



CAN Prevention Grant Program

Funding Opportunity

for O'ahu, Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i Programs

Online Application Deadline: Monday, April 1, 2024, 4:00 p.m. HST

BACKGROUND

The Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund was established to ensure that Hawai'i's keiki reach their full potential, developing into healthy, productive, and caring individuals through the advancement of community-based family strengthening programs. By promoting healthy relationships and environments, thriving and safe communities can be created for Hawai'i's children, and their children to follow.

The Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund (HCTF) was founded in 1993 by state legislation, Chapter 350B of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, creating a public-private partnership between the Department of Health and the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF). The purpose of the Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund is to prevent child abuse and neglect (CAN), and for the development of programs for children to increase their ability to form healthy relationships, and to avoid and cope with dangerous situations.

OVERVIEW

This funding opportunity supports Hawai'i's most vulnerable families by focusing on the well-being and resiliency of families and communities through prevention education and resources. Funding is available for direct service programs and community-based outreach that provide primary and secondary prevention programs and projects focused on impact, strong methods, and proven success supported and driven by data. Evidence-informed programming that include immersive engagement and are focused on measuring impact of child abuse and neglect prevention activities are desired.

Preference will be given to programs addressing mental health and substance abuse through program services. Like the first round, the provision of parental resilience tools and resources would also be considered a preference for this funding opportunity. All programs should incorporate the Protective Factors in implementation.

STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS AND FEDERAL GUIDANCE

HCF will use to the recommendations provided by the HCTF Coalition, the HCTF Advisory Committee, and the HCTF Advisory Board and supplement those recommendations with federal guidance to ensure

Target Population: Families with children age 0-5 years old; high-risk populations, and rural or remote communities.

Application Deadline: Online applications are due by April 1, 2024 at 4pm HST

Grant Range: Up to \$50,000 grants per year for two years

Project Period: May 2024-May 2026

Focus: For Primary and Secondary Prevention programs, services, or projects focused on immersive programming and impact-focused outcomes. Preference will be given to programs focused on mental health, substance abuse, and family resource programs and services.

Projects and programs should include the protective factors in implementation.

grantmaking is relevant and aligned to other child abuse and neglect prevention approaches across the country.

The Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund Coalition and Advisory Committee members met in 2020 and 2021 to gather feedback about the present needs of Hawai'i's most vulnerable families and to share about programs and or services that might support the prevention of child maltreatment. The Coalition overwhelmingly noted the need to provide flexible funding for organizations addressing parental resilience through programs and services that support the protective factors with implementation.

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) issued an informational memo (ACF-CB-IM-21-03) on January 12, 2021 with key recommendations to stakeholders, agencies, and organizations delivering services for children and families. ACF summarized lessons learned from the pandemic and shared that it recommends prioritizing support for the health and well-being of children and families through two strategic approaches: ACF recommends strengthening families and communities through primary prevention, or services that address the root causes of family vulnerability and that enhance an individual's or a family's resilience. Secondly, ACF recommends promoting economic mobility to improve stability of the family unit.

ACF notes in this memo that its work will be rooted in the social determinants of health as well as the protective factors. In addition, ACF recommends determining family needs through adequate input received from service providers, families, and those on the ground or in the field. The agency provided a list of common services and supports that families have identified as a need and they include but are not limited to the following:

- Food and essential supplies, stable housing
- Language assistance services
- Providing remote supports to children and families to build protective factors
- Mental and behavioral health services for families
- Employment and educational resources for families to promote economic mobility

Because of the impacts of the pandemic, the Advisory Committee and Coalition members emphasized similar sentiments of the ACF memo. **In summary, the intention of this two-year funding program is to support intensive and immersive primary and secondary prevention programming that aims to prevent maltreatment of children by providing much needed resources to families who may be more vulnerable because of notable barriers to accessing support.**

