets and Hawai'i Direct Investments. The Spending limit is based on a maximum 5% allocation using a 20-quarter rolling average market value of the NHTF.

PROPERTY
$14,018,245
Rents and revenues from OHA properties at Kaka'ako Makai, Nā Lama Kukui, 500 North Nimitz, 501 Sumner Street, the Palauea Cultural Preserve, and Wao Kele o Puna.

FY2025 Unaudited Financial Statements

The following financial statements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, were prepared internally by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and were not reviewed by any external auditor. OHA has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of these financial statements. When audited financial statements become available, they will be available online at www.oha.org.

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2025

Assets	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Current Assets:			
Petty cash	$ 300	$ 500	$ 800
Cash held in bank	13,845,655	5,162,015	19,007,670
Cash held by investment managers	95,565	-	95,565
Restricted cash	1,882,050	-	1,882,050
Accounts receivable, net	7,396,497	810,020	8,206,517
Interest and dividends receivable	130,275	-	130,275
Inventory, prepaid Items and other assets	1,509,526	223,247	1,732,773
Lease receivables - current	6,348,212	166,546	6,514,758
Notes receivable - current	1,733,047	-	1,733,047
Total Current Assets	**32,941,127**	**6,362,328**	**39,303,455**
Non-current Assets:			
Lease receivables - non-current	21,674,864	-	21,674,864
Notes receivable - non-current	9,558,505	-	9,558,505
Investments	646,018,005	9,794,543	655,812,548
Capital assets			
Non-depreciable assets	252,430,859	-	252,430,859
Depreciable assets, net	22,851,922	13,429,733	36,281,655
Right to use lease assets, net	584,360	3,461,332	4,045,692
Total Non-current Assets	**953,118,515**	**26,685,608**	**979,804,123**
Total Assets	**986,059,642**	**33,047,936**	**1,019,107,578**
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	4,239,903	-	4,239,903
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	2,688,805	-	2,688,805
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	**6,928,708**	**-**	**6,928,708**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,480,910	667,308	4,148,218
Due to State of Hawai'i	876,609	-	876,609
Compensated absences - current	825,561	-	825,561
Lease liabilities - current	151,137	-	151,137
Long-term debt - current	1,643,218	-	1,643,218
Total Current Liabilities	**6,977,435**	**667,308**	**7,644,743**
Non-current Liabilities			
Compensated absences - non-current	1,802,227	-	1,802,227
Lease liabilities - non-current	455,358	-	455,358
Long-term debt - non-current	54,767,916	-	54,767,916
Net pension liability	35,667,767	-	35,667,767
Net OPEB liability	27,241,767	-	27,241,767
Total Non-current Liabilities	**119,935,035**	**-**	**119,935,035**
Total Liabilities	**126,912,470**	**667,308**	**127,579,778**
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	462,882	-	462,882
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	3,805,266	-	3,805,266
Deferred inflow of resources related to leases	25,864,158	166,546	26,030,704
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	**30,132,306**	**166,546**	**30,298,852**
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	218,849,514	16,891,065	235,740,579
Restricted			
Beneficiary advocacy	121,176	-	121,176
Long-term portion of notes receivable	9,539,465	-	9,539,465
Native Hawaiian loan programs	15,507,635	-	15,507,635
Total Restricted	**25,168,276**	**-**	**25,168,276**
Unrestricted	591,925,784	15,323,017	607,248,801
Total Net Position	**$ 835,943,574**	**$ 32,214,082**	**$ 868,157,656**

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Statement of Activities

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Functions / Programs	Expenses	PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSES) REVENUE & CHANGES IN NET POSITION		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:						
Beneficiary advocacy	$ 22,310,408	$ -	$ 575,230	$ (21,735,178)	$ -	$ (21,735,178)
Board of trustees	3,935,103	-	-	(3,935,103)	-	(3,935,103)
Support services	21,040,958	13,674,491	31,224	(7,335,243)	-	(7,335,243)
Unallocated depreciation & amortization	1,322,012	-	-	(1,322,012)	-	(1,322,012)
Total governmental activities	48,608,481	13,674,491	606,454	(34,327,536)	-	(34,327,536)
Business-type activities:						
Hi'ilei Aloha LLC	8,876,786	11,518,336	-	-	2,641,550	2,641,550
Total business-type activities	8,876,786	11,518,336	-	-	2,641,550	2,641,550
Total Primary Government	**$ 57,485,267**	**$ 25,192,827**	**$ 606,454**	**(34,327,536)**	**2,641,550**	**(31,685,986)**
General revenues:						
Appropriations, net of lapses				3,275,555	-	3,275,555
Donations and other				134,485	-	134,485
Interest and investment earning				67,994,675	384,673	68,379,348
Public land trust revenue				21,500,000	-	21,500,000
Total General Revenue				92,904,715	384,673	93,289,388
Change in Net Position				58,577,179	3,026,223	61,603,402
Net Position at Beginning of Year				778,925,650	29,187,859	808,113,509
Cumulative effect from change in accounting principle				(1,559,255)	-	(1,559,255)
Net Position at Beginning of Year - Adjusted				777,366,395	29,187,859	806,554,254
Net Position at End of Year				**$ 835,943,574**	**$ 32,214,082**	**$ 868,157,656**

