



HAWAI'I COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Marine 30x30 Initiative

Grants for a Community Capacity-building Cohort

Funding Opportunity

Online Application Deadline: Thursday, September 15th, 4:00 p.m. HST

OVERVIEW

In 2016, the State of Hawai'i launched the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, a multi-pronged effort to ensure a healthy environment and economy for Hawai'i's people. As part of this effort, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) committed to effectively manage Hawai'i's nearshore waters with 30% established as marine managed areas (MMA) by 2030.

The term marine managed area refers to a balanced and nuanced approach to caring for a specific geographic area for its marine resources and its uses. MMA regulations will vary depending on the area, such as regulating the type of gear used or instituting size limits for species to protect against over-harvesting. Hawai'i leads the nation as the first state working to achieve the international conservation goal of protecting 30% of the planet by 2030 at a local level. Leading scientists agree that this level of protection can help prevent mass extinctions, preserve critical ecosystem services, and help avert the worst impacts of climate change.

The Initiative carries forward commitments made by the public and private organizations that launched the Aloha+ Challenge, a statewide commitment to achieve Hawaii's sustainability goals and framework to implement the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and by partners who issued the Promise to Pae'āina, which is a collective commitment for measurable change in Hawai'i's ocean.

Created by the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF), the CHANGE Framework strives to create a shared movement to solve Hawai'i's greatest challenges. Through a common set of data, the Framework identifies Hawai'i's strengths, gaps, and opportunities so that efforts can be aligned to take collective action. HCF puts the Framework into action by supporting networks that encompass a broad range of partners who are working to achieve a shared goal and have a commitment to equity. HCF supports the efforts of the Marine 30x30 Initiative through this lens of the CHANGE Framework.

A key component of effectively managing Hawai'i's nearshore waters is having an established network of community partners who help to design and manage nearshore marine resources in partnership with the State. DLNR's Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) is implementing the [Holomua: Marine 30x30 Initiative](#), working with communities to co-create island-based networks of MMAs, however the State alone does not have the ability to effectively manage these expansive nearshore resources on their own. Community- and place-based organizations will be key partners for DAR in the co-creation and co-management of MMAs. In order for

communities to be able to successfully engage in co-management with the State, communities will need to grow and strengthen their skills, knowledge and overall capacity for marine management. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide grant support and a technical assistance training program to a cohort of community partners on Maui and Lanai who are interested in working with DAR in the Marine 30x30 Initiative. Grantees participating in this program will have use of and access to consultants, cultural practitioners and other experts to support effective marine management.

GRANT FOCUS

The primary focus of this opportunity is to provide capacity support and training for communities on Maui and Lanai on a range of topics that will help to further their abilities to effectively manage marine resources in partnership with State and County agencies and other nonprofits or communities. The types of training support to be provided may include but are not limited to:

- Civic engagement and the legislative or rulemaking process;
- Community leadership building;
- Development of facilitation skills;
- Strengthening community voice and collaboration;
- Management of marine resource users;
- Negotiations skills;
- Understanding of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or other mapping software programs;
- Financial and grant management.

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be located on Maui or Lanai and must fall into one of three (3) following categories:
 - a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status;
 - a community group with a geographically delineated area of responsibility, i.e., residents of a community, lineal descendants of a moku or ahupua'a, concerned citizens of an area, etc.;
 - or a community group with a marine use or activity focus, i.e., fishers group, limu hui, dive association, etc.

Group that are not a 501(c)(3) must have valid fiscal sponsors with 501(c)(3) status to submit the application and manage the grant funds on their behalf. Fiscal sponsors are not required to be located on Maui or Lanai but must be based in the state of Hawaii.
2. Organizations with any past due HCF final reports are not eligible to apply. To ensure eligibility, submit any outstanding final reports to HCF, or request a no cost extension, no later than Thursday, September 1, 2022.
3. Matching funds are not a requirement for the grant though the strongest applicants will have 100% match. Matching resources may consist of cash or other grants, in-kind

services and/or volunteer time. Sources of match need to be identified in the proposal and in progress or final reports.

Grant Award and Requirements: Funding requests can be up to \$50,000 per year for two years (maximum of \$100,000). Approximately ten (10) awards will be given. Single year awards will not be considered at this time.

Applicants agree to the following requirements of this program:

- Commit to working collaboratively with State DLNR on activities that contribute to the co-creation and/or co-management of a network of MMAs on Maui and/or Lanai;
- Commit to their community group or organization participating in a two-year program of learning sessions and activities as part of a cohort of communities collectively working toward a network of MMAs on Maui and/or Lanai;
- Will identify one participant and one alternate from their organization or community group who are in authority positions to permanently represent them in cohort sessions for the two-year period.

The cohort will meet for one two-day gathering and/or exchange on Maui and two virtual training sessions in Year 1 and one two-day gathering and/or exchange on Maui and four virtual trainings in Year 2. All expenses will be paid by HCF to attend.

Reporting: Grantees will be required to submit an annual progress and financial report to HCF and a final comprehensive narrative and financial report at the end of the award period.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Online Application

This application is available for online submission. Beginning January 2022, the Hawaii 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.

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 tabs. Information needed to complete your application includes, but is not limited to the following:

- **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.
- **Program Information:**
 - **Organization Description:** Describe your community group or organization. For example, are there geographic boundaries to its focus or work? Is it made up of particular resource users (e.g. fisher groups, limu hui, dive association, etc.)? Include details such as the structure of the group, its leadership, key partnerships with other organizations or groups, or any other information that is important for us to know about you related to this opportunity. *(Maximum 2,500 characters = ¾ page)*
 - **Executive Summary:** Describe the organizational or community goals, plans and vision for marine management, including any metrics you are tracking. If a management plan exists, please attach that to the application. *(Maximum 2,500 characters = ¾ page)*
 - **Problem or Opportunity:** What competencies, systems, or processes does the organization or community want to strengthen or improve related to effective marine management, and why? *(Maximum 3,000 characters = ¾ page)*
 - **Program Activities:** Describe the current marine management activities of your organization or community, for example restoration activities, educational activities, etc. *(Maximum 3,500 characters = 1 page)*

- **Expected Results:** Describe your current level of engagement with DAR related to marine management, or if no prior experience, what is the goal you hope to achieve through collaboration with them? (*Maximum 3,500 characters = 1 page*)
- **Additional Questions**
 - List the staff, consultants and other team members who will be supporting this project and their qualifications or background. Include the names and positions of the two members who will be participating in cohort activities. (max 2,000 characters = 1/2 page)
 - Provide a budget narrative that describes in detail how funds will be used, i.e. support for staff salaries, supplies for various activities, etc.? (max 2,000 characters = 1/2 page)

The following questions are being asked for informational purposes only and will not be factored into the grant consideration process.

- Are you a Native Hawaiian organization?
- Does your organization have Native Hawaiians serving at a leadership capacity? If yes, how many?
- **Budget:** Provide your total program budget, amount requested through this application, and upload a copy of your program's budget, showing income and expenses, indicating sources of income that are pending and secured.
- **Support Documents & Certification:** Upload any additional required documents as listed in the application guidelines.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- (Optional) If you have a relevant community/marine/resource management plan, please include it as an attachment.

FISCAL SPONSORS

- 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>
- Fiscal sponsor's IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter

RESOURCES

Please visit the Marine 30x30 Initiative [website](#) for more information about the Initiative.

Please refer to the *Applicant Resources* link on your Grants Portal to access the FAQs for this funding opportunity.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about this funding opportunity, please contact Dana Okano at 808-566-5541 or via dokano@hcf-hawaii.org.

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