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

The effects of abuse and neglect on children perpetuate beyond their youth. Children who were victims of maltreatment can suffer lifelong physical, psychological, and behavioral effects. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that child maltreatment in one generation can be associated with child maltreatment in the next, but that the cycle can be interrupted. The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSPP) lists the six protective factors in its [Protective Factors Framework](#) as:

1. Nurturing and attachment
2. Knowledge of parenting and of child/youth development
3. Parental resilience
4. Social connections
5. Concrete supports for parents
6. Social and emotional competence of children

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

- **DESIRED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

- Services for Hawai'i Island, O'ahu, and Kaua'i families with children, preferably age 0 to 5 years old.
- Incorporating or developing the protective factors of child abuse and neglect prevention identified by the CSSP.
- A focus on providing mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services to families.
- A focus on high-risk populations as identified through the provision of key data.
- A focus on rural or remote communities as identified through the provision of key data.
- Evidence-informed evaluation methods that document their effectiveness, where possible.
- Aligment to the Hawai'i Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Framework, <https://www.hawaiichildrenstrustfund.org/framework>

- **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for funding, the applicant:

- Must be a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status;
- Must be providing services in the State of Hawai'i, and have done so for the last two years; and
- Must be current on all grant reporting requirements with HCF.

- **GRANT RANGE**

- HCF invites two-year proposals for up to \$50,000 each year, for the grant term beginning May 2024 and ending May 2026. (Two Years)
- HCTF funds may not be used for capital improvements, endowments, re-granting (i.e. redistribution of funds to other organizations), activities that promote religious beliefs, or for the benefit of specific individuals.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The strongest proposals will be those that meet at least four (4) of the seven (7) elements described in the Focus of Funding section above and which:

- Demonstrate an organizational history of successful CAN prevention work
- Indicate knowledge and experience working with the proposed community
- Possess the necessary capacity to implement the program
- Articulate a clear and logical relationship between activities and results sought
- Include clear outcomes, including key data being collected and used to measure impact.
- Describe a budget that is realistic to support the program

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.
- We recognize the significance of diacritical markings in written 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language) as pronunciation guides; however, the online application system is unable to accept diacritical markings. Please do not include these in your narrative as it may cause errors in how the online system processes your application.

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

As part of the online application you will need to complete your organization's profile including:

- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter (not required if previously applied to the Foundation or if applying through a fiscal sponsor)
- Organization mission
- Number of full-time, part-time, or regular volunteer staff
- Service location
- Types of services you provide – including age, gender, and target populations served
- Financials – including, annual financial statement, previous year's financials, and current operating budget (financials include income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow)
- Board of Directors List

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Organization Description** Describe the organization or program. What is the organization's mission and history, geographic reach, and volunteer and/or paid staff size? 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 but concise summary of the applicant's 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 or opportunity you are trying to address, within the subject area of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and why this is critical. *(Maximum 3,000 characters)*
- **Program Activities** Describe the activities that will be completed to address the need/opportunity. Explain why you chose this approach. Provide a program timeline. Describe how your project aligns with the priority of the fund you are applying. Include how the target population will be identified, and how they will be entered into the program. *(Maximum 3,500 characters)*

- **Expected Results** Describe 1-3 expected outcomes and how the organization plans to track data to meet anticipated outcomes. Please indicate what tools are used to gather data. *(Maximum 3,500 characters)*
- **Community or Population to Be Served** State the geographic community being served (e.g. Līhu‘e, Hilo). Discuss how or why there is a need for serving families in this area, and how the need was determined. Note: HCTF is interested in funding programs that support communities throughout the state. Grant funding decisions will be made with the consideration of this goal. (Maximum 2,000 characters)

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Program Budget Form (Attachment A)
 - a. Complete and upload/attach the program budget, listing expected expenses and income, and include a brief budget narrative.
 - b. A template is available in the “Applicant Resources” section, should you need one.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about this funding opportunity, please contact Kehau Meyer, Program Officer, at kmeyer@hcf-hawaii.org.

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

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