

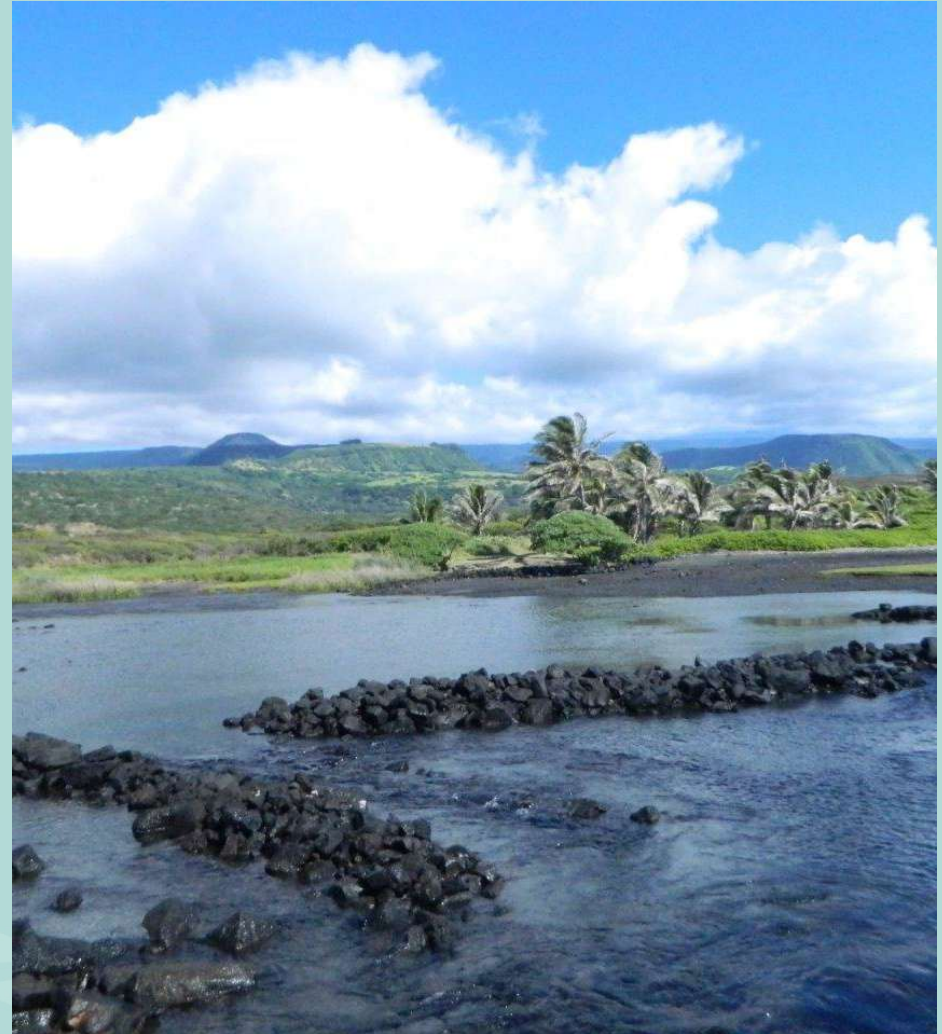


**Public Access, Open Space
and Natural Resources
Commission (PONC)
Public Lands
Stewardship Grant**

**Virtual Informational Session
Thursday July 9, 2026
via Zoom**

Today's Topics


- Welcome & Introductions
- About the new Grants Portal
- How it works
- 2027 grant timeline
- Questions and answers



Kāwā

GIVING AT THE COUNTY

Funding is offered in many categories:

-  **Programs | Services**
-  **Special Events**
-  **Agriculture | Food Systems**
-  **Housing**
-  **Community Well-Being**
-  **Film | Creative Industry**
-  **Regenerative Tourism**
-  **Business | Industry Development**
-  **Land Stewardship**

Grants to be offered in
the new Hawai'i County
Grants Portal Phase 1

Contingency
Relief Fund
(CRF)

