



2019 FLEX Grants Program - Eligibility Chart

The Hawai'i Community Foundation developed three different FLEX Request for Proposals (RFPs) to better support nonprofit organizations in Hawai'i. Please refer to the chart below to help you determine under which RFP your organization should apply. **All organizations must be currently serving the communities of Hawai'i, and have done so for at least 2 years, regardless of operating budget.**

Community-serving groups that do not have a 501(c)3 nonprofit designation, programs of churches, programs of schools, and fiscally sponsored organizations **are no longer eligible** for the FLEX Grants Program. These groups and organizations will be eligible for funding through the Community Grants Program 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.

Please use this chart as a guide but review the complete RFP for details and information. If you still are unsure how to apply, or have additional questions, please contact Ophelia Bitanga-Isreal at (808) 566-5593 or FLEX@hcf-hawaii.org.

Type of Organization	FLEX Grants Program	FLEX Grants Program – Small	FLEX Grants Program – Micro
Nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) designation for at least 2 years, and an operating budget of \$250,000 or more.	X		
National nonprofit organization with a branch, office, or presence in Hawai'i, with 501(c)(3) designation for at least 2 years, and a local Hawai'i operating budget of \$250,000 or more.	X		
Nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) designation for at least 2 years, and an operating budget of less than \$250,000.		Organizations in this category can apply in <i>either</i> the Small program or the Micro program, <i>but not both</i> .	
		X This RFP may be more appropriate for 501(c)(3) organizations with a small budget that conduct multiple programs or projects, or for organizations with paid staff. Please review both RFPs for additional details.	X This RFP may be more appropriate for organizations that conduct only one program, or that may have a mostly volunteer staff. Please review both RFPs for additional details.
National nonprofit organization with a branch, office, or presence in Hawai'i, with 501(c)(3) designation for at least 2 years, and a local Hawai'i operating budget of less than \$250,000.		X	

Organizations whose primary purpose is to raise funds to support another charitable organization, <i>applying on behalf of itself</i> .	X Supporting organization's operating budget is \$250,000 or more.	X Supporting organization's operating budget is less than \$250,000	
Organizations whose primary purpose is to raise funds to support another charitable organization, <i>applying on behalf of its supported organization</i> . Note: Funding cannot be requested for a charter school.	X Supported organization's operating budget is \$250,000 or more.	X Supported organization's operating budget is less than \$250,000	
Nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) designation, but for less than 2 years (regardless of budget size).	Ineligible to apply for FLEX. See Community Grants Program in June 2019.		
A Hawai'i Dept. of Education School conducting a program or project, regardless of budget size.	Ineligible to apply for FLEX. See Community Grants Program in June 2019.		
A church conducting a program, regardless of budget size.	Ineligible to apply for FLEX. See Community Grants Program in June 2019.		
A community-serving group without a 501(c)(3) designation.	Ineligible to apply for FLEX. See Community Grants Program in June 2019.		
For-profit organization	Ineligible to apply.		
Government agency, other than a Hawai'i Dept. of Education school	Ineligible to apply.		
University of Hawai'i	Ineligible to apply.		
An individual	Ineligibly to apply.		