



HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2019 FLEX Changes

Please note that changes have been made to the program for 2019 and 2020.

1) 2019: Fiscally-sponsored organizations, church and public school programs, and other non-501(c)(3) organizations and groups are no longer eligible under FLEX. Instead, these groups will be able to apply through a new Community Grants program expected to be released in June 2019. The Community Grants program will support programs with targeted and intentional work in specific communities, allowing them to stand out to particular funders.

2) 2019: Hawai'i-serving nonprofit organizations that have had a 501(c)(3) designation for at least two years are eligible to apply for FLEX, but may also need to apply through the Community Grants program if they are seeking funding from funds with specific geographic or issue requirements. This includes funding from the East Hawai'i Fund, 'Ewa Beach Community Fund, Ka Papa O Kākuhihewa Fund, Kahuku Community Fund, Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial Fund, Kukio Community Fund, Lāna'i Community Benefit Fund, Reverend Takie Okumura Family Fund, the Bernice and Conrad von Hamm Fund, and the West Hawai'i Fund.

We encourage you to review the Request for Proposals and our 2019 Eligibility Chart to decide which application is most appropriate for your organization. Also available on this page are the 2019 FLEX FAQs, Top 10 Tips, an informational webinar, and other resources that may be helpful in preparing your application. **The deadline for FLEX applications is Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 4:00pm HST.**

3) 2020: The FLEX Grants Program will not be accepting applications in 2020 as we conduct a deliberative process and internal evaluation of our program. "Pausing" our program for this assessment period will allow us to examine our results/data and strengthen the FLEX Grants Program so we can increase our effectiveness in 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact us at FLEX@hcf-hawaii.org.

**Application Deadline:
Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 4 p.m. HST**