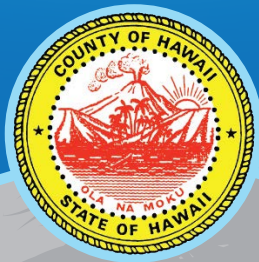


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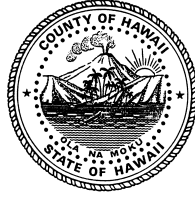
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In accordance with our FY 2025-2026 Annual Audit Plan, the Office of the County Auditor (OCA) has completed a special review of FY 2024-2025 grant awards to nonprofit organizations pursuant to Chapter 2, Article 25 of the Hawai‘i County Code.

Purpose of the Review

This review aimed to assess the compliance of nonprofit organizations that received County grant funds. This review represented a follow-up to the prior year’s special review, which focused on new grantee compliance and also the County’s administration of the grant program, including processes for awarding, monitoring, and overseeing grants.

Similar to FY 2023-2024, this year’s review evaluated whether nonprofit recipients complied with the eligibility requirements, use-of-funds restrictions, reporting obligations, and other conditions established by law. The review was part of an ongoing effort to encompass both internal County administrative processes and external compliance by grantees to provide a more complete picture of grant performance and accountability.

Scope

We reviewed grant-in-aid processes for all awardees in FY 2024-2025 as requested by County Council, comprising:

- 49 participating organizations (100%)
- 58 participating programs (100%)
- \$2,027,500.00 funds awarded (100%)

Of the 58 individual programs, 3¹ (5%) failed to respond to OCA’s request for information, despite two notices being mailed with no indication of delivery issues.

¹ Kona Historical Society, \$15,000; La’i’opua 2020 \$35,000; and YWCA of Hawai‘i Island \$50,000

Rating System Used

As part of the year-over-year review process, OCA continued utilizing a standardized rating system to evaluate compliance with grant terms and conditions outlined in Hawai'i County Code Chapter 2, Article 25. This framework is designed to promote consistency, transparency, and fairness in assessing nonprofit performance, while enabling meaningful comparison across organizations.

For FY 2024–2025, the rating system was further refined through the implementation of a structured scoring matrix. This year's score sheet expands upon the prior model by organizing compliance into key evaluation categories, including eligibility and governance, financial management, program performance, and reporting. Each category is assessed using defined criteria, with ratings such as "Yes," "Partial," or "No" to more clearly capture the degree of compliance.

This enhanced format provides greater specificity in evaluating how organizations meet requirements, allowing for a more nuanced assessment of strengths and deficiencies. It also improves the ability to identify patterns across organizations, particularly in areas where partial compliance is common, signaling opportunities for clearer guidance or strengthened oversight.

As with prior years, the purpose of the rating system is not to pass judgment, but to provide a consistent and objective framework for evaluating compliance. The procedures performed were limited to those described and did not constitute an audit; accordingly, no opinion is expressed.

Overall, the updated score sheet strengthens the evaluation process by increasing clarity, improving documentation of reviewer assessments, and supporting more detailed analysis of compliance trends across funded programs.

Methodology

- Reviewed the Hawai'i State Constitution Article VII Section 4, Appropriations for Private Purposes Prohibited
- Reviewed Hawai'i County Code Chapter ("HCC") 2, Article 25. Appropriation of Funds to Nonprofit Organizations to verify application conditions and documentation were met, comprising:
 - 1 year of experience
 - Entity Bylaws
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - 501(c)(3) status
 - IRS Form 990
 - Nepotism and Conflict of Interest Policies
 - 6-month report received
 - Final report received

- Documentation requests to awardees to demonstrate:
 - Proof of public outreach: flyers, brochures, or equivalents
 - Proof of participation: attendance logs or equivalents
 - Proof of receipts: receipts supporting final program expenditures and made comparisons to budget proposals
- Reviewed publicly available tax filings.

Requirements of HCC Chapter 2, Article 25

The purpose of Article 25 is to establish standards for the appropriation of funds to nonprofit organizations providing programs and services which the County has determined to be in the public interest. Article 25 seeks to cover all grants made by the County to nonprofit organizations. It is primarily oriented to address Grant-in-Aid, Contingency Relief Funds, and "Other Grants".

The County of Hawai'i's Nonprofit Grants-in-Aid, also known as the "Waiwai Grants" Program, aims to bolster qualified nonprofit organizations to enhance the quality of life on Hawai'i Island. Facilitated by the collaboration of efforts of the Hawai'i County Council and the County of Hawai'i's Department of Finance, a minimum of \$2.5 million is allocated to various organizations. These programs address educational needs, cultural enrichment, assistance for vulnerable populations (including the impoverished, youth, elderly, and individuals with disabilities), support for victims of crimes of health/social crises, as well as initiatives promoting public health and environmental welfare, as determined by the County.

Awarded nonprofits can utilize grant funds to cover program-specific categories such as salaries, professional fees, operational expenses, supplies, equipment, and administrative overhead costs. Administrative overhead costs are expenses that are associated with the organization's day-to-day operations and that are not directly linked to specific program objectives. Administrative overhead costs are permissible but those in excess of 10% of the grant awarded are prohibited.

Additionally, certain expenses are prohibited in their entirety, for example, any costs for travel related to training or conferences or the purchase of alcohol.

Exceptions Noted

- Per the FY 2024-2025 Application Form, "any application shall be disqualified if:
 1. Travel funding for training/conferences is requested.
 2. The total score of the application is less than 70%.
 3. Administrative and overhead costs exceed 10% of the total application request."

We identified two organizations that indicated grant funds would be used for off-island conference and training travel, yet were still approved for funding:

Organization Name	Program Name	Award Amount
Special Olympics East Hawai'i	Special Olympics East Hawai'i	\$35,000.00
Special Olympics West Hawai'i	Special Olympics Hawai'i – West Hawai'i	\$15,000.00

- We reviewed IRS Forms filed by participating organizations² which are publicly available and identified 8 non-profits who reported compensation to members of the participating organization's board which may breach Hawaii County Code 2-137 and terms of the grant agreements.
 - Aloha Ilio Rescue
 - Goodwill Industries of Hawai'i
 - Hawai'ian Volcano Education and Resilience
 - Hawai'i Volcano Circus Ltd
 - Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai'i
 - Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture
 - Kelii William Ioane Legacy Foundation
 - North Hawai'i Heritage Foundation

Other Observations

- **Fiscal Sponsorship**
This year's review identified two organizations that acted as a fiscal sponsor for other organizations that do not have 501(c)(3) status.

Organization Name	Program Name	Award Amount
Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council	Hawai'i Ulu Cooperative: Youth and Continuing Education	\$50,000.00
	Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance	\$15,000.00
	Utilization of Composts and Vermicomposts as Substitute in Nutrient Requirements of Hydroponics and Nursery Plants	\$25,000.00
Vibrant Hawai'i	Na`alehu Resilience Hub	\$50,000.00

Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council and Vibrant Hawai'i both charged a 10% administration fee for acting as a fiscal sponsor, being the total of the overhead and administrative costs permissible. The Application Form and Application

² NB – Nonprofits whose income and assets are below qualifying thresholds are not required to file a full Form 990.

Instructions for the 2026-2027 make no reference to the permissibility of charging a fiscal sponsor fee.

- **Challenges in Demonstrating Public Purpose and Program Impact**

We noted instances where documentation did not clearly demonstrate alignment with the stated program purpose or measurable public benefit, limiting the ability to assess program effectiveness.

- **Weaknesses in Financial Documentation and Verification**

Many organizations did not provide complete, itemized, or well-organized financial records, limiting the ability to verify expenditures and determine allowability. This issue has persisted across multiple review periods.

- **Inconsistent Budget Structure and Cost Allocation**

The absence of standardized budget categories (e.g., administrative overhead) and the allowance of custom line items resulted in inconsistent financial reporting and reduced comparability across programs.

- **Budget Variances and Misalignment with Approved Funding**

Variances between proposed, approved, and actual expenditures were common. In some cases, requested award amounts did not align with submitted budgets, and cost allocations were unclear.

- **Unspent or Ineligible Funds**

Per the grant agreement, unused funds shall be returned to the Finance Director, however we noted inconsistent practice in handling unspent and ineligible grant funds, including unsupported fund returns.

- **Limitations in Performance Measurement and Population Tracking**

Inconsistent or incomplete tracking methods (e.g., lack of baselines or unclear metrics) limited the ability to verify population served and assess whether program goals were achieved.

- **Gaps in Administrative Infrastructure and Compliance Support**

The absence of centralized systems or tools to support documentation submission and tracking has contributed to ongoing compliance challenges and inefficiencies for both nonprofits and the County.

Closing

We appreciate the continued efforts to strengthen the operational framework of Article 25. Ongoing collaboration among participating organizations has improved the program over time and reflects a clear commitment to continuous improvement.

While most organizations met reporting requirements and aligned with program objectives, the review identified systemic weaknesses in financial documentation and performance measurement. In several cases, incomplete or insufficient records limited the ability to verify allowable expenditures and assess whether projected outcomes were achieved. Inconsistent tracking of populations served, along with isolated instances of unallowable costs, further underscore the need for clearer guidance, enhanced monitoring, and stronger internal controls to ensure full accountability of grant funds.

This review also highlights opportunities for further refinement, and we anticipate that the grant management software, which is in the process of being implemented by the Department of Finance, will improve standardization and performance management for both nonprofits and the County. Addressing these observations can strengthen program effectiveness, improve transparency, and increase overall community impact, while ensuring the program remains responsive to the evolving needs of Hawai'i Island residents.

We thank the participating organizations for providing full and unrestricted access to records and for their cooperation throughout the review process.

We would also like to thank the Department of Finance and the Hawai'i County Council for their commitment to continually improving Article 25.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Clare McAdam

County Auditor
County of Hawai'i

1 Aloha 'Īlio Rescue (AIR)
Program: Spay and Neuter Program


Aloha 'Īlio Rescue (AIR) requested program funds to support spay and neuter services for stray, abandoned, and owner-surrendered dogs in their care. In addition, AIR proposed to extend these services to pets belonging to East Hawai'i's homeless population and to low-income families or individuals who requested assistance. Providing these services allowed owners facing financial hardship to retain their animals rather than surrendering them to already overburdened rescues and animal control services or abandoning them altogether.

GIA Rating Score: 94.00%
Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Animals Spayed/Neutered)	Projected:	800
	Actual:	421

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spay/Neuter Surgeries	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 50,519.72
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,519.72

Findings & Exceptions

Aloha 'Īlio Rescue (AIR) received \$50,000 to provide spay and neuter services for stray, abandoned, and owner-surrendered animals, as well as pets of low-income and homeless residents. The organization initially projected 800 surgeries but revised its target to 600 due to increased veterinary costs.

AIR reported meeting the revised goal; however, documentation verified 421 surgeries funded by County Waiwai funds. Additional procedures were completed using other funding sources but were outside the scope of the County award.

Exceptions noted:

- Verified outcomes did not support reported service levels using County funds.
- Revised service target was not achieved based on available documentation.

Big Island Resource Conservation & Development Council

Program: Hawaii'i Ulu Cooperative

Hawaii'i Ulu Cooperative (HUC) requested program funds to expand its education efforts aimed at increasing appreciation and consumption of culturally significant staple foods. The applicant proposed to: (1) disseminate 150 classroom kits and 25 cafeteria sampler boxes to schools during SY24–25, including at least one classroom kit to each of the 38 public and charter schools in the county. The kits were to include Hawaii'i-grown staples, recipe cards, and access to HUC's standards-aligned curricula and video series; (2) host monthly community agroforestry farm workdays with a focus on school groups and farmer associations. These workdays were described as family-centered continuing education opportunities, with five workdays to be held at the OK Farms agroforestry demonstration site in Hilo and five at other farms around the island to showcase regional agroforestry practices such as multi-story cropping and silvopasture; and (3) create an educational video for farmers on natural 'ulu fertilization methods. The applicant represented that these activities were intended to strengthen cultural education, increase community engagement in agroforestry practices, and promote greater consumption of Hawaii'i-grown staple foods.

BIG ISLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



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GIA Rating Score: 79.50%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (People served through various means)	Projected:	4,600
	Actual:	22,025

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☐
501(c)(3)	☐
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☐
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 13,975.00	\$ 10,016.00	\$ 23,991.00	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 775.00	\$ -	\$ 775.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 30,250.00	\$ -	\$ 30,250.00	\$ 45,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fiscal Sponsor Admin Fee	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 12,016.00	\$ 62,016.00	\$ 50,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council (BIRCDC) received \$50,000 for its Hawaii'i 'Ulu Cooperative program.

Required application documents were not fully submitted. While most expenses were supported, no documentation was provided for administrative fee costs, limiting the ability to assess allowability.

The organization met its proposed population served and submitted required reports on time.

