

Request for Proposals (RFP)



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HAWAII COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Strong Funds - Community-Based Food Security Small Grant Program

Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 4:00 p.m. HST

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) has partnered with the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) to support the Strong Funds. OHA is a public agency responsible for improving the well-being of Native Hawaiians. HCF's Strong Funds, which include *Kaua'i Strong*, *O'ahu Strong*, *Maui County Strong*, and *Hawai'i Island Strong*, were created to build community resiliency through providing disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

'Āina Momona¹ supports healthy and productive land and people. This grant program will provide small grants to community-based food security efforts perpetuating Native Hawaiian practices and rooted in aloha 'āina, sustainability, and agriculture that address COVID-19 related food needs. The program seeks to fund and support farmers, ranchers, fishermen, hunters, gatherers, and other subsistence living practices in Hawaiian communities and/or for the benefit of Native Hawaiians.

GRANTS

- Eligibility: This is an invite-only application. Organizations registered to do business in Hawaii and in good standing are eligible to apply.
- Grant Term: Grants will be awarded for a short-term period and no more than 6-months.
- Reporting: Grantees will be required to submit a progress and final report to HCF on use and impact of the grant funds.
- Funding: Grants range in amounts depending on scope of program and need. Grants will generally be no more than \$20,000.
- Announcement: HCF will announce grant decisions by end of July, possibly earlier. Grant awards will be distributed soon after.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Submission of proposals must be completed online through Hawai'i Community Foundation's Nonprofit Gateway at <https://nexus.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/nonprofit>. Applicants must establish an online account with HCF to access the online application. The application will appear on the open applications page for the invited applicants only. *Note: If you are requesting an account, it may take a few days for you to receive the account information. It's highly recommended you request your account early to allow adequate time to complete the application by the submission deadline.*

¹ Kūkulu Kumuhana: A framework of Native Hawaiian wellbeing, <https://onipaa.org/pages/culturally-sustaining-r-e-practice>

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The online application has fillable boxes with character limits. The character counts in MS Word may not match the character counts in the application. If you cut and paste your work into the application, please be sure your text fits the space provided.
- We recognize the significance of diacritical markings in written Hawaiian as pronunciation guides; however, the online application system is unable to accept diacriticals. Please do not include these in your narrative as it may cause errors in the way the online system processes your proposal.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

The following character counts are approximate to the specified page lengths based on single-spacing in Arial 12-point font with 1-inch margins.

1. **Program Summary** (*max 4,000 characters = 1 page*) – Provide a summary of your organization or group and its mission. Describe how your organization will address sustainable agricultural practices and food security for the Native Hawaiian community and how you will address COVID-19 related food needs within a period of no more than 6 months. Please describe your organization’s activities that support the food security of Native Hawaiian communities (e.g. by providing food, restoring lo’i and loko i’a, etc.) and that support and strengthen Native Hawaiian cultural practices rooted in ‘āina and sustainability (e.g. growing kalo, ‘uala, ‘ulu, mai’a; implementing, promoting, and/or teaching traditional & cultural food and farming practices).
 - Indicate whether you are a Native Hawaiian led and operated business.
 - Indicate if you are a former or current OHA grantee and/or Kamehameha Schools awardee---aligned to strategic foundational elements of mo`omeheu and 'āina as well as education, health and economic development directions.
2. **Impact on Food Security and the Native Hawaiian Community** (*max 2,000 characters = ½ page*) - Describe the results you expect to achieve with this grant within a period of no more than 6 months. Define the results you expect to achieve for Native Hawaiian **food security** (for example, number of people/families served; amount of food cultivated, shared or distributed [by pounds, dollar value, boxes, or meals]) **and strengthened practices** supporting aloha ‘āina and sustainability (for example, number of people/families/communities taught, reached or engaged; number of practices implemented, improved, or expanded; number or percentage of acres/volume of food production; number of new jobs, workers, or volunteers added). Please also estimate the reach of your activities among Native Hawaiians – how many Native Hawaiians by number or percentage.
3. **Budget** (*max 2,000 characters = 1/2 page*) – Indicate the grant amount you are requesting and describe how you will use the potential grant funding. List the items that can be supported and indicate if you have other sources of support for your program.

QUESTIONS

For more information on HCF’s Strong Funds, please visit the following:

- Kaua’i Strong - <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/kauai-strong>
- Maui County Strong - <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>
- Hawai’i Island Strong - <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/hawaii-island-strong>
- O’ahu Strong - <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/oahu-strong>

If you have any questions about the Strong Funds and/or this application, please contact the following HCF staff:

- Kaua'i – Uri Martos at umartos@hcf-hawaii.org or 808-245-4585
- Maui County – Hannah Werth at hwerth@hcf-hawaii.org or 808-242-6184
- Hawai'i Island – Malu Debus at mdebus@hcf-hawaii.org or 808-345-6482
- O'ahu – Kehau Meyer at kmeyer@hcf-hawaii.org or 808-566-5537

If you have any questions about registering your nonprofit online or about the online application process, please contact: Jaime Hinaga at jhinaga@hcf-hawaii.org or 808-566-5525.