Waiwai
Grants-in-Aid

IMPACT

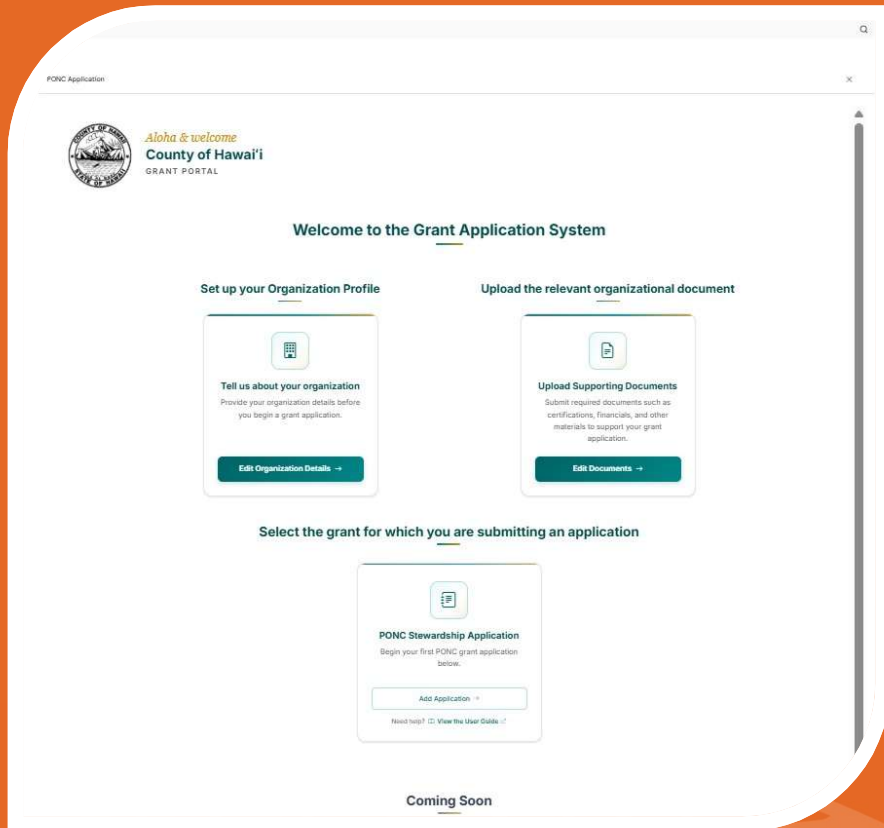
PONC
Stewardship
Grants

Home
Improvement
Loan Program
(HILP)

Affordable
Housing
Production
(AHP)

Emergency
Solutions
Grant (ESG)

GOALS OF THE NEW GRANTS PORTAL



Provide an informed and intuitive experience for applicants and awardees



Ensure compliance with county policy and consistent financial reporting



Deliver insights into where county giving makes a positive difference



Improve efficiency, tracking and oversight of all county grant programs

ONE UPLOAD, MANY OPPORTUNITIES



An organization-first approach allows applicants to establish an organizational profile



A document repository allows for required documents to be uploaded once and updated as needed



Applicants can use their organizational profile and uploaded documents for multiple grant opportunities

Set up your Organization Profile



Tell us about your organization

Provide your organization details before you begin a grant application.

[Edit Organization Details →](#)

Upload the relevant organizational document

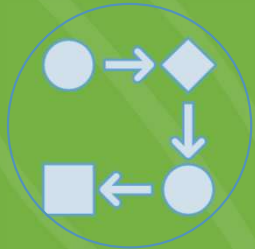


Upload Supporting Documents

Submit required documents such as certifications, financials, and other materials to support your grant application.

[Edit Documents →](#)

IMPROVING THE APPLICANT EXPERIENCE



Tabbed progression that breaks down a multi-stage application into manageable and logical steps



Built-in guidance through out the process, reducing confusion and supporting the submission process



Save & Continue button protects applicant progress and allows for multiple sessions towards completion

A screenshot of a web-based application form titled "STEWARDSHIP GRANT APPLICATION". The form is divided into several sections. At the top right, a green button labeled "Save & Continue" is circled in red. Below the title, there is a "Note" section with instructions. A horizontal progress bar shows the current step as "Project Plan - 1", which is also circled in red. The "PROJECT PLAN: For Maintenance Activities and Public Education" section contains fields for "Project Name", "Project Location", and "Project Location (US (See instructions))". Below this is a "PROPOSAL AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION" section with a text area. The "REQUIRED DOCUMENTS" section lists items like "Signed Business License/Registration" and "Copy of Organization Bylaws and Mission Statement". The "CERTIFICATION" section includes a "Signatures" field with a "Sign" button circled in red. At the bottom right, there are "Print" and "Save" buttons.

NAVIGATING TO THE GRANT PORTAL....

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://apps.opengov.com/auth/register/9htgmlbw1>



GRANTS PORTAL LINK:

<https://apps.opengov.com/auth/login/9htgmlbw1>



HELPFUL RESOURCES



[Allowable and unallowable expenses](#)



[Table of eligible properties and associated TMKs](#)



[SMART Goals guidance](#)



[User Guide](#) in PDF and in [Scribe](#)

Find on the PONC webpage at:
<https://www.openspace.hawaiicounty.gov/stewardship-grants/application-forms-instructions>

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT



Office Hours by Request

Email PONC@hawaiicounty.gov to schedule time over the phone, via Teams (shared screen) or at a shared workstation at Aupuni Center in Hilo or West Hawaii Civic Center in Kona.



Resource email: grants@hawaiicounty.gov
(Expect a response by the next business day)

2027 Stewardship Grant Timeline

We are here



Grant Application Opens	Instructional Session	PONC Meeting (Kona)	Grant Application Closes	PONC Meeting (Hilo)	PONC Meeting (Kona)
July 9, 2026	July 9, 2026	July 13, 2026	August 15, 2026	September 14, 2026	November 9, 2026
2027 PONC Stewardship Grant opens to applicants.	Zoom session offered to all prospective grant applicants.	Staff update offered to Commissioners, with feedback and discussion.	2027 PONC Stewardship Grant closes to applicants at 4:30pm on 8/15/2026.	First opportunity for Commissioners to provide feedback to applicants and confirm.	Commissioners expected to finalize recommendations for grant awards.

The image features a central text area surrounded by stylized leaf illustrations. The leaves are rendered in three colors: green, orange, and light blue. They are arranged in a layered, overlapping fashion, with some leaves appearing in the foreground and others behind. The leaves have a simple, line-art style with visible veins. The text is centered and reads "Questions & Discussion" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font.

Questions & Discussion