Exceptions noted:

- Missing required application documents.
- Insufficient documentation for administrative fee expenses.

BIG ISLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



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GIA Rating Score:

94.00%

Grant Awarded: \$15,000.00

Population Served: (Pig Brigs / Acres)	Projected:	3 / 525
	Actual:	3 / 525

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Hawai'i Ulu Cooperative (HUC), through its Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance (MKWA), requested program funds to purchase "pig brigs," a portable and easy-to-use system designed to capture feral pigs. The applicant stated that mid-elevation forests serve as critical refugia for native birds, where cooler temperatures reduce the transmission of mosquito-borne diseases that threaten Hawai'i's avifauna. Climate warming has compressed these refugia from below due to increased disease transmission and from above due to former rangeland. Further, reforestation on Mauna Kea was key to mitigating the effects of climate change on native forest birds. The applicant explained that Hawai'i's forests evolved without ungulates and that ungulates now pose a significant threat to native ecosystems. Feral pigs, in particular, uproot ground cover, create breeding habitat for disease-carrying mosquitoes, and have been linked to Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death. The applicant represented that fielding pig brigs within MKWA units would benefit native ecosystems and watersheds while also generating data to inform efforts to address the growing feral pig problem in rural and urban areas of Hawai'i County.

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,535.16
Equipment	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,960.51
Fiscal Sponsor Admin Fee	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 14,995.67

Findings & Exceptions

Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council (BIRCDC) received \$15,000 for its Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance program.

All required application and reporting documents were submitted. Expenses were supported for most budget categories; however, no documentation was provided for fiscal sponsor administrative fees. Minor budget variances were noted.

The organization met its proposed population served.

Exceptions noted:

- Insufficient documentation for fiscal sponsor administrative fees.

Big Island Resource Conservation & Development Council

Composts & Vermicomposts
Program: Utilization (Hydroponics/Nursery Plants)

The applicant requested program funds to expand upon a previously funded initiative, "Production of organic fertilizers from recycled organic wastes on campus by composting and vermicomposting." The applicant reported that earlier efforts produced sufficient composts and vermicomposts, which had been used to establish edible gardens on campus and at the applicant's farm. These organic amendments were described as reducing reliance on fuel-based fertilizers and providing students with hands-on experience in sustainable food production. The applicant proposed to extend the use of compost and vermicompost amendments to hydroponics operations and nursery management. The applicant explained that its current hydroponics systems, based on the non-circulating Kratky method, did not require electricity but still relied entirely on inorganic fertilizers, creating high production costs and dependence on fuel-based inputs. The applicant proposed to supplement or replace up to 50 percent of hydroponic nutrients with compost or liquid compost extracts and to use these extracts ("teas") in nursery operations as both organic fertilizers and natural pest and disease suppressants. The applicant represented that these activities were intended to reduce reliance on inorganic, fuel-based inputs, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and provide students and the community with applied learning opportunities in organic food production.

BIG ISLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



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GIA Rating Score:

83.50%

Grant Awarded: \$25,000.00

Population Served: (Compost / Units / Gallons)	Projected:	10/2000/20
	Actual:	14/2800/28

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☐
501(c)(3)	☐
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☐
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Supplies	\$ 22,500.00	\$ -	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,474.36
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Fiscal Sponsor Admin. Fees	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,974.36

Findings & Exceptions

Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council (BIRCDC) received \$25,000 for its Composts and Vermicomposts Utilization program.

Expenditures generally aligned with the approved budget, with minor variances. Most costs were supported; however, documentation for fiscal sponsor administrative fees was not provided, and some required application materials were missing. The organization exceeded its proposed population served and submitted reports on time.

Exceptions noted:

- Insufficient documentation for fiscal sponsor administrative fees
- Missing required application documents

5 Big Island Substance Abuse Council

Program: **Hawai'i Island Health & Wellness Center**



The Hawai'i Island Health and Wellness Center (HIHWC), a subsidiary of the Big Island Substance Abuse Council, has served over 6,000 individuals since its founding in 2011. HIHWC provides individual, group, couples, and family therapy for children, adolescents, and adults, using evidence-based approaches to address mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, relationship challenges, parenting, smoking cessation, weight management, and sleep difficulties. The center also supports BISAC clients by addressing underlying issues that contribute to or sustain addiction, including trauma and depression. HIHWC is accredited for three specialized program by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities ("CARF").

GIA Rating Score: **100.00%**

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Treatment Units)	Projected:	250
	Actual:	1792

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 45,300.00	\$ 232,000.00	\$ 277,300.00	\$ 45,300.00
Professional Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 13,650.00	\$ 4,166.66
Operations	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 900.00
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 127.48
Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 6,705.18
Lease/Rental Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,400.00
Donation		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 254,000.00	\$ 304,000.00	\$ 59,599.32

Findings & Exceptions

Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC) received \$50,000 to provide therapy services using evidence-based approaches. The organization significantly exceeded its projected 250 treatment units, reporting 1,792 units delivered.

All eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements were met. Expenditures were supported and aligned with approved program activities.

Exceptions noted:

- None.

The program provides screened, trained mentors who facilitate weekly group circles for middle and high school boys at schools and community sites. These circles create safe spaces for participants to share their thoughts and challenges, address social-emotional needs, and overcome barriers to achieving their goals. Supplemental activities further strengthen mentor-mentee relationships and incorporate Hawaiian cultural learning. At the time of application, BTMH served 38 boys at four schools—Waikoloa Middle, Kohala Middle and High, and Waimea MPCCS—with plans to expand to Pa'auilo Middle and schools in South Hilo and Puna.



GIA Rating Score: 73.50%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Male Teens)	Projected:	72
	Actual:	76

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 16,594.00	\$ 45,806.00	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 16,132.45
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (Various)	\$ 33,406.00	\$ 92,217.00	\$ 125,623.00	\$ 33,867.55
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 138,023.00	\$ 188,023.00	\$ 50,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

Boys to Men Mentoring Network of Hawaii, Inc. received \$50,000 for its Reaching More Boys through Boys to Men Mentoring Program.

The organization met eligibility requirements, submitted documentation on time, and exceeded its projected population served. Most expenses were supported; however, costs were not itemized by budget category, limiting tracking and determining allowability. Some costs were grouped under broad "Other" categories.

Exceptions noted:

- Expenses not itemized by budget category
- Use of broad "Other" categories limiting determination of allowability



The Clean & Sober Transitional Program provides a six-month supportive living environment where clients develop stability, responsibility, and social skills to successfully reintegrate with their families and communities. Preference is given to pregnant women, IV users, and Native Hawaiians. Each client completes a Sober Living Assessment to guide an individualized Health & Wellness Plan, with progress measured through tiered phases.

GIA Rating Score: 94.00%

The program offers basic needs such as food, clothing, and transportation, as well as access to substance use disorder treatment, community support groups, and wellness services like acupuncture, smoking cessation, health education, and nutrition. Clients also build vocational skills through agriculture and Hawaiian cultural practices. In addition, the program contributes to the community by supporting local organizations such as Kaloko-Honokōhau Fishponds and Palamanui Dryland Forest.

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Clients Served)	Projected:	45 - 60
	Actual:	29

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
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Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 23,931.25
Professional Fees	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 9,006.65
Operations	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 164,400.00	\$ 14,444.61
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ -
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 2,617.49
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 352,200.00	\$ 402,200.00	\$ 50,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

Bridge House, Inc. received \$50,000 for its Clean and Sober Living Transitional Program.

The organization met eligibility requirements and submitted all required application materials and reports on time. Financial documentation supported reported expenditures and aligned with the approved budget.

The projected population served was not achieved.

Exceptions noted:

- Projected population served was not met.

The Gallery Exhibition Program in Hilo addresses the area's high poverty rates—19% overall and 22% among children, nearly double the national average. These economic challenges contribute to low graduation rates, unemployment, and mental health concerns, while high living costs drive many youth to leave in search of stability, reducing the local skilled labor pool. Through exhibitions, we provide a cultural platform that fosters community involvement, showcases local talent, and builds pride. In response to the climate crisis, which disproportionately affects low-income communities, we also integrate education on environmental issues to promote informed decision-making. Ultimately, the program serves as a catalyst for empowerment, resilience, and awareness, strengthening Hilo against socio-economic challenges.



GIA Rating Score: 100.00%

Grant Awarded: \$25,000.00

Population Served: (Education through exhibition/lecture)	Projected:	6
	Actual:	6

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 17,020.00	\$ 28,980.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ 4,477.00	\$ 7,623.00	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 4,500.00
Operations	\$ 2,405.00	\$ 4,095.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Marketing	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 25,012.00	\$ 42,588.00	\$ 67,600.00	\$ 25,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

East Hawai'i Cultural Center received \$25,000 for its Gallery Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements, and financial documentation supported reported expenditures. Budget variances from the approved budget were noted.

Program objectives were achieved, including six exhibition lectures serving 4,420 adults and 332 students.

Exceptions noted:

- Budget variances from the originally approved budget.



Educators of America (EOA) provides professional development and coaching that equips teachers with student-centered strategies such as Advanced Project Based Learning, Technology Integration, and Experiential Learning. These approaches reduce truancy, improve graduation rates, and prepare students with essential 21st-century skills.

In 2021–2022, the DOE saw 920 teacher resignations and 310 retirements, a surge that threatens student achievement. EOA addresses this by offering high-quality mentoring, coaching, and training that strengthen teacher effectiveness, retention, and job satisfaction.

Based in Hawai'i County, EOA already supports local schools and, with sustained funding, will expand services across target districts to build teacher resilience and improve student outcomes.

GIA Rating Score: 89.50%

Grant Awarded: \$45,000.00

Population Served: (Outreach & Impact)	Projected:	60 / 50
	Actual:	96 / 56

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 30,750.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 72,750.00	\$ 54,153.79
Professional Fees	\$ 11,250.00	\$ -	\$ 11,250.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,858.37
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 58,012.16

Findings & Exceptions

Educators of America – Hawai'i County received \$45,000 for advanced project-based learning support.

The organization met eligibility requirements, submitted all required documentation on time, and exceeded its projected population served.

Expenses were supported; however, costs were not itemized by budget category, limiting tracking. Salary and wage expenses lacked detail, and budget variances were noted.

Exceptions noted:

- Expenses not itemized by budget category
- Insufficient detail for salary and wage expenses
- Budget variances from the approved budget

10 Family Support Services of West Hawai'i			Program: Fatherhood Initiative	
The Fatherhood Initiative has supported West Hawai'i families for over 15 years through support groups, special events, and advocacy. Using the "24/7 Dad" curriculum, the program helps fathers recognize how their beliefs about fatherhood influence their ability to be positive role models and partners. Fathers build skills in reflection, listening, and healthy communication, creating stronger family environments. The group setting encourages men to challenge negative beliefs, share successes, and develop mentor-mentee relationships that extend beyond the program. These peer-supported connections strengthen fathers' engagement with their children and promote healthy co-parenting. Research shows that children growing up without an involved father face significantly higher risks, including poverty, teen pregnancy, infant mortality, obesity, dropping out of school, and involvement in crime or incarceration.				
			GIA Rating Score: 93.50%	
			Grant Awarded:	\$5,000.00
			Population Served: (Groups & Events)	Projected: 12 / 2 Actual: 12 / 2
			Eligibility Requirements	
			1 Year of Experience	☒
			Entity By-Laws	☒
			Articles of Incorporation	☒
			501(c)(3)	☒
			IRS Form 990	☒
			Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
			Interim Report Received	☒
			Final Report Received	☒
Budget & Expenditures				
<i>*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.</i>				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operations	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Events	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,284.58
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 7,284.58
Findings & Exceptions				
Family Support Services of West Hawai'i received \$5,000 for its Fatherhood Initiative program. The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Invoices were provided; however, no receipts supported expenditures. A "monthly stipend" was not adequately documented, and some costs fell outside the grant period. Reported expenses were adjusted to reflect allowable costs. Exceptions noted: - No receipts provided to support expenditures. - "Monthly stipend" not adequately documented. - Costs incurred outside the grant period.				

