

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

CHANGE Grants



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The following is a list of questions about the CHANGE Grants program received by Hawai'i Community Foundation staff from potential applicants, and the responses from HCF staff. The content has been edited to remove identifying information and consolidate questions that were asked multiple times.

This list will be updated periodically with additional questions and responses.

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Can a program apply to this grant opportunity with a fiscal sponsor?	The CHANGE Grants program is accepting applications ONLY from nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) public charity status.
Can a nonprofit organization submit more than one application?	A nonprofit organization can submit only one application.
What if my organization conducts work within more than one sector?	In the online application, applicants will be asked to select a primary sector that most clearly aligns with the mission/programs of the organization. Applicants can select up to three sub-sector(s) that most align with its work across the CHANGE Framework and discuss these programs in the application narrative.
The RFP mentions a virtual meeting. Who will need to attend this meeting?	HCF would like to meet with two or three staff members that can share about the organization and how its programs align with the sub-sectors. HCF will provide additional information about the virtual meetings in April 2021.
What if my organization has technology barriers and will have difficulty participating in a virtual meeting?	HCF will work with organizations to address technology problems and can conduct the meeting over the telephone if needed.
Can I upload program reports, evaluation data, and other materials to showcase the work of my organization?	The online application will not accept any uploaded documents.
How can I find out if my organization has an overdue HCF final report?	Please contact the HCF Help Desk at http://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/ticket .
Can I create a new program that aligns with the focus of the CHANGE grants program?	No. We are seeking to support programs and services that currently exist, align directly with the CHANGE sector, sub-sector(s) and data indicators, and can demonstrate the impact they have for the community they serve.
How much funding will I receive?	Generally, grants will be \$50,000 per nonprofit organization. HCF will determine grant amount dependent on total available grant funds. Applicants are not asked to submit a program budget, which differs from many other grant programs.

How much total funding will be awarded through the CHANGE grants program?	HCF will award ~\$7 million in grants to nonprofit organizations through the 2021 CHANGE grants program. The program is supported by multiple funds at HCF including the Hawai'i Resilience Fund.
How many years will grant funding cover?	Grants will be awarded for a one-year period.
Will organizations satisfying a COVID-19 need get priority given some of the grant program's funding includes the Hawai'i Resilience Fund?	Many organizations in Hawai'i have been faced with challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The organization's COVID-19 response to the pandemic is one of the criteria listed in the RFP (see Page 2 of RFP). The application also includes a narrative question related to COVID-19 response. The Hawai'i Resilience Fund is only one of many funds at HCF that supports the CHANGE Grants program.
What program data is HCF interested in? If selected, what data do I need to share with HCF's external program evaluator?	HCF is interested in learning what data you collect and track, how you measure progress over time, and the long-term outcome(s) you hope to achieve related to the CHANGE sectors, sub-sectors, and indicators. HCF will hire an external program evaluator and selected grantees may be required to share program data that aligns with the CHANGE Framework.