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Governmental Funds - Balance Sheet

June 30, 2025

	MAJOR FUNDS				
Assets	**General Fund**	**Public Land Trust**	**Federal Grants**	**Nonmajor Governmental Fund**	**Total Governmental Funds**
Petty cash	$ -	$ 300	$ -	$ -	$ 300
Cash held in bank	1,598,624	10,875,090	703,904	668,037	13,845,655
Cash held by investment mgrs	-	(66)	95,631	-	95,565
Cash held in State Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted cash	-	1,504,357	377,693	-	1,882,050
Accounts receivable, net	-	5,484,675	41,916	15,746	5,542,337
Lease receivables - due within one year	-	6,348,212	-	-	6,348,212
Lease receivables - due after one year	-	21,674,864	-	-	21,674,864
Due from other funds	-	12,792,217	78,887	-	12,871,104
Interest and dividends receivable	-	214	130,061	-	130,275
Inventory, prepaid items and other assets	-	1,509,526	-	-	1,509,526
Notes receivable, net - due within one year	-	4,627	1,796,771	-	1,801,398
Notes receivable, net - due after one year	-	19,040	9,539,465	-	9,558,505
Investments	-	633,190,239	12,827,766	-	646,018,005
Total Assets	**1,598,624**	**693,403,295**	**25,592,094**	**683,783**	**721,277,796**
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances					
Liabilities -					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	-	3,260,860	124,736	33,305	3,418,901
Due to other funds	-	12,871,104	-	-	12,871,104
Due to State of Hawai'i	-	576,609	300,000	-	876,609
Total Liabilities	**-**	**16,708,573**	**424,736**	**33,305**	**17,166,614**
Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to Leases	**-**	**25,864,159**	**-**	**-**	**25,864,159**
Fund Balances -					
Nonspendable					
Inventory, prepaids and other assets	-	1,509,526	-	-	1,509,526
Restricted					
Beneficiary advocacy	-	-	121,176	-	121,176
Support services	-	-	771,591	-	771,591
Long-term portion of notes receivable	-	-	9,539,465	-	9,539,465
Native Hawaiian loan programs	-	-	14,735,126	-	14,735,126
Committed To					
DHHL issued revenue bonds	-	17,299,520	-	-	17,299,520
Assigned					
Beneficiary advocacy	1,598,624	14,978,486	-	-	16,577,110
Board of trustees	-	46,622	-	-	46,622
Support services	-	5,517,396	-	252,118	5,769,514
Long-term portion of notes receivable	-	19,040	-	-	19,040
Public land trust	-	611,459,973	-	-	611,459,973
Unassigned	-	-	-	398,360	398,360
Total Fund Balances	1,598,624	650,830,563	25,167,358	650,478	678,247,023
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	**$1,598,624**	**$693,403,295**	**$25,592,094**	**$683,783**	**$721,277,796**

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Governmental Funds - Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

	MAJOR FUNDS				
Revenues	**General Fund**	**Public Land Trust**	**Federal Grants**	**Nonmajor Governmental Fund**	**Total Governmental Funds**
Appropriations, net of lapses	$ 3,275,555	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,275,555
Charges for services	-	12,097,273	-	28,065	12,125,338
Donations and other	-	76,191	5,640	85,000	166,831
Interest and investment earnings	-	66,823,359	1,148,344	22,972	67,994,675
Intergovernmental revenue	-	-	602,279	-	602,279
Public land trust revenue	-	21,500,000	-	-	21,500,000
Total revenues	3,275,555	100,496,823	1,756,263	136,037	105,664,678
Expenditures					
Current:					
Beneficiary advocacy	3,200,000	18,774,781	1,406,158	-	23,380,939
Board of trustees	-	3,885,334	-	-	3,885,334
Support services	-	21,086,086	27,103	94,721	21,207,910
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	-	2,318,200	-	-	2,318,200
Interest and fiscal charges	-	1,680,199	-	-	1,680,199
Total expenditures	3,200,000	47,744,600	1,433,261	94,721	52,472,582
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	75,555	52,752,223	323,002	41,316	53,192,096
Other Financing (Uses) Sources					
Inception of leases	-	361,198	-	-	361,198
Transfers in	-	50,426	-	-	50,426
Transfers out	(50,426)	-	-	-	(50,426)
Total other Financing Sources (Uses)	(50,426)	411,624	-	-	361,198
Net Change in Fund Balances	25,129	53,163,847	323,002	41,316	53,553,294
Fund Balances					
Beginning of Year	1,573,495	597,666,716	24,844,356	609,162	624,693,729
End of Year	**$ 1,598,624**	**$ 650,830,563**	**$ 25,167,358**	**$ 650,478**	**$ 678,247,023**



About the Mana i Mauli Ola Artwork

Upland rain provides life-giving water that sustains the ʻāina, ma uka to ma kai. Captured in the watershed of ma uka rainforests, the wai flows down into lush valleys and onto vast agricultural plains, touching and nourishing all within the ahupuaʻa as it journeys to the sea. The artwork for OHA's Mana i Mauli Ola Strategic Plan reflects this journey with each element representing a foundational or directional aspect of the plan as we move collectively toward a more vibrant future.

Artwork by Nelson Makua

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