11 Family Support Services of West Hawai'i		Program: Healthy Keiki		
		The Family Support Hawaii Healthy Keiki Project provides transportation support to low-income families, ensuring children can access medical, dental, nutrition, and social service appointments. Social services include visits for SNAP and financial assistance, housing support, and opportunities to access employment, job training, or educational programs. In the Family Support Hawaii Early Head Start program, 99% of families are at or below the Federal Poverty Level, yet only about 30% have reliable transportation. Across Hawaii Island, public transportation is limited, creating significant barriers for low-income families, foster families, families with children with disabilities, and families experiencing homelessness. By addressing these transportation challenges, Healthy Keiki helps children receive preventative and ongoing health care, recognizing that access to health is essential for school readiness and high-quality early childhood education.		
GIA Rating Score: 100.00%				
Grant Awarded:	\$20,000.00			
Population Served: (Families)	Projected: 57			
	Actual: 67			
Eligibility Requirements 1 Year of Experience ☒ Entity By-Laws ☒ Articles of Incorporation ☒ 501(c)(3) ☒ IRS Form 990 ☒ Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy ☒ Interim Report Received ☒ Final Report Received ☒				
Budget & Expenditures *Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 16,640.00	\$ 24,890.00	\$ 39,778.22
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 27,250.00	\$ 11,574.25
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 33,140.00	\$ 53,140.00	\$ 51,352.47
Findings & Exceptions Family Support Hawai'i received \$20,000 for the Healthy Keiki Project, which provides transportation for low-income families to access health and social services. The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and generally aligned with the approved budget. The program exceeded its target, serving 67 families compared to the projected 57. Exceptions noted: - None.				

12 Friends of the Palace Theater			Program: Cultural Film Series	
The Cultural Film Series at the Palace Theater celebrates Hawaii's cultural heritage while supporting the local film industry. It offers independent filmmakers a platform to showcase their work, engage audiences, and share insights about the filmmaking process. The program includes: Made in Hawaii Film Series – Local feature and short films with in-person filmmaker discussions on themes like indigenous culture and sustainable agriculture. Hawaii International Film Festival – Local and international films highlighting independent cinema. Silent Movie Nights – Classic silent films with live performances on the Palace's Mighty Pipe Organ. Throwback Thursdays & New Releases – Monthly screenings of classics or new films. Participation has grown 20%, and attendance has risen from 142 to 349 patrons.				
			GIA Rating Score: 84.00%	
			Grant Awarded:	\$35,000.00
			Population Served: (Unable to Determine)	Projected: UTD Actual: UTD
Eligibility Requirements				
			1 Year of Experience	☒
			Entity By-Laws	☒
			Articles of Incorporation	☒
			501(c)(3)	☒
			IRS Form 990	☒
			Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
			Interim Report Received	☒
			Final Report Received	☒
Budget & Expenditures				
<i>*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.</i>				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 14,375.36
Operations	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Other (Various)	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 41,000.00	\$ -
Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,232.79
Licensing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,786.50
Posters/Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,135.98
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 66,500.00	\$ 48,530.63
Findings & Exceptions				
Friends of the Palace Theater received \$35,000 for its Cultural Film Series program. The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Expenditures were supported; however, budget variances were noted. Documentation did not clearly demonstrate alignment with the stated program purpose, limiting the ability to determine public benefit. Population served could not be verified due to lack of a defined baseline or consistent measurement. Exceptions noted: - Budget variances. - Public benefit could not be determined. - Population served could not be verified.				



The program provides inclusive health, wellness, and cultural activities for individuals with disabilities on Hawai'i Island, creating greater opportunities for ADA access and participation. With the support of dedicated volunteers and board members, weekly activities serve disabled children, veterans, homeless individuals, and low-income participants, promoting mental health, social connection, physical activity, and empowerment.

GIA Rating Score: 90.00%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (athletes)	Projected:	UTD
	Actual:	79

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
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Programs include outrigger canoe paddling, cultural education, group activities, recreational sports, and access to Hawai'i County beach and ocean parks. To support safe and equitable participation, the program uses specialized ADA equipment such as beach wheelchairs, sand mats, accessible canoes and paddling gear, safety platforms, life vests, ramps, visual aids, and first aid supplies.

By combining accessible equipment with culturally based, community-driven programs, the organization promotes inclusion, wellness, and meaningful participation for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 45,609.24
Admin Costs (10%)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 50,609.24

Findings & Exceptions

Full Life received \$50,000 for its 'Ohana Wa'a Laulima program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Expenditures were primarily for equipment and administrative costs; however, supporting documentation for administrative expenses was not provided.

The program reported serving participants but did not establish a defined population target.

Exceptions noted:

- No defined population target.
- Insufficient documentation for administrative costs.

14 Goodwill Industries of Hawai'i, Inc.			Program: Ho'olana Educations & Arts Program	
The program provides Activity Center and Community-Based services for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD), helping them build skills, develop relationships, and gain independence. Participants engage in entrepreneurial and artistic activities, learning to create original art, develop businesses based on community needs, and market and sell their work to earn sustainable income. Through hands-on experiences with tools such as embroidery machines, computers, and software programs, participants explore their creativity while gaining practical skills. The program also provides van transportation to cultural sites and community locations across Hawai'i Island, offering opportunities to learn about local cultures, connect with the community, and build social and professional relationships. By combining skill-building, cultural engagement, and community access, the program empowers individuals with I/DD to develop independence, showcase their talents, and participate fully in the cultural and economic life of Hawai'i Island.				
			GIA Rating Score: 100.00%	
			Grant Awarded:	\$50,000.00
			Population Served: (Participants)	Projected: 12
				Actual: 22
Eligibility Requirements 1 Year of Experience ☒ Entity By-Laws ☒ Articles of Incorporation ☒ 501(c)(3) ☒ IRS Form 990 ☒ Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy ☒ Interim Report Received ☒ Final Report Received ☒				
Budget & Expenditures <i>*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.</i>				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 21,298.75
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Other (Various)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 28,706.11
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 50,004.86
Findings & Exceptions				
Goodwill Industries of Hawai'i, Inc. received \$50,000 for its Hō'olana Education and Arts Program. The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with approved activities. The program exceeded its projected population served. Exceptions noted: - None. Note: Vehicle lease expenditures may require further review for compliance.				



The Hawaiian Volcano Education & Resilience Institute provides volcano hazard education to help Hawai'i Island residents prepare for, respond to, and recover from volcanic events. Since the 2018 eruption, our team has delivered trusted and timely information and was rated highest by lava-impacted communities for relevance, expertise, sincerity, and timeliness. This work has led to ongoing partnerships with the U.S. Geological Survey, Hawai'i County Civil Defense, and the Mayor's Office.

GIA Rating Score: 91.00%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served:	Projected:	Various
(Education/Outreach)	Actual:	Various

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	✓
Entity By-Laws	✓
Articles of Incorporation	✓
501(c)(3)	✓
IRS Form 990	✓
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	✓
Interim Report Received	✓
Final Report Received	✓

Through articles, videos, live broadcasts, and community outreach, we provide accessible volcano hazard information to residents across Hawai'i Island. Surveys show participants increased their volcano hazard knowledge, preparedness, and confidence by approximately 50%. We continue to expand our reach through additional media platforms, youth-focused content, community events, educational toolkits, and live-streamed public meetings, helping strengthen community awareness and resilience island-wide.

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 185,700.00	\$ 233,200.00	\$ 54,457.19
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 1,667.55
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 7,250.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 205,450.00	\$ 255,450.00	\$ 56,124.74

Findings & Exceptions

Hawaiian Volcano Education and Resilience Institute received \$50,000 for its Community Resilience Through Volcano Education Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with the approved budget. The program exceeded its proposed outputs, producing 27 text-based articles per month (vs. 16 planned), 6 short videos per month (vs. 4 planned), and completing 13 outreach events. However, program outcomes could not be fully substantiated due to a lack of measurable performance data.

Exceptions noted:

- Insufficient data to verify program outcomes

16	Hawai'i's Volcano Circus	Program: After School Programs																
The HVC After-School Program will offer affordable arts and agriculture classes six days a week during the school year, along with a summer camp and community workshops. Classes will serve participants of all ages (1–99) at SPACE and other sites across Puna. Students will learn pottery, painting, dance, gymnastics, juggling, unicycling, stilts, aerials, acrobatics, and gardening from professional instructors. Each camp will end with a performance showcasing their skills. As students gain confidence, they will help teach and perform in outreach events across the community. HVC partners with groups such as Men of Pa'a, Vibrant Hawai'i, HAAS, the Arts and Sciences Center, and the Pāhoa Mainstreet Association to expand access. The program serves the rural, low-income Seaview and greater Puna areas, where many children are homeschooled and have limited access to extracurricular opportunities. By connecting people through arts and agriculture, HVC promotes health, wellbeing, and social connection, helping the community build resilience after repeated natural disasters.																		
		GIA Rating Score: 91.50%																
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Budget & Expenditures																		
*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.																		
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue																
Salary & Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00																
Professional Fees	\$ 17,280.00	\$ 10,200.00																
Operations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00																
Supplies	\$ 320.00	\$ 80.00																
Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00																
Grant funds returned (-)		\$ -																
Total Budget	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,380.00																
Findings & Exceptions																		
Hawai'i's Volcano Circus received \$20,000 for its After-School Programs. The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements and reported achieving its program goals. Expenditures were partially supported, with receipts provided for \$16,970 of total reported costs. Documentation for the remaining expenses was not provided, limiting verification of allowability. Exceptions noted: - Incomplete documentation to support total reported expenditures.																		

17 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition		Program: Mana Mama		
		Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition aims to eliminate health disparities and improve access to care for high-risk pregnant and birthing individuals, infants, and people of reproductive age—especially people of color. Through the Mana Mama program, we provide a community-based midwifery model that integrates culturally grounded clinical care with access to mental health and social services. In 2023, we expanded to Hawai'i Island with a mobile health unit and office to reach pregnant, postpartum, and birthing people in rural communities where maternal and infant care is limited. Given that Hawai'i Island's perinatal and infant health outcomes are below state and national averages, Mana Mama focuses on improving the wellbeing of vulnerable mothers, infants, and families across the county.		
GIA Rating Score: 100.00%				
Grant Awarded:	\$50,000.00			
Population Served:	Projected: 200 / 150			
(Clinical/Families)	Actual: 681 / 232			
Eligibility Requirements				
1 Year of Experience	☒			
Entity By-Laws	☒			
Articles of Incorporation	☒			
501(c)(3)	☒			
IRS Form 990	☒			
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒			
Interim Report Received	☒			
Final Report Received	☒			
Budget & Expenditures		*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.		
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 181,100.00	\$ 209,100.00	\$ 27,390.94
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,732.71
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Doula Services	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 4,865.88
Clinical Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,010.47
10% Indirect Costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 288,700.00	\$ 338,700.00	\$ 50,000.00
Findings & Exceptions				
Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition received \$50,000 for its Mana Mama Program, providing integrated maternal and infant health services. The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with approved activities. The program exceeded projected outcomes, serving 681 clinical visits and 232 families compared to projected targets. Exceptions noted: - None.				

18 Hilo Community Players
Program: 47th Annual Shakespeare in the Park Festival

Founded in 1938, Hilo Community Players has a long history of enriching the community through theater and cultural programming. With strong partnerships and an experienced team, the organization consistently delivers high-quality, accessible performances.

The 47th Annual Shakespeare in the Park Festival will celebrate cultural heritage, foster artistic expression, and strengthen community cohesion. Through free performances and educational outreach, the festival aims to inspire, entertain, and unite audiences of all ages and backgrounds.



HILO

COMMUNITY PLAYERS

GIA Rating Score:
85.50%
Grant Awarded:
\$20,000.00
**Population Served:
(Reach/Attendees)**
Projected:
1566
Actual:
1864
Eligibility Requirements
1 Year of Experience

Entity By-Laws

Articles of Incorporation

501(c)(3)

IRS Form 990

Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy

Interim Report Received

Final Report Received

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,453.00
Professional Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,653.29
Operations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,072.12
Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,016.69
Equipment	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 4,087.65
Rehearsal & Performance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Equipment Storage	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 4,188.48
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 41,471.23

Findings & Exceptions

Hilo Community Players received \$20,000 for its Annual Musical Theatre Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements and exceeded its projected population served.

No supporting documentation was provided for expenditures, preventing verification of allowability. Minor budget variances were also noted.

Exceptions noted:

- No supporting documentation; unable to verify allowability.
- Budget variances.



GIA Rating Score:

100.00%

Grant Awarded: \$15,000.00

Population Served: (Various)

Projected: 50

Actual: 70

Eligibility Requirements1 Year of Experience ☒Entity By-Laws ☒Articles of Incorporation ☒501(c)(3) ☒IRS Form 990 ☒Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy ☒Interim Report Received ☒Final Report Received ☒

HEART Youth Theatre is led by an Artistic Director with 10 years of Broadway experience, including productions such as *Les Misérables* and *The Phantom of the Opera*, and 20 years as a professional television writer. Over the past four years, the organization has offered classes in acting, voice, and dance and produced more than 20 full-length plays, concerts, and holiday shows, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King*, *Cabaret*, *The Prom*, and *Grease*. These productions regularly feature 30–50 performers and employ numerous crew members.

The I HEART Youth Theatre program provides low- to no-cost musical theatre training for youth ages 8–18 through classes, workshops, and rehearsals led by professional instructors. Programs culminate in a full-scale production at venues such as the Palace Theater or the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Performing Arts Center. The program's first summer camp, I HEART Summer – Grease Camp, engaged over 50 youth and presented three performances at the East Hawai'i Cultural Center. Additional funding will allow the program to expand participation, increase the age range, and stage productions in larger venues.

