



2022 Youth Program – Building Resilience Funding Opportunity

Rev. Takie Okumura Family Fund

Online Application Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. HST

OVERVIEW

The Rev. Takie Okumura Family Fund was established at the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) in 1990, by members of the Okumura family with the intent to continue the charitable works of Rev. Okumura in modern times. The Advisory Committee for the Okumura Family Fund explored the work of Rev. Okumura considering carefully what had guided his charitable activities and decided to focus on the healthy development of Hawai'i's young children and youth. This funding opportunity specifically focuses on youth.

The Advisory Committee will review applications and make recommendations for grants for programs that are most consistent with the purpose and priorities of the fund.

BACKGROUND

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are “potentially traumatic experiences, such as neglect, experiencing or witnessing violence, and having a family member attempt or die by suicide, that occur in childhood (birth to 17) that can affect children for years and impact their life opportunities.”¹ Children and youth that experience ACEs have increased risk for poor academic achievement, chronic health problems, mental illness, and substance use in adulthood. The CDC-Kaiser Permanente Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study found that there is a powerful, persistent correlation between the more ACEs experienced and the greater chance of poor outcomes later in life. Research found that ACEs create toxic stress that triggers biological reactions that lead to these negative health outcomes.² This study also found that some populations are more vulnerable to experiencing ACEs because of social and economic conditions. The Kids Count Data Center reports in 2018-2019, 16% of children in Hawai'i experienced two or more adverse experiences.³ The pandemic may be amplifying some ACEs for youth.

There are risk factors that increase the likelihood of experiencing ACEs and protective factors that protect people and decrease the possibility of experiencing ACEs. Risk factors include families experiencing high levels of parenting or economic stress, families with high conflict and negative communication styles, and families with caregivers who were abused or neglected as children.⁴ Protective factors include children who have positive friendships and peer networks, children who have caring adults outside the family who serve as mentors/role models, and families that engage in fun, positive activities together. Youth-serving organizations serve an integral role to help prevent ACEs.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/riskprotectivefactors.html>

² <https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/aces-and-toxic-stress-frequently-asked-questions/>

³ <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/9709-children-who-have-experienced-two-or-more-adverse-experiences>

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/riskprotectivefactors.html>

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

The focus of this program is to build resilience for Hawai'i's youth. Proposals should align with one or more of the following priority areas to engage youth at risk for ACEs ages 6 – 20:

- **Connect youth to caring adults and activities** – Provide mentorship opportunities during expanded learning sessions (after school, intersession, and summertime). Provide a safe place where youth can positively interact with other youth and adults to build confidence and practice leadership skills. Preferred mentorship target population is youth in middle school, grades 6-8.
- **Teach healthy relationship skills** – Teach social emotional learning skills including how to handle conflict(s), negative feelings, and pressure from peers. Teach skills for developing healthy, non-violent dating and peer relationships.
- **Provide mental health support** – Including innovative engagement of health professionals including, but not limited to, hiring mental health staff to support programs.
- **Expand access** to programs for youth in communities with limited activities available.

Programs not likely to be funded:

- Major capital programs
- Funds for an endowment or for the benefit of specific individuals

GRANT RANGE

- Grants will be up to **\$25,000** per year for a **two-year** period starting July 2022. This fund will award up to \$300,000 in total each year.

ELIGIBILITY

Hawai'i nonprofit organizations that are 501(c)(3) IRS tax exempt organizations or programs with a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status. Organizations currently funded by HCF with overdue final reports are not eligible to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Online Application

This application is available for online submission. Beginning January 2022, the Hawai'i Community Foundation transitioned to a new **Grants Portal**. New users may register for an account here https://hawaiicf.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp. Registered users may log in to their account to submit an application. Please give yourself adequate time before the submission deadline to access the system and familiarize yourself with the application process and requirements.

Instructions

- Only complete and timely applications will be accepted.
- The online application has fillable boxes with character limits. The character counts in MS Word may not match the character counts in the application. If you cut and paste your work into the application, please be sure your text fits the space provided.
- The online application accepts diacritical markings in written 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language).

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

As part of the online application your organization profile must be certified prior to submission of grant applications and must be certified annually. Information needed to complete your organization's profile includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter (not required if previously applied to the Foundation or if applying through a fiscal sponsor)
- Number of full-time, part-time, or regular volunteer staff
- Organization Mission
- Service Location(s)
- Types of services provided – including age, gender, and target populations served
- Financials – including, income statement (or profit/loss statement) and balance sheet for the most recently completed fiscal year, and annual operating budget for the current year
- Board of Directors List

APPLICATION

The application consists of 4 sections. Information needed to complete your application includes:

1. Program Overview

- Provide general information and characteristics about the program including program title, duration, area of interest, program location(s), ages and genders served, and the CHANGE sector(s) your program most closely aligns with.
- For more information about the CHANGE framework, please visit our website <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/change>.
- If you have a fiscal sponsor, you will be asked to identify your fiscal sponsor. Please note, your fiscal sponsor must first be registered in the Grants Portal prior to submitting your application.

2. Program Information

- **Organization Description:** Describe the history and mission of the organization/program. What is the organization's experience implementing this program and staff capabilities to conduct the proposed work? *(Maximum 2,500 characters)*
- **Executive Summary:** Provide a brief summary of the proposed program. This executive summary may be used for different purposes, including external communications, to describe the program should a grant be awarded. *(Maximum 2,500 characters)*
- **Problem or Opportunity:** Describe the need for this program including information and data about the youth that will be served by the program. *(Maximum 3,000 characters)*
- **Program Activities:** Describe the program activities that will be conducted throughout the two-year grant period. Why is this program design effective for the target population? What community partnerships or collaborations are critical to successful program implementation? How is your program mitigating ACEs and/or increasing protective factors for youth served? *(Maximum 3,500 characters)*
- **Expected Results:** How many youth do you expect to serve (Year 1, Year 2, Cumulative)? What are the anticipated program outcomes? How do you measure the impact on youth including building youth's resilience? *(Maximum 3,500 characters)*

3. Budget

- Provide your total program budget, amount requested through this application, and upload a copy of your program's budget including an annual program budget for each year. The program budget template can be downloaded from the Applicant Resources section of the Grants Portal (top right-hand corner on the Home Screen).

4. Supporting Documents & Certification

Programs with fiscal sponsors must upload the following:

- Resolution by fiscal sponsor's board of directors authorizing fiscal sponsorship
- Fiscal sponsor's agreement form

Both forms can be found at: <http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/grants/fiscal-sponsor-materials>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about this funding opportunity, contact Kehau Meyer of the Hawai'i Community Foundation at 808-566-5537 or by email at kmeyer@hcf-hawaii.org.

For technical assistance with the online application process, please submit a support ticket at <http://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/ticket>.