



## HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### CHANGE Grants Program

#### Fact Sheet

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### The CHANGE Framework

Established by the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF), the CHANGE Framework acknowledges the interconnected nature of community issues and focuses on six essential areas that constitute the overall well-being of these islands and people. HCF is focused on rewiring the systems that are driving inequities across our state. Each letter of the CHANGE Framework represents a sector, or area, that affects our community and its ability to thrive. Under each sector, HCF has assembled a curated set of data to track progress and is also making deep investments into the community with the support of hundreds of donors and working with partners across the state from government to nonprofits to find solutions together—all for its vision to see an equitable Hawai'i, where all communities can thrive.

The first year of the CHANGE grants are aimed at identifying the state of what is happening in each sector—the needs, gaps and solutions—and supporting Hawai'i's nonprofits in their work on the ground.

### CHANGE Framework Sectors

C – Community & Economy

H – Health & Wellness

A – Arts & Culture

N – Natural Environment

G – Government & Civics

E – Education

To see compiled data for each CHANGE sector, visit

<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/change>

### CHANGE Grants Awarded

- \$7M was deployed in this inaugural year, including:
  - \$2M from 665 donors statewide.
  - \$5M from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. In 2020, Scott gifted a total of \$10M to HCF.

- Funding can be used for general operating and program expenses, giving grantees flexibility to meet their organization’s needs.
- 194 nonprofit organizations statewide were awarded grants in 2021.
- By sector:
  - Community & Economy: 24
  - Health & Wellness: 54
  - Arts & Culture: 33
  - Natural Environment: 35
  - Government & Civics: 9
  - Education: 39
- By headquarters location:
  - Kaua’i = 11
  - O’ahu = 114
  - Maui County (includes Lāna’i & Moloka’i) = 27
  - Hawai’i Island = 33
  - Outside of Hawai’i = 9

For a complete list of CHANGE grantees, visit <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/change>

### **CHANGE Grant Applicants**

- HCF received 509 applications from nonprofits throughout the state.
- Applicant size and operating budget:
  - 51% of the applicant organizations have annual operating budgets of less than \$500,000. These organizations employ a small staff and/or are led primarily by volunteers.
  - 7% (37 applicants) of the applicant organizations have operating budgets of over \$10,000,000. Primarily health care systems.

### **Interview Process**

Trust-Based Philanthropy is a movement to address the inherent power imbalances between foundations and nonprofits with core values of equity, collaboration, transparency, and curiosity to build an ongoing partnership and make the greatest impact possible. HCF applied this process to help streamline the grant approval process for nonprofit applicants.

- 455 virtual interviews conducted, totaling approximately 341 hours.
- In-depth conversations to assess where HCF resources can make the most impact.
- To learn and to listen to how they are approaching our state’s challenges and to hear their solutions.