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Professional Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 4,204.14
Equipment	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,469.45
Royalties, Scripts, Music Tracks	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,537.91
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 25,711.50

Findings & Exceptions

Hilo Education Arts Repertory Theatre received \$15,000 for its youth theatre program.

The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with the approved budget.

The program exceeded all projected performance targets.

Exceptions noted:

- None.

20 Hilo Education Arts Repertory Theatre		Program: Heart 3 Show Season	
HEART is led by an Artistic Director with 10 years of Broadway experience and 20 years as a professional television writer. Over the past four years, HEART has offered classes in acting, voice, and dance and produced more than 20 full-length plays, concerts, and holiday shows, including Beauty and the Beast, The Lion King, Cabaret, The Prom, Grease, and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Performances, held at venues such as the East Hawai'i Cultural Center, Palace Theater, and UH Hilo, regularly feature 30–50 performers and employ numerous crew members, with strong community attendance and support. HEART is seeking funding to expand its programming by launching a full season that includes two musicals and one play, while continuing to grow its educational offerings. The organization plans to increase access to the performing arts by offering classes, workshops, and performance opportunities in acting, voice, dance, and technical theater. Additional goals include providing scholarships, improving facilities, and building partnerships with schools and community organizations to reach more participants, including underserved and older populations, while showcasing diverse, locally rooted performances.			
		GIA Rating Score: 100.00%	
		Grant Awarded:	\$35,000.00
		Population Served: (Performances / Attendees)	Projected: 3 / 150 Actual: 3 / 150
		Eligibility Requirements	
		1 Year of Experience	☒
		Entity By-Laws	☒
		Articles of Incorporation	☒
		501(c)(3)	☒
		IRS Form 990	☒
		Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
		Interim Report Received	☒
		Final Report Received	☒
Budget & Expenditures		*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.	
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 12,350.00	\$ 24,250.00 \$ 11,960.00
Professional Fees	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 23,000.00 \$ 10,591.46
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - \$ -
Supplies	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 9,150.00 \$ 3,374.46
Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00 \$ 2,829.64
Other Misc.	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 14,000.00 \$ 6,804.70
Rental	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,000.00 \$ 3,500.00
Grant funds returned (-)			\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 51,400.00	\$ 86,400.00 \$ 39,060.26
Findings & Exceptions			
Hilo Education Arts Repertory Theatre ("HEART") received \$35,000 for its Heart 3 Show Season program.			
The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with the approved budget.			
The program exceeded its projected population served.			
Exceptions noted:			
- None.			



GIA Rating Score:

100.00%

Grant Awarded: \$40,000.00

Population Served:	Projected:	1000 +
(Children/Teens)	Actual:	1103

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

The Youth Education Program (YEP) addresses the shortage of arts programming, qualified instructors, and creative employment opportunities in our community.

YEP offers year-round art classes both onsite and in local schools, using culturally grounded approaches that support students' academic and social growth. Many teachers face challenges integrating art into their curriculum due to limited funding, lack of arts training, and the emphasis on standardized testing.

Our program connects literature, visual arts, environmental studies, and health through the themes of self, family, community, and world. In 2023, we served over 500 youth through community classes and K-5 in-school programs at Holualoa and Kahakai Elementary Schools. YEP also provides professional development that unites artists, 'āina-based educators, and classroom teachers to create meaningful, culturally rich learning experiences.

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 40,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 87,700.00	\$ 87,700.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 37,600.00	\$ 37,600.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Meals & Hosting	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -
Facility Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Mrktg & Media	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 211,650.00	\$ 251,650.00	\$ 40,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

Holualoa Foundation for Arts & Culture received \$40,000 for its Youth Education Program.

The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with the approved budget.

The program exceeded its projected population served, reaching 1,103 youth.

Exceptions noted:

- None.

22 Hui Ho'oleimaluō		Program: 14th Annual Waiuli Ocean Festival		
The Waiuli Ocean Festival, organized by Hui Ho'oleimaluō, promotes ocean literacy, Hawaiian culture, and community stewardship. Started by Waiuli residents in the early 2000s, this free event reflects the Keaukaha community's dedication to protecting their coastline. With support from state and county agencies, local practitioners, and businesses, the festival combines cultural education and hands-on activities such as surfing, bodyboarding, bamboo pole fishing, swimming, and traditional Hawaiian games. Grant funds will support the expansion of the two-day annual festival, held during the Lonoikamakahiki season. Activities include a surf competition for 100 youth, a bamboo fishing contest led by the Department of Aquatic Resources, and educational outreach from community partners. Meals for 300 participants and volunteers will be sourced locally. The event fosters community connection, celebrates Hawaiian traditions, and encourages stewardship of ocean resources while offering families a free, fun, and educational experience.				
		GIA Rating Score: 98.00%		
		Grant Awarded:	\$45,000.00	
		Population Served: (Participants/ Education)	Projected:	100
			Actual:	178+
		Eligibility Requirements		
		1 Year of Experience	✓	
		Entity By-Laws	✓	
		Articles of Incorporation	✓	
		501(c)(3)	✓	
		IRS Form 990	✓	
		Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	✓	
		Interim Report Received	✓	
		Final Report Received	✓	
Budget & Expenditures *Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 5,226.60	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 6,426.60	\$ 8,506.23
Professional Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,035.34
Supplies	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 41,955.43
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Contractors	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 9,700.00
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 41,226.60	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 61,426.60	\$ 62,397.00
Findings & Exceptions				
Hui Ho'oleimaluō received \$45,000 for its Waiuli Ocean Fest program. The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Expenditures were supported and align with available documentation, though minor budget variances were noted. While records indicate the organization received and expended the full \$45,000 award, the approved budget reflects only \$41,226.60. Program activities were completed as proposed. Exceptions noted: - Minor budget variances between the approved budget and recorded expenditures.				



Hui Pono Holoholona (HPH), founded in 2007, has provided free or low-cost spay and neuter services on Hawai'i Island for more than 16 years. Since its inception, HPH has sterilized approximately 9,000 animals through partnerships with veterinarians in the Hilo and Puna districts, across the neighbor islands, and with animal welfare organizations and community members in East Hawai'i.

HPH seeks grant funding to support a low- or no-cost spay/neuter program for owned, stray, and feral cats. The program aims to provide free surgeries for 700 cats, increase community awareness of the benefits of spay/neuter for animal health, public safety, and the environment, and reduce future animal overpopulation on Hawai'i Island. Weekly spay/neuter appointments are already secured at a centrally located Hilo clinic; grant funds are needed solely to compensate veterinarians for their services. Affordable spay/neuter programs are widely recognized as the most effective strategy for reducing overpopulation, shelter euthanasia, pet homelessness, and for supporting Trap-Neuter-Return-Maintain (TNRM) efforts.

GIA Rating Score: 90.00%

Grant Awarded: \$35,000.00

Population Served: (Pets Sterilized)	Projected:	1050
	Actual:	754

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 22,689.00
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 37,372.80
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 60,061.80

Findings & Exceptions

Hui Pono Holoholona received \$35,000 for its Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics Program.

The organization provided all documents required by the application and met reporting requirements. However, the program did not meet its projected population served, and expenditures did not align with the approved budget.

Exceptions noted:

- Population served below projections
- Expenditures not aligned with approved budget

Since 1994, INPEACE has provided culturally grounded educational programs to help Native Hawaiian communities thrive. Serving over 9,700 individuals annually, the organization focuses on early learning, educational equity, leadership, and family economic stability in areas facing generational poverty and low academic achievement.

The Early Literacy Program strengthens school readiness by providing professional development, educational materials, coaching, and support to parents and early childhood educators. Its goal is to ensure every child has access to quality education, regardless of their early learning setting.

Using culturally responsive, evidence-based literacy instruction aligned with U.S. Department of Education standards, the program promotes children's oral language, phonological awareness, reading, and comprehension through interactive, "shared literacy" experiences between adults and children.



GIA Rating Score: 100.00%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Enrollment / Education)	Projected:	45
	Actual:	85

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 39,145.00	\$ 105,828.00	\$ 144,973.00	\$ 39,772.00
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll Taxes & Fringe	\$ 10,855.00	\$ 31,215.00	\$ 42,070.00	\$ 10,228.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 137,043.00	\$ 187,043.00	\$ 50,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

INPEACE received \$50,000 for its Early Literacy Institute program.

The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with approved activities.

Program activities were implemented as proposed.

Exceptions noted:

- None.

25 Island of Hawai'i YMCA			Program: Family Visitation Center Program		
			<i>The Family Visitation Center (FVC) provides a safe, neutral, and child-focused setting for supervised visits and safe exchanges when domestic violence has occurred. The program is staffed by trained professionals with a combined 67 years of experience and ongoing training through accredited domestic violence organizations. FVC works closely with county, state, and nonprofit partners to coordinate services.</i>		
GIA Rating Score: 100.00%			<i>FVC offers supervised in-person, one-to-one, telephone, and video visits, as well as safe child exchanges. Most referrals come from Family Court judges for cases involving domestic violence, divorce, and child protective services. FVC conducts intake assessments, schedules visits, and provides observation reports to the courts, while remaining a neutral third party. Child safety is the program's highest priority.</i>		
Grant Awarded:		\$50,000.00			
Population Served: (Intakes / Families / Individuals)		Projected: 48/225/127 Actual: 52/290/108			
Eligibility Requirements					
1 Year of Experience		☒		<i>Since January 2019, FVC has served 225 families, including 106 parents and 119 infants and youth, completed 113 intakes, and responded to 936 service inquiries.</i>	
Entity By-Laws		☒			
Articles of Incorporation		☒			
501(c)(3)		☒			
IRS Form 990		☒			
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy		☒			
Interim Report Received		☒			
Final Report Received		☒			
Budget & Expenditures					
<i>*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.</i>					
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses	
Salary & Wages	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,832.00	\$ 104,832.00	\$ 50,282.20	
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -	
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,832.00	\$ 104,832.00	\$ 50,282.20	
Findings & Exceptions					
Island of Hawaii YMCA received \$50,000 for its Family Visitation Center Program.					
The organization met eligibility requirements, submitted documentation on time, and expenditures were fully supported and aligned with the approved budget. The program exceeded projected intakes and families served, though total individuals served fell slightly below projections.					
Exceptions noted:					
- Total individuals served fell slightly below projections					

26 Ka Ahahui O Ka Nahelehele			Program: Hawai'i Island Seed Bank	
The Hawai'i Island Seed Bank (HISB) will partner with DLNR, DHHL, the Waikoloa Dry Forest Initiative, and Hawai'i Community College–Pālananui to expand native dry forest seed collections for post-wildfire recovery and restoration. Collected seeds will help re-establish burned areas, suppress invasive grasses, and reduce wildfire fuels. HISB will process, catalog, and store the seeds for use by landowners and restoration projects. HISB will also offer seed banking classes each semester at HCC Pālananui, with hands-on training at the 700-acre Community Forest Preserve. These activities preserve native species, strengthen seed resources for long-term forest restoration, and provide students with applied conservation skills. One student each semester will be selected for a paid HISB internship. This initiative directly addresses the growing threat of wildfires in Hawai'i and aligns with the 2023 Hawai'i House of Representatives Final Report on the Lahaina Wildfire, which calls for increased seed banking, restoration with native species, and control of invasive grasses.				
			GIA Rating Score: 94.00%	
			Grant Awarded:	\$35,000.00
			Population Served: (Various)	Projected: See Findings & Exceptions Actual:
			Eligibility Requirements 1 Year of Experience ☒ Entity By-Laws ☒ Articles of Incorporation ☒ 501(c)(3) ☒ IRS Form 990 ☒ Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy ☒ Interim Report Received ☒ Final Report Received ☒	
Budget & Expenditures *Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 31,500.00
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Overhead Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,410.41
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 35,910.41
Findings & Exceptions Ka Ahahui O Ka Nahelehele received \$35,000 for its Hawaii Island Seed Bank Program. The organization met eligibility requirements and submitted documentation, including itemized receipts by budget category. The program did not meet its projected population served and did not provide specific, measurable outcomes or clearly demonstrate public benefits. Exceptions noted: - Program did not meet projected population served - Outcomes and public benefits not clearly defined				



GIA Rating Score: 94.00%

Grant Awarded: \$35,000.00

Population Served: (Elderly, Veterans /Education)	Projected:	1700
	Actual:	1553

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	✓
Entity By-Laws	✓
Articles of Incorporation	✓
501(c)(3)	✓
IRS Form 990	✓
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	✓
Interim Report Received	✓
Final Report Received	✓

The Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra Society (KPOS), a nonprofit organization with 19 years of service, provides free orchestral concerts to underserved and rural communities across Hawai'i Island. These performances promote access to live music in welcoming outdoor settings and support local orchestral musicians.

