



Puna Strong Round 3 Letter of Interest Instructions



To be considered for grant funding, organizations must be able to:

- Describe what issue or change is being affected and the intended impact relative to the strategies of the [Kīlauea Recovery and Resilience Plan](#) (KRRP) or the vision for a Resilience Capacity Area.
- Demonstrate their efforts in building connections and collaborations with other organizations and to convene groups of people to implement their project.
- Explain organization's capacity and interest in scaling its work to achieve greater impact for the community.
- Commit time and engagement of two people (one staff & one board member) to engage in an organizational assessment and project analysis and to participate in training, technical assistance, coaching and mentoring support, to further develop their organization and successfully implement a resilience project.

For eligible organizations that did not receive grant funding through Puna Strong in 2022, the first step in applying for the grant process is to submit a letter of interest to Chelsey Chow of the Hawai'i Community Foundation at cchow@hcf-hawaii.org by **October 16th, 2023**.

Organizations that did receive grant funding through Puna Strong in 2022 and those organizations selected through this Letter of Intent process will be invited to submit a full application in October 2023.

A third round of grants will be awarded in 2023 to further support organizations working to strengthen long-term resilience of the Puna community and deepen networks and partnerships aligned with the goals of the KRRP. The goal of grant-making in 2023 is to support both organizational capacity building as well as projects with grant funds. Grants will generally range from \$15,000-\$75,000 and will be awarded for an 18-month period.

Letters of Interest should include the following information:

- Name of organization, primary contact name, email address and phone number.
- The issue that your project will be addressing, why it is an issue, and your intended impact/change relative to advancing KRRP strategies.
- Describe your project, who will be served, how many will be served, and what activities will be implemented.
- Describe the qualifications of your team to implement this project.

- Describe how you are involved in building connections, networks, and collaborations within the community. Include names of organizations you partner with regularly.
- Identify who from your team will be able to commit to participating in the program including, but not limited to, trainings, coaching, mentoring, and other community of practice activities. (A minimum of two people per organization, one staff and one board member, must commit to participating in these activities.)
- Verify your current 501(c)(3) status.