Concerts feature a mix of Hawaiian mele, classical works, and seasonal music designed to engage audiences of all ages. KPOS partners with healthcare, senior, and veteran facilities—including Life Care of Kona and Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home—to bring live performances to residents who may not otherwise have access.

By offering free concerts in public and senior venues, KPOS fosters community connection, encourages cultural appreciation, and gives families—especially those with limited financial means—an opportunity to experience live orchestral music together.

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 81,500.00	\$ 37,125.00
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 81,500.00	\$ 37,125.00

Findings & Exceptions

Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra Society received \$35,000 for its Free Community Concert Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with approved program activities. However, the program served fewer participants than projected due to capacity and scheduling constraints. In addition, the approved budget appears to include funding from external sources that was reported as Waiwai grant funding.

Exceptions noted:

- Population served below projections.
- Budget documentation includes apparent misclassification of external funding as Waiwai grant funding.

28 Kekelaokalani		Program: Resilience Hub	
Kekelaokalani is a community-based organization rooted in Papa'ikou that works to strengthen families and build resilient communities grounded in aloha. Led by a diverse team of more than 25 volunteers—including farmers, fishermen, artists, educators, health workers, and first responders—the organization is committed to making a meaningful difference and creating strong foundations for community well-being. Through its Resilience Hub, Kekelaokalani provides programs that support 'ohana connection, cultural engagement, and essential needs. The organization hosts monthly community gatherings in Papa'ikou and Pepe'ekeo that include shared meals, community updates, and cultural or educational activities such as hula, music, guest speakers, and interactive learning. Kekelaokalani also plans to launch weekly life meetings for men, women, and youth, led by trained facilitators in partnership with Vibrant Hawai'i. In addition, the organization continues food distribution programs with Hawai'i Food Bank, Vibrant Hawai'i, and Kaukau for Keiki to provide healthy, nutritious food to families on a regular basis.			
		GIA Rating Score: 100.00%	
		Grant Awarded:	\$50,000.00
		Population Served: (Attendance & Reach)	Projected: 3540 Actual: 4027
		Eligibility Requirements	
		1 Year of Experience	☒
		Entity By-Laws	☒
		Articles of Incorporation	☒
		501(c)(3)	☒
		IRS Form 990	☒
		Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
		Interim Report Received	☒
		Final Report Received	☒
Budget & Expenditures		<i>*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.</i>	
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue
Salary & Wages	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ 7,800.00	\$ -	\$ 7,800.00
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,600.00
Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Stipends	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -	\$ 9,600.00
Grant funds returned (-)			\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 52,500.00
Findings & Exceptions			
Kekelaokalani received \$50,000 for its Resilience Hub program. The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Expenditures were generally supported; however, some costs were not fully itemized. The program exceeded its projected population served. Exceptions noted: - Minor allocation variances due to insufficient cost detail.			



The Ku'u Home Data Collection Program, led by KWILF, aims to address the growing impacts of commercial tourism in the Keaukaha community. Originating as a grassroots initiative, the program engages local residents to collect and analyze data on park usage at Waiuli and Lehia—two heavily visited County parks—to better understand how tourism affects community health and well-being.

KWILF, a trusted community organization with deep roots in Keaukaha, has partnered with the County of Hawai'i Research & Development Department, 'A'ali'i Alliance, and Kamehameha Schools to promote responsible tourism and stewardship of wahi pana (sacred places).

Grant funds will support continued data collection, outreach, and awareness efforts to inform a community-driven tourism management plan, ensuring that visitor activity aligns with the needs and values of Keaukaha residents.

GIA Rating Score: 93.50%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Events / Outreach)	Projected:	190
	Actual:	1921+

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 45,080.21
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,323.54
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 104,500.00	\$ 48,403.75

Findings & Exceptions

Keli'i William Ioane Legacy Foundation received \$50,000 for its Ku'u Home Data Collection Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Documentation supported most expenses; however, records did not account for the full award amount and were not fully itemized or organized, limiting verification of total expenditures and allowability.

Exceptions noted:

- Incomplete documentation for total expenditures
- Insufficient itemization and organization of financial records

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**Kohala Animal Relocation & Education Service
(KARES)**
**Program: Veterinary Care & Spay/Neuter
for Family Companion Pets**

The KARES program provides veterinary care and spay/neuter services for companion dogs and cats, supporting vulnerable residents with limited financial resources. Each year, 1,500–1,800 pets directly benefit from services that keep them healthy, safe, and in loving homes. The program alleviates the financial burden on low-income families while addressing pet overpopulation through free spay/neuter procedures arranged with participating veterinarians at reduced rates. In addition to preventive care, KARES expedites emergency treatment for seriously ill or injured animals and offers wellness services such as diagnostic testing, vaccinations, deworming, flea and tick treatments, wound care, dental care, and pain management. Together, these efforts promote animal welfare, support families, and reduce the number of free-roaming dogs and cats on Hawai'i Island.


GIA Rating Score:
97.50%
Grant Awarded:
\$50,000.00
**Population Served:
(Families/Pets)**
Projected: <1,500 / <600
Actual: 2,992
Eligibility Requirements
1 Year of Experience

Entity By-Laws

Articles of Incorporation

501(c)(3)

IRS Form 990

Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy

Interim Report Received

Final Report Received

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 65,352.95
Operations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Auto Repairs/Maint./Fees	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 139,000.00	\$ 189,000.00	\$ 65,352.95

Findings & Exceptions

Kohala Animal Relocation & Education Service (KARES) received \$50,000 for its Veterinary Care and Spay/Neuter Program.

The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with the approved budget. While submissions were not entirely organized, the program exceeded its projected population served.

Exceptions noted:

- Submissions not fully organized



Kona Historical Society has been preserving and sharing Kona history since 1976 through educational programs, lectures, exhibits, cultural festivals, field trips, performances, research, and publications. KHS operates three living history programs on two historic sites—the Kana Coffee Living History Farm in Captain Cook and the H.N. Greenwell Store Museum in Kealahou—both listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. While staffing is small, long-term employees bring extensive experience in program management and grant administration.

GIA Rating Score: 45.00%

Grant Awarded: \$15,000.00

Population Served: (People)	Projected:	8200
	Actual:	UTD

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Grant funds would support public programs for visitors, members, and school groups at both sites. At the Kana Coffee Living History Farm, visitors explore the historic homestead of Japanese coffee farming families from 1925–1945, meeting costumed interpreters and animals while learning about independence, family values, and resourcefulness. The farm is open two days a week for general admission and prearranged tours. At the H.N. Greenwell Store Museum, visitors experience a 19th-century store, exploring original counters, shelving, and merchandise to learn about the diverse livelihoods of the community. The museum is open one day a week to the public at no charge.

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 90,490.00	\$ 92,950.00	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 5,100.00	\$ -	\$ 5,100.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 7,440.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,940.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 112,490.00	\$ 127,490.00	\$ -

Findings & Exceptions

Kona Historical Society received \$15,000 in grant funds for its Preserving and Sharing Kona History program. The organization met all eligibility and application requirements.

However, the organization did not respond to OCA's request for additional information, despite two notices being mailed with no indication of delivery issues.

32 Ku'ikahi Mediation Center Inc.
Program: Community Mediation & Facilitation Services

Ku'ikahi Mediation Center is East Hawai'i's only nonprofit mediation organization, dedicated to helping individuals, families, businesses, schools, and community groups resolve conflicts and build peace. Established in 1983 and operating independently since 2006, Ku'ikahi has over 40 years of experience providing mediation, facilitation, and conflict resolution training across Hawai'i County.

The center offers affordable, accessible alternatives to litigation, especially for low-income residents who may struggle to navigate the legal system. Mediation supports party self-determination in challenging situations such as divorce, child custody, debt negotiation, landlord-tenant disputes, and civil claims.

By reducing reliance on the courts and preventing crises like eviction or homelessness, Ku'ikahi plays a vital role in Hawai'i's Access to Justice framework—ensuring that all community members have the opportunity to find fair, peaceful, and sustainable solutions.


GIA Rating Score: 83.50%
Grant Awarded: \$15,000.00

Population Served: (Cases/Hours/Outreach)	Projected:	800
	Actual:	UTD

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 10,020.00
Professional Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 240.00
Operations	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 4,320.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 540.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,722.00	\$ 2,722.00	\$ -
Professional Volunteer Med	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 417,722.00	\$ 432,722.00	\$ 15,120.00

Findings & Exceptions

Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, Inc. received \$15,000 for its Community Mediation & Facilitation Services Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. No itemized receipts were provided to support expenditures, preventing verification of allowability. Population served could not be verified due to lack of supporting data.

Exceptions noted:

- No itemized financial documentation; unable to verify allowability
- Population served could not be verified



Ku'ikahi Mediation Center is East Hawai'i's only nonprofit mediation organization, helping individuals, families, businesses, schools, and community groups resolve conflicts peacefully. Founded in 1983 and established as an independent nonprofit in 2006, Ku'ikahi has over 40 years of experience promoting "Finding Solutions, Growing Peace" across Hawai'i County.

As the community faces challenges like climate change, housing instability, and social division, effective communication and collaboration are essential. Ku'ikahi's Conflict Prevention & Resolution Education Program builds these skills through free Brown Bag Lunch talks, public workshops, customized trainings, continuing education for mediators, and youth conflict resolution sessions. Together, these efforts foster understanding, cooperation, and stronger communities.

GIA Rating Score: 87.50%

Grant Awarded: \$15,000.00

Population Served: (Outreach / Education)	Projected:	420 +
	Actual:	< 450

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 13,700.00
Professional Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 600.00
Operations	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 350.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 349.50
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 74,900.00	\$ 89,900.00	\$ 14,999.50

Findings & Exceptions

Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, Inc. received \$15,000 for its Conflict Prevention and Resolution Education Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements and achieved its projected population served. Expenditures were not supported by itemized receipts, preventing verification of specific costs and allowability. Minor budget variances were noted.

Exceptions noted:

- No itemized financial documentation; unable to verify allowability

34 La'i'opua 2020			Program: Culinary Huaka'i	
L2020 has managed diverse projects, programs, and services since 2006, including serving as a County of Hawai'i job training site, fostering community skill development, and operating afterschool enrichment programs. During the pandemic, L2020 adapted quickly with initiatives such as Under the Kona Moon Virtual Events and the Hanai'ai Program, distributing 1,000 grocery meal bags, and retrofitting the Workforce Development/Business Incubation Center for safe in-person learning. Since 2018, L2020 has managed 30 grant-funded projects, including the Wa'a Project. Grant funds will support L2020's culinary initiatives through the Ho'okahua Workforce Development Program, recognized with the Pualu Award. Programs include Youth Culinary, Food Preservation, and Culinary Huaka'i, which educate adults on local food sustainability, Hawaiian cultural practices, and family-centered economic support. Culinary Huaka'i offers two 4-week sessions featuring farm visits and hands-on cooking instruction using local ingredients, such as beef, ulu, kalo, kampachi, and Hamakua Ali'i mushrooms, connecting participants to local producers and building practical culinary skills.				
			GIA Rating Score: 45.00%	
Grant Awarded:			\$35,000.00	
Population Served: (Various)			Projected:	UTD
			Actual:	
Eligibility Requirements				
1 Year of Experience			☒	
Entity By-Laws			☒	
Articles of Incorporation			☒	
501(c)(3)			☒	
IRS Form 990			☒	
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy			☒	
Interim Report Received			☒	
Final Report Received			☒	
Budget & Expenditures				
<i>*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.</i>				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ 4,615.38	\$ 4,615.38	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 24,100.00	\$ 6,284.63	\$ 30,384.63	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 29,092.25	\$ 29,092.25	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 9,840.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 41,532.26	\$ 76,532.26	\$ -
Findings & Exceptions				
La'i'opua 2020 received \$35,000 in grant funds for its Culinary Huaka'i Program. The organization met all eligibility and application requirements. However, the organization did not respond to OCA's request for additional information, despite two notices being mailed with no indication of delivery issues.				

35 Laupahoehoe Train Museum
Program: Aina-Beekeeping in Schools


Founded in 2009, the Honeybee Education Program (HEP) provides education and hands-on training to schools and communities across Hawai'i Island. Created in response to declining honeybee populations, HEP promotes pollination awareness, beekeeping skills, and agricultural sustainability. More than 1,500 students and adults have participated in the program over the past two years.

HEP partners with schools, community groups, and resilience hubs to offer 'āina-based education focused on gardening, beekeeping, nutrition, and Hawaiian studies. Programs include school electives, field trips, and community garden projects in underserved areas.

These activities provide safe, meaningful learning experiences that support youth well-being, food security, and connection to land and culture. Continued funding will help sustain and expand the program, serving an estimated 500 youth annually.

GIA Rating Score: 75.50%
Grant Awarded: \$25,000.00

Population Served: (Participants)	Projected:	1040
	Actual:	837

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	✓
Entity By-Laws	✓
Articles of Incorporation	✓
501(c)(3)	✓
IRS Form 990	✓
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	✓
Interim Report Received	✓
Final Report Received	✓

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,361.64
Operations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,087.44
Grant funds returned				\$ 5,212.56
Total Budget	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 28,661.64

Findings & Exceptions

Laupahoehoe Train Museum received \$25,500 for its 'Āina-Beekeeping in Schools Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Financial documentation was incomplete, not aligned with approved budget categories, and lacked full receipt support, limiting verification of expenditures. A portion of funds was returned without supporting explanation, reducing accountability. The program did not meet its projected population served.

Exceptions noted:

- Incomplete and disorganized financial documentation; unable to fully verify allowability
- Returned funds without supporting explanation
- Population served below projections

36 Lokahi Treatment Centers
Program: Anger Management Treatment Program

The Anger Management Treatment Program focuses on helping individuals manage and control anger across various settings, including interpersonal relationships, work environments, and other situations where anger becomes problematic. The program aims to help participants identify anger triggers, develop effective coping strategies, and learn healthier ways to express and regulate emotions. Treatment incorporates cognitive-behavioral techniques, relaxation exercises, communication skills training, and stress management, with an emphasis on recognizing and changing maladaptive thought and behavior patterns related to anger.

While both Anger Management Treatment Programs and Domestic Violence Offender Programs address issues related to anger and violence, their scopes differ. Domestic Violence Offender Programs specifically serve individuals with a history of domestic violence and focus on preventing future harm within intimate relationships. In contrast, Anger Management Treatment Programs have a broader focus and address anger-related challenges across multiple life contexts.


GIA Rating Score: 89.00%
Grant Awarded: \$30,000.00

Population Served: (Outreach/Participation)	Projected:	UTD
	Actual:	117

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 107,000.00	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 474,145.13
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Staff Training	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Business Expense	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 474,145.13

Findings & Exceptions

Lokahi Treatment Center received \$30,000 for its Anger Management Treatment Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements, and expenditures were generally supported. Population served could not be verified due to lack of baseline data and potential duplicate counts. Some expenses may overlap with another program, limiting assurance over cost allocation.

Exceptions noted:

- Population served could not be verified
- Potential duplication in participant counts
- Possible overlap of expenses

37 Lokahi Treatment Centers
Program: Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Intervention


Our program uses a comprehensive, rehabilitative approach to address domestic violence by combining counseling, education, and therapeutic interventions to interrupt cycles of harm and promote lasting behavioral change. The program emphasizes personal accountability, helping participants recognize the impact of their actions and take responsibility for change.

Through individualized counseling, participants explore underlying causes, triggers, and behavioral patterns associated with domestic violence. Therapeutic services are tailored to each participant's needs and include both group and individual sessions. Group therapy provides a supportive environment for shared learning and skill development, while individual counseling offers a confidential space for deeper reflection and healing.

Overall, the program equips participants with conflict resolution and coping skills to manage challenging situations and reduce the risk of future violence.

GIA Rating Score: 89.00%
Grant Awarded: \$30,000.00

Population Served:	Projected:	UTD
(Outreach/Participation)	Actual:	82

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	✓
Entity By-Laws	✓
Articles of Incorporation	✓
501(c)(3)	✓
IRS Form 990	✓
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	✓
Interim Report Received	✓
Final Report Received	✓

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 107,000.00	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 474,145.13
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Staffing	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
General Business Exp.	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 474,145.13

Findings & Exceptions

Lokahi Treatment Center received \$30,000 for its Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Intervention Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements, and expenditures were generally supported. Population served could not be verified due to lack of baseline data and potential duplicate counts. Some expenses may overlap with another program, limiting assurance over cost allocation.

Exceptions noted:

- Population served could not be verified
- Potential duplication in participant counts
- Possible overlap of expenses

Founded in 2005, Mala'ai: The Culinary Garden of Waimea Middle School connects students to the land and their food to promote health, wellness, and academic success. This one-acre outdoor classroom provides hands-on, food-based education that integrates land stewardship, green career exploration, and social-emotional learning with core subjects like science, health, and 'Ike Hawai'i.

Mala'ai serves all 194 Waimea Middle School students, along with teachers, administrators, and community members, through approximately 4,000 instructional hours annually and after-school sessions adding 770 contact hours. The program reinforces classroom lessons through nature and regenerative agriculture, improves student engagement and performance, and fosters community collaboration. In the most recent year, Mala'ai grew 1,400 pounds of food, distributed 391 pounds to the community, and benefited from over 175 volunteer hours.



GIA Rating Score: 92.00%

Grant Awarded: \$25,000.00

Population Served: (Education/Outreach Hours)	Projected:	3000
	Actual:	3757

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 146,450.00	\$ 167,700.00	\$ 21,250.00
Professional Fees	\$ 750.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,015.00	\$ 9,515.00	\$ 2,250.00
Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,325.00	\$ 8,825.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Auto Repairs/Maint./Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 167,540.00	\$ 192,540.00	\$ 25,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

Mala'ai received \$25,000 for its Culinary Garden at Waimea Middle School Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Expenditures were supported, with minor budget variances. An unallowable travel-related expense was identified in violation of grant requirements.

Exceptions noted:

- Unallowable expense identified
- Minor budget variances

39 North Hawai'i Heritage Foundation		Program: 2024 Hamakua Sugar Days Festival		
 HONOKA'A HERITAGE CENTER		The Honoka'a Heritage Center will host the 2024 Hāmākua Sugar Days Festival from October 11–20, 2024, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the closing of the last sugar plantation. This ten-day festival will celebrate the history and legacy of sugar in shaping the Hāmākua region while showcasing new agricultural initiatives for the future. Through community-led presentations, activities, and cultural events, the festival will honor surviving plantation workers, preserve local stories, recognize the contributions of Native Hawaiians and immigrant laborers, highlight the labor movement, provide curriculum tools for schools, and stimulate the local economy by attracting visitors from across Hawai'i and beyond.		
GIA Rating Score: 90.00%				
Grant Awarded:	\$25,000.00			
Population Served:	Projected:	6,000		
(Participants/Reach)	Actual:	6,500		
Eligibility Requirements				
1 Year of Experience		☐		
Entity By-Laws		☒		
Articles of Incorporation		☒		
501(c)(3)		☒		
IRS Form 990		☒		
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy		☒		
Interim Report Received		☒		
Final Report Received		☒		
Budget & Expenditures		*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.		
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 38,600.00	\$ 43,600.00	\$ 5,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 27,040.00	\$ 27,040.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ 6,840.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 20,440.00	\$ 10,365.24
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 10,650.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 7,137.00	\$ 14,763.00	\$ 21,900.00	\$ 6,896.04
County Permits	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Event Insurance	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 397.90
Security Guards	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 67.82
Medical Svcs	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00	\$ -
Overhead (10%)	\$ 2,273.00	\$ -	\$ 2,273.00	\$ 2,273.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 106,793.00	\$ 131,793.00	\$ 25,000.00
Findings & Exceptions				
North Hawaii Heritage Foundation received \$25,000 for its 2024 Hamakua Sugar Days Festival Program. The organization met reporting and documentation requirements; however, it did not meet the one-year experience requirement. Expenditures were supported, with minor allowable budget variances. The program exceeded its projected population served. Exceptions noted: - Did not meet one-year experience requirement - Travel-related expense identified and determined allowable				

40 North Kohala Community Resource Center			Program: North Kohala Community Resource Center	
The North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) supports individuals and groups developing projects that strengthen and sustain the Kohala community. Since its inception, NKCRC has focused on listening to community-identified needs and serving as a bridge for funding, education, and technical support. The organization is guided by diverse leaders with deep historical knowledge and understanding of the Kohala community. NKCRC's program emphasizes increasing the effectiveness and long-term sustainability of grassroots, community-led initiatives. This is achieved through training, coaching, and capacity-building support for organizers of fiscally sponsored projects. Through these efforts, NKCRC helps ensure the community has access to consistent, reliable programs and services that enhance overall well-being and quality of life.				
			Grant Awarded: \$7,500.00	
			Population Served: (Individuals)	
			Projected: 10 Actual: 14	
Eligibility Requirements			☒	
1 Year of Experience			☒	
Entity By-Laws			☒	
Articles of Incorporation			☒	
501(c)(3)			☒	
IRS Form 990			☒	
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy			☒	
Interim Report Received			☒	
Final Report Received			☒	
Budget & Expenditures				
*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 11,979.92
Professional Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,738.00
Operations	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CRM	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,716.00
Grant funds returned				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 27,133.92
Findings & Exceptions				
North Kohala Community Resource Center received \$7,500 for its North Kohala Community Resource Center Program.				
The organization met application and reporting requirements and exceeded its projected population served. However, financial documentation was incomplete and not fully itemized, with noted budget variances. Cost allocation was not clearly documented, supported by only one "CRM" invoice and limited payroll detail.				
Exceptions noted:				
- Incomplete or non-itemized financial documentation - Budget variances from approved application - Cost allocation not clearly documented - Insufficient payroll and CRM documentation detail				

41 PETFIX		Program: Spay & Neuter Clinics		
		PETFIX provides free spay and neuter services across Hawai'i Island, with a strong focus on kupuna and low-income communities. The organization also educates the public about pet overpopulation and animal welfare. Guided by an experienced leadership team with decades of animal welfare and nonprofit experience, PETFIX has achieved significant impact in just four years. With grant support, PETFIX will conduct 12–14 free spay/neuter clinics for cats and dogs, including at least six clinics in Ka'u, the county's largest and most economically challenged district. Each clinic will sterilize approximately 50 animals, resulting in at least 650 animals served during the funding period. Outreach and education will be provided in person at the Ocean View flea market and online to reach underserved pet owners. Demand for services remains high, with a 2–3 month waitlist, a strong volunteer base, and committed veterinarians ready to expand clinic capacity. Funding is needed to support professional veterinary services.		
GIA Rating Score:		100.00%		
Grant Awarded:	\$50,000.00			
Population Served: (Cats& Dogs)	Projected:	750		
	Actual:	1,008		
Eligibility Requirements				
1 Year of Experience		☒		
Entity By-Laws		☒		
Articles of Incorporation		☒		
501(c)(3)		☒		
IRS Form 990		☒		
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy		☒		
Interim Report Received		☒		
Final Report Received		☒		
Budget & Expenditures *Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 39,000.00	\$ -	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 52,710.00
Operations	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,025.02
Supplies	\$ 9,500.00	\$ -	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 11,779.58
Equipment	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 177.50
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 65,692.10
Findings & Exceptions				
PETFIX received \$50,000 for its Spay and Neuter Clinics program. The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with the approved budget. The program exceeded its projected population served. Exceptions noted: None.				

Pulama documents historic places, events, and people along the Mamalahoa Kona Heritage Corridor by conducting research, developing a digital inventory, and sharing collected histories and written narratives with the community.

The organization is prepared to launch a sustainable Oral History "Talk Story" program but requires improved infrastructure to do so. Its current Google Drive repository lacks accession management and public publishing capabilities, and its website and social media platforms need to be expanded to better share stories and offer virtual walking and driving tours. In addition, the initial 24 historic building signs have deteriorated and require replacement with durable, photo-engraved anodized aluminum signs. Grant funding would support updating stories and photographs and installing at least six additional signs.

All activities are rooted in community building and engagement, strengthening connections to place and fostering shared responsibility to preserve and celebrate Kona's cultural heritage and historic sites.

Pūlama iā Kona

HERITAGE COUNCIL

GIA Rating Score: 90.00%

Grant Awarded:	\$20,000.00	
Population Served: (Various/Education)	Projected:	50
	Actual:	18

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,321.00
Professional Fees	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,329.83
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 527.19
Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,821.98
Contingency	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

Pulama Iā Kona Heritage Preservation Council received \$20,000 for its Saving Culture – North Kona Mauka Stories and Place Names Program.

The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported. The program did not fully meet projected outputs, and an unallowable expense for an alcoholic beverage was identified in violation of grant requirements.

Exceptions noted:

- Program outputs not fully achieved
- Unallowable expense identified



Root & Rise Hawai'i's flagship program, Nature & Art as Therapy (NAT), provides free, community-based mental health support through workshops that integrate nature- and art-based activities with wellness, mindfulness, social connection, and service. Since September 2021, the program has engaged more than 300 participants, primarily serving adults with mental health challenges in Ka'ū, South Kona, and North Kona (West Hawai'i).

Workshops—offered at least monthly and open to the public—include activities such as crisis planning through collage and forest restoration paired with guided meditation. To reduce participation barriers, NAT offers transportation stipends and ride coordination for participants, volunteers, and facilitators. Post-workshop surveys are used to assess community mental health needs and measure program impact.

GIA Rating Score: 93.50%

Grant Awarded: \$30,000.00

Population Served:	Projected:	48 / 240
(Workshops/ Participants)	Actual:	48 / 555

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 18,800.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 17,193.31
Operations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,491.23
Supplies	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 9,050.00	\$ 3,407.18
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 34,850.00	\$ 30,091.72

Findings & Exceptions

Root & Rise received \$30,000 for its Nature & Arts as Therapy Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements and achieved its projected population served. Budget variances were noted, and financial documentation was not clearly itemized by category, limiting verification of cost allocation and allowability.

Exceptions noted:

- Budget variances
- Financial documentation not clearly itemized

44 Special Olympics East Hawaii
Program: Special Olympics East Hawaii

Special Olympics Hawai'i has served individuals with intellectual disabilities for more than 50 years through year-round sports and recreational programs. The East Hawai'i Program is open to participants of all ages and ability levels, ensuring inclusive access to athletic and social opportunities statewide.

A defining feature of Special Olympics is the integration of athletes and community volunteers, which fosters meaningful social, emotional, and physical engagement for everyone involved. As the program continues to grow, it reinforces the importance of positive relationships, social interaction, and a strong sense of belonging. By sustaining this momentum, Special Olympics Hawai'i expands opportunities for athletes to participate in practices, competitions, events, and social activities, promoting inclusion and empowering athletes to actively contribute to their communities.


GIA Rating Score: 90.00%
Grant Awarded: \$35,000.00

Population Served: (Practices/Games)	Projected:	150 / 3
	Actual:	UTD

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 5,135.69
Travel	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 48,522.40
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 78,500.00	\$ 113,500.00	\$ 53,658.09

Findings & Exceptions

Special Olympics East Hawaii received \$35,000 for its Special Olympics East Hawaii Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Unallowable travel expenses related to training were identified in violation of grant requirements. Population served could not be verified due to inconsistent measurement between proposed and reported metrics.

Exceptions noted:

- Unallowable travel expenses
- Population served could not be verified

45 Special Olympics
Program: Special Olympics Hawaii-West Hawaii


Special Olympics Hawaii has served individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for more than 52 years through year-round sports programs. The program emphasizes quality training and strong coaching, providing athletes with opportunities to build athletic skills, motor development, confidence, and leadership.

Funding will support essential program costs, including bowling training fees, off-island travel for competitions, and storage for sports equipment. A centralized storage facility is needed to house equipment for 11 different sports, as well as event supplies such as tents, tables, uniforms, and other materials, ensuring continuity and smooth program operations despite annual coaching changes.

GIA Rating Score: 93.00%
Grant Awarded: \$15,000.00

Population Served: (Athletes)	Projected:	UTD
	Actual:	41

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 4,414.41
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 1,021.96
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Airfare	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 6,404.57
Bowling Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,499.97
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 16,340.91

Findings & Exceptions

Special Olympics Hawaii received \$15,000 for its Special Olympics Hawaii – West Hawaii Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Population served could not be verified due to lack of baseline data. Grant funds were used for prohibited travel expenses in violation of program requirements.

Exceptions noted:

- Population served could not be verified
- Unallowable travel expenses

46 The Arc of Hilo Hawai'i Island
Program: The Arc of Hilo School-to-Work Program

The Arc of Hilo provides employment services, community supports, Adult Day Health programs, and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities. As the island's largest employer of people with disabilities, the Arc partners with local businesses to promote independence and meaningful employment.

The Career Exploration school-to-work program serves 24 youth ages 16–21 from Hawai'i Island high schools. Participants gain job readiness skills through the Arc's "Stairway to Success" model and hands-on experience in hospitality, food service, landscaping, janitorial work, and community job shadowing.

Youth success stories, such as Kelson's transition from high school into paid employment, demonstrate the program's impact in building confidence, work skills, and independence. There is a strong need for these services, especially in rural Puna, where access to employment supports is limited. The Arc of Hilo plans to expand services through local partnerships and a satellite program to reach more youth and families.


GIA Rating Score: 94.00%
Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Participants)	Projected:	24
	Actual:	25

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 104,760.00	\$ 149,760.00	\$ 45,032.45
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,740.00	\$ 14,740.00	\$ 5,060.54
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 114,500.00	\$ 164,500.00	\$ 50,092.99

Findings & Exceptions

The Arc of Hilo received \$50,000 for its School to Work Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements and exceeded its projected population served. Financial documentation for operational expenses was incomplete, preventing full verification of expenditures and allowability.

Exceptions noted:

- Incomplete documentation for operational expenses; unable to fully verify allowability

47 The Children's Law Project

Program: Multidisciplinary Team Support for Children and Families Involved With Child Welfare Services



Children's Law Project of Hawaii provides team-based legal advocacy for children involved in the child welfare system, parents with children in foster custody, and young adults who have aged out of foster care but still need legal support.

When a child enters foster custody, a guardian ad litem is appointed to represent the child's best interests in family court, and parents are provided legal representation. While these advocates address safety concerns and legal issues in the home, lasting stability often requires broader support.

To meet these needs, the program uses multidisciplinary teams that include attorneys, social workers, and lived-experience advocates. These teams help monitor client well-being, assess needs, provide legal assistance beyond foster custody matters, such as education, healthcare, benefits, employment, and other family court issues, and connect clients with community resources to help them achieve stability and independence.

GIA Rating Score: 97.50%

Grant Awarded: \$25,000.00

Population Served: (Families)	Projected:	25
	Actual:	32

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☐
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 80,686.11	\$ 103,686.11	\$ 40,862.13
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,838.12
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 434.26	\$ 434.26	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 83,120.37	\$ 108,120.37	\$ 43,700.25

Findings & Exceptions

Children's Law Project received \$25,000 for its Multidisciplinary Team Support for Children and Families Involved with Child Welfare Services Program.

The organization met most eligibility requirements but did not provide a required conflict of interest policy. Reporting and documentation requirements were otherwise met, and expenditures were supported. The program exceeded its projected population served.

Exceptions noted:

- Conflict of interest policy not provided

48 The Exploration Foundation
Program: Anchialine Pond Project

West Hawaii Explorations Academy (WHEA) is a public charter school in Kailua Kona, serving grades 6–12. Established in 2000 as Hawaii's first charter high school, WHEA has grown from 53 to 275 students and is located at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii (NELHA), which provides a unique setting for hands-on environmental learning. The school's curriculum emphasizes student-driven, project-based learning, with staff guiding numerous group projects each year.



WHEA's Scientific Research Foundations class introduces first-year students to field-based environmental research. Projects include studying the Anchialine Ponds in Kohanaiki, Waikoloa A.P.P., Alula Beach, and Wawaloli, using research from NOAA, NELHA, and other academic sources. Students investigate environmental impacts, brainstorm challenges, and design, implement, and evaluate solutions. For example, in the 2023–24 project, students engineered a tilapia trap that removed invasive fish without harming native species or the 'ōpae 'ula. This integrated, hands-on approach continues in the second year of the program, allowing students to expand their project-based research and environmental problem-solving skills.

GIA Rating Score: 93.50%
Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Students/Community)	Projected:	700
	Actual:	800

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 29,240.00	\$ -	\$ 29,240.00	\$ 33,094.12
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 9,786.00	\$ 9,786.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 15,760.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 18,510.00	\$ 17,838.78
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 6,040.00	\$ 6,040.00	\$ 23.03
Transportation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,666.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 122,576.00	\$ 172,576.00	\$ 52,621.93

Findings & Exceptions

Exploration Foundation received \$50,000 for its Anchialine Pond Project Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements and exceeded its projected population served. Budget variances were noted, and financial documentation was not fully itemized or organized, limiting verification of cost allocation and allowability.

Exceptions noted:

- Budget variances
- Incomplete financial itemization

49 The Food Basket
Program: DA BUX Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)


The Food Basket has served as Hawai'i County's sole food bank since 1989 and expanded its healthy food access efforts with the launch of the DA BOX CSA program in 2014. The program is managed by four full-time staff and supported by senior leadership with extensive experience overseeing operations, finances, and logistics.

DA BUX CSA increases access to Hawai'i Island-grown food while supporting local farmers by providing a wholesale market and affordable produce sales directly to residents. The program prioritizes small-scale and emerging farmers through flexible purchasing agreements that accommodate varying production levels. In 2023, DA BUX CSA purchased produce from 67 farms and served more than 300 customers each month through island-wide delivery routes. Produce was distributed to over 30 locations, including county parks, affordable housing communities, and homebound seniors. Annual revenue totaled \$268,740, with nearly two-thirds of sales paid through SNAP-EBT, supported by a 50% discount to improve food access for low-income households.

GIA Rating Score: 92.00%
Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Various)
 Projected: < 300/mnth
 Actual: 163 / mnth

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 7,700.00	\$ -	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 11,546.27
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 7,200.00	\$ -	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 5,033.62
Supplies	\$ 9,585.00	\$ -	\$ 9,585.00	\$ 8,472.69
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IT Infrastructure	\$ 5,367.00	\$ -	\$ 5,367.00	\$ 19,402.96
Marketing & Promotion	\$ 20,148.00	\$ -	\$ 20,148.00	\$ 12,780.47
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 57,236.01

Findings & Exceptions

The Food Basket received \$50,000 for its DA BUX Community Supported Agriculture Program.

The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported, with minor budget variances. The program did not meet its projected population served.

Exceptions noted:

- Population served below projections

50 Vibrant Hawai'i		Program: 'Ōpio Alliance for Kuleana Advancement		
The Opio Alliance for Kuleana Advancement ('OAKA) strengthens youth leadership through civic engagement on Hawai'i Island. Designed for and led by youth ages 15–24, the program provides equitable opportunities for young people to build strong work ethics, develop employability skills, and grow as civic change agents through hands-on community engagement. 'OAKA's youth leadership team represents all districts of Hawai'i Island, with a majority of participants from rural, Native Hawaiian communities. 'OAKA's overarching goal is to reduce opportunity gaps that limit employment mobility, civic participation, and equity for Hawai'i Island youth. Core program components include the Vibrant Hawai'i Ambassador Program, a paid internship focused on public service, social services, and organizational leadership, and Adulting 101 workshops that provide networking opportunities and practical skill development aligned with participants' career goals.				
		GIA Rating Score: 94.50%		
		Grant Awarded:	\$50,000.00	
		Population Served: (Workshops / participation)	Projected:	Various
			Actual:	Various
		Eligibility Requirements		
		1 Year of Experience ☒ Entity By-Laws ☒ Articles of Incorporation ☒ 501(c)(3) ☒ IRS Form 990 ☒ Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy ☒ Interim Report Received ☒ Final Report Received ☒		
Budget & Expenditures <i>*Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.</i>				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Operations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Mileage	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Software	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Findings & Exceptions				
Vibrant Hawaii received \$50,000 for its 'Ōpio Alliance for Kuleana Advancement Program. The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements and completed planned activities. Population served could not be verified due to lack of baseline data and unduplicated counts. Exceptions noted: - Population served could not be verified				



The Hub seeks funding to support its primary program, which provides up to 200 free meals three days per week—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—throughout the year. In addition to meal service, the program includes a workforce development component that trains up to four individuals in kitchen operations, customer service, time management, supply management, and meal planning and preparation.

The Hub also works with community members to increase access to nutrition education, meal planning resources, and local food systems. Staff provide assistance with applying for OHS EBT and medical assistance, and share information on childcare, transportation, and other available community resources.

During operating hours, The Hub offers free Wi-Fi and access to laptops and printers, with staff support available as needed. To further enhance community safety, CPR training will be offered by a trained Hub instructor, addressing the delayed emergency response times often experienced in this rural district.

GIA Rating Score: 97.00%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: Projected: 10,400 / 100
(Meals/Training) Actual: 15,136 / 36

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	✓
Entity By-Laws	✓
Articles of Incorporation	✓
501(c)(3)	✓
IRS Form 990	✓
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	✓
Interim Report Received	✓
Final Report Received	✓

Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 38,920.50
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 5,079.50
Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,100.00	\$ 75,100.00	\$ 50,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

Vibrant Hawaii received \$50,000 for its Nā'ālehu Resilience Hub Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements. Expenditures were supported, with minor budget variances. Meal service targets were achieved; however, training targets were not fully met due to weather-related disruptions.

Exceptions noted:

- Training targets not fully achieved
- No documentation of fiscal sponsor fee

The Resilience Training Center strengthens community readiness by equipping residents with the skills to respond effectively to emergencies, manage conflicts, and provide immediate care in life-threatening situations. The program offers certifications in key areas, including Mental Health First Aid for Rural Communities, First Aid/CPR/AED, emergency response, SkyWarn, safe food handling and lifting, volunteer management, and Malamalama—a culturally informed conflict resolution training.

By addressing gaps in emergency response and crisis management skills, the Resilience Training Center plays a vital role in building local capacity. Through partnerships with a network of 40 Resilience Hubs, distribution partners, and the Resilience Alliance, the program supports a more prepared, resilient, and connected Hawai'i Island, ensuring communities have trained individuals ready to respond in times of crisis.



GIA Rating Score: 94.00%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Participants)	Projected:	630
	Actual:	630

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☐
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Operations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cert. Fees for Residents	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

Vibrant Hawaii received \$50,000 for its Resilience Training Center Program.

The organization met reporting and performance requirements and achieved its projected population served; however, it did not meet the one-year experience requirement.

Exceptions noted:

- Did not meet one-year experience requirement

53 Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii
Program: Hawaii'i Community Pop Up Legal Clinics


For 43 years, Volunteer Legal Services of Hawai'i (VLSH) has provided community-based legal support to low- and moderate-income residents. About 60% of clients earn at or below 125% of Hawaii's federal poverty guideline, while others earn up to 250%—too high for traditional legal aid but unable to afford private attorneys. In 2023, VLSH conducted over 1,000 intakes and provided legal advice, limited-scope assistance, and referrals to volunteer attorneys. Around 14% of all clients and 27% of Hawaii Online Pro Bono clients are from Hawaii County.

GIA Rating Score: 94.00%
Grant Awarded: \$2,500.00

Population Served: (Events / Reach)	Projected:	2/30
	Actual:	2/48

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Funding will support two Pop-Up Legal Advice Clinics in Hawaii County, based on VLSH's Neighborhood Legal Clinic model. Pre-screened participants complete an intake that collects income, legal issue details, and relevant documents, allowing volunteer attorneys to provide focused advice and guidance. Volunteers have experience in family law, estate planning, probate, bankruptcy, consumer debt, tenant issues, and VA benefits. VLSH staff manage clinic logistics and follow-up to ensure participants receive the support they need.

Budget & Expenditures
**Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.*

Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 650.00
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 650.00
Supplies	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 91.88
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 725.08
Insurance	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 383.04
Venue Rental	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 5,070.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 2,500.00

Findings & Exceptions

Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii received \$2,500 for its Hawaii Community Pop-Up Legal Clinics Program.

The organization met eligibility and reporting requirements and exceeded its projected population served. Budget variances were noted, and financial documentation was not fully itemized or organized, limiting verification of cost allocation. The proposed budget did not align with the awarded amount.

Exceptions noted:

- Budget variances
- Incomplete financial itemization
- Budget discrepancy with award amount

54 West Hawaii Community Health Center		Program: School-Based Health Center (Puna)																																																																								
Hawai'i Island Community Health Center (HICHC) launched its School-Based Health Center (SBHC) program during the 2022–2023 school year at three West Hawai'i schools: Hōnaunau Elementary, Kealakehe Elementary, and Kealakehe Intermediate. The program expanded in 2023–2024 to include Konawaena Middle and High Schools on the west side, and Kalaniana'ole Elementary and Intermediate on the east side. Approximately 50% of enrolled students are registered to receive SBHC services. HICHC plans to continue expanding the program across Hawai'i Island as funding and school readiness allow. HICHC seeks \$50,000 to complete the launch of a new SBHC at Keonepoko Elementary School in the Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa Complex Area, serving grades K–6. The SBHC will provide primary and behavioral health services, including well-child exams, immunizations, sports physicals, acute and chronic care, and behavioral health support such as substance use prevention and intervention. By offering care directly on campus, the SBHC reduces barriers related to transportation, scheduling, and cost, allowing students to receive timely care and return to class with minimal disruption. Grant funding will support the purchase of essential medical supplies needed to operate the clinic.		 <i>West Hawaii Community Health Center</i> <i>Caring for West Hawaii's `ohana since 2005</i>																																																																								
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Hawai'i Island Community Health Center (HICHC) launched its School-Based Health Center (SBHC) program in the 2022–2023 school year at three West Hawai'i schools and expanded in 2023–2024 to additional campuses on both the west and east sides of the island. About 50% of enrolled students are registered to receive SBHC services, and HICHC plans to continue expanding the program as funding and school readiness allow.

GIA Rating Score: 94.00%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Service Reach)	Projected:	UTD
	Actual:	1316

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
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HICHC seeks \$50,000 to support the launch of a new SBHC at Waikoloa Elementary & Middle School, serving grades K–8 in the Honoka'a–Kealahou–Konawaena Complex Area. The center will provide primary and behavioral health services, including preventive care, acute and chronic treatment, and substance use prevention. On-campus services reduce barriers such as transportation, scheduling, and cost, helping students return to class quickly and avoid unnecessary absences. Funding will support administrative preparation, student registration, and clinic setup during the 2024–2025 school year, with a full launch planned for 2025–2026.

Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Not Defined	\$ -	\$ 27,900.00	\$ 27,900.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 27,900.00	\$ 77,900.00	\$ 50,000.00

Findings & Exceptions

West Hawaii Community Health Center received \$50,000 for its School-Based Health Center (Waikoloa) Program.

The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and aligned with the approved budget. Population served could not be verified against projections due to lack of baseline data; however, service delivery was documented.

Exceptions noted:

- Population served could not be verified

56 West Hawaii Dance Theatre			Program: West Hawaii Dance Theatre Outreach Performance Project	
West Hawai'i Dance Theatre (WHDT) has served Hawai'i Island since 1993, offering the island's only comprehensive, technique-based graded program in dance, theatre, and injury prevention with regular performance opportunities. Students participate in biannual classical ballet productions and community outreach performances, including visits to underserved areas for audiences unable to attend traditional theatre venues. The program is delivered by highly experienced instructors, many of whom trained at WHDT themselves, bringing more than 125 years of collective teaching experience. With support from the Waiwai Grant, WHDT proposes to present eight free, 45-minute narrated mini-performances during FY 2024–2025. Performances will include <i>The Nutcracker</i> in December 2024 and a family-friendly story ballet, such as <i>Snow White</i>, in May 2025. These outreach performances will serve Regency Hualalai Assisted Living, Kona Life Care Center, Hawai'i Keiki Museum, and the broader community at the West Hawai'i Civic Center Pavilion. The program brings together dance students, kūpuna, and families of all ages, strengthening community connections while increasing access to classical ballet and shared cultural experiences.				
			GIA Rating Score: 100.00%	
			Grant Awarded:	\$5,000.00
			Population Served: (Events / Reach)	Projected: 8 / 1500
				Actual: 11 / 2235
Eligibility Requirements				
1 Year of Experience ☒ Entity By-Laws ☒ Articles of Incorporation ☒ 501(c)(3) ☒ IRS Form 990 ☒ Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy ☒ Interim Report Received ☒ Final Report Received ☒				
Budget & Expenditures *Based on Application & Executed Agreement unless otherwise noted.				
Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 866.56
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 4,200.61
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 5,067.17
Findings & Exceptions				
West Hawai'i Dance Theatre received \$5,000 for its Outreach Performance Project. The organization met eligibility, reporting, and documentation requirements. Expenditures were supported and organized. The program met its projected population served. Exceptions noted: - None.				



GIA Rating Score: 80.50%

Grant Awarded: \$7,500.00

Population Served:	Projected:	12 / 500 +
(Workshops / Reach)	Actual:	8 / 591

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☐
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

West Hawai'i Dance Theatre (WHDT) has produced biannual dance performances at Kahilu Theatre since 1993, featuring students, professional guest artists, classical ballets, original story works, and contemporary choreography by instructors and emerging youth artists. The 2024 Spring performance will present the classic ballet Giselle, along with an opening piece showcasing WHDT's youngest dancers.

With support from the Waiwai Grant, WHDT will produce the Big Island East-West Choreography Concert in late January or early February 2025. The concert will feature emerging choreographers from across Hawai'i Island and promote artistic collaboration and community connection. In the 12 weeks leading up to the performance, selected choreographers will offer workshops that provide participants with insight into the creative process. WHDT will support artists through stipends, rehearsal space, and full coordination of marketing, workshops, and event logistics, with the goal of expanding access to the arts for both residents and visitors.

Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,929.98
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,929.98

Findings & Exceptions

West Hawaii Dance Theatre received \$7,500 for its Big Island East-West Choreography Concert Program.

The organization met reporting requirements. Financial documentation was incomplete and not fully itemized, preventing full verification of expenditures. Required exhibits were not submitted in the specified format. The program did not meet all projected outputs and did not meet the one-year experience requirement.

Exceptions noted:

- Did not meet one-year experience requirement
- Projected outputs not fully achieved
- Incomplete financial documentation
- Required exhibits not submitted as specified

YWCA Preschool, established in 1980, is dedicated to supporting children's well-being through education and nutrition. To address food insecurity and support healthy development, the preschool offers a free meal program that provides nutritious, balanced meals to all students during their critical early years.

Breakfast and afternoon snacks are prepared on-site by staff trained in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, while lunches are provided by a vetted vendor using fresh fruits and vegetables. Meals are designed to meet or exceed nutritional standards and support children's physical and cognitive growth.

The program also partners with local suppliers and farmers to source fresh, locally produced ingredients, while incorporating educational components that teach children the importance of healthy eating and encourage lifelong nutritious habits.



GIA Rating Score: 45.00%

Grant Awarded: \$50,000.00

Population Served: (Students)	Projected:	115
	Actual:	UTD

Eligibility Requirements

1 Year of Experience	☒
Entity By-Laws	☒
Articles of Incorporation	☒
501(c)(3)	☒
IRS Form 990	☒
Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Policy	☒
Interim Report Received	☒
Final Report Received	☒

Budget & Expenditures

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Budget Category	Waiwai Grant	Other Revenue	Total Revenue	Actual Expenses
Salary & Wages	\$ -	\$ 684,312.65	\$ 684,312.65	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ 31,436.72	\$ 31,436.72	\$ -
Operations	\$ -	\$ 308,463.21	\$ 308,463.21	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 11,400.00	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -
Meals	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -
Grant funds returned (-)				\$ -
Total Budget	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,142,112.58	\$ 1,192,112.58	\$ -

Findings & Exceptions

YWCA of Hawai'i Island received \$50,000 in grant funds for its Preschool Meal Program. The organization met all eligibility and application requirements.

However, the organization did not respond to OCA's request for additional information, despite two notices being mailed with no indication of delivery issues.

Waiwai Grant Scoring Matrix

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Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

ORGANIZATION NAME

Rating Scoresheet for: _____ PROGRAM NAME _____

Reviewed by: _____

Eligibility and Governance: Were all required documents received as part of the application?		10%	Yes	No	Partial
Proof of Authorization	2.50%				
Valid 501(c)(3) status and good standing	2.50%				
Conflict of interest policy	2.50%				
Nepotism policy	2.50%				
			Sub-Total 0.00%		
Required Documentation: Were all documents complete and timely submitted?		15%			
Annual Financial Statements (2 most recent years)	3.00%				
IRS Form 990	3.00%				
Articles of Incorporation and related filings	3.00%				
By-Laws with proper signatures	3.00%				
Signed certifications and disclosure forms	3.00%				
			Sub-Total 0.00%		
Public Purpose and Program Impact: Does the proposed program or service advance a clear public purpose and demonstrate measurable impact for the County's residents?		30%			
Planned population served was met or exceeded within the period?	6.00%				
Program/service aligns with public purpose definition (education, culture, arts, vulnerable populations, public health/welfare, environment)	6.00%				
Demonstrated direct, measurable benefits to public within County	6.00%				
At least one year experience or demonstrated expertise in service area	6.00%				
Specific, measurable outcomes and public benefits detailed	6.00%				
			Sub-Total 0.00%		
Allowable and Reasonable Costs: Does the proposed budget comply with allowable cost requirements and demonstrate that funds will be used reasonable, appropriately, and with proper documentation?		20%			
Expenses align with the originally approved budget	4.00%				
Programmatic costs are reasonable, allocable, and necessary	4.00%				
Administrative costs ≤ 10% of total grant	4.00%				
No unallowable expenses (capital improvements, fundraising, personal entertainment, travel for conferences, etc.)	4.00%				
Proper cost allocation and documentation plans	4.00%				
			Sub-Total 0.00%		
Fiscal Accountability and Reporting: Did the organization demonstrate the capacity and commitment to maintain proper fiscal accountability, comply with reporting requirements, and submit all required documentation accurately and on time?		25%			
Six-month progress report received	4.00%				
Final report received within 60 days after fiscal year end	4.00%				
Activity timeline inclusive of dates, descriptions, amounts, etc.	4.00%				
Participant engagement records (attendance, registrations, service logs, etc.)	4.00%				
All receipts/invoices received are itemized and linked to approved budget categories and reconciliation report	4.00%				
Submissions are organized and received by required deadlines	5.00%				
	100.00%	Sub-Total 0.00%			
		GRAND TOTAL 0.00%			