



2022 Office of Hawaiian Affairs Annual Report

A Spirit of Lōkahi

He waiwai nui ka lōkahi
Unity is a precious possession

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About OHA

Our Mission

To mālama Hawai‘i’s people and environmental resources, and OHA’s assets, toward ensuring the perpetuation of the culture, the enhancement of lifestyle and the protection of entitlements of Native Hawaiians, while enabling the building of a strong and healthy Hawaiian people and lāhui, recognized nationally and internationally.

Our Vision

Ho‘oulu Lāhui Aloha

OHA’s vision statement (To Raise a Beloved Lāhui) blends the thoughts and leadership of both King Kalākaua and his sister, Queen Lili‘uokalani. Both faced tumultuous times as we do today, and met their challenges head on.

“Ho‘oulu Lāhui” was King Kalākaua’s motto. Aloha expresses the high values of Queen Lili‘uokalani.



OHA believes building connections to ‘ohana (family), mo’omeheu (culture) and ‘āina (land and water) is very important. As we increase these foundational strengths, we increase our mana, and ability to create greater wellbeing in other areas of our lives, such as education, health, housing and economic stability.

Messages from the Chair & the CEO



Welina me ke aloha.

It is my honor to present the Annual Report for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), encompassing the activities of the agency from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

From the moment I was elected board chair in December 2020, we have emphasized a message of lōkahi, and this fiscal year we are pleased to report multiple examples of organizations working in unity to help raise a beloved lāhui.

OHA was proud to serve on both the Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander COVID-19 Collective Awareness and Prevention Campaign and the Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Hawai'i COVID-19 Response, Recovery and Resilience Team, commonly known as NHPI 3R, with Papa Ola Lōkahi serving as the backbone for the organization.

In April 2022, we announced the availability of some \$15.1 million in grant solicitations to support 12 granting categories intended to help Hawaiians. Grants and sponsorships comprise most of our budget expenditures; it is our belief that supporting outstanding community nonprofits already serving our beneficiaries compounds our impact in the Hawaiian community.

Solicitations cover community grants to strengthen 'ohana, mo'omeheu and 'āina connections, and increase supports to Native Hawaiians for education, health, housing and economic stability. OHA's 'Ahahui Grant Program has doubled its available budget to support sponsorship of community events. Additionally, grant applications will now be reviewed quarterly instead of every six months in order to accommodate community needs.

We have reorganized and streamlined our operations, so that all funds received from the Public Land Trust can go directly to our beneficiaries and support them.

Perhaps the highlight of the fiscal year was the June 27, 2022, signing of Act 226 by Gov. David Ige. Act 226 establishes \$21.5 million as our new interim annual share of the proceeds of the Public Land Trust beginning in fiscal year 2023; appropriated \$64 million to OHA; and establishes a working group to determine the pro rata share of the proceeds from the Public Land Trust due annually to OHA.

We mahalo the governor, our legislators and, most of all, our beneficiaries for their support in helping us to move forward together on this long-debated topic. We acknowledged and were grateful for the more than 80 pieces of testimony from local organizations and citizens that echoed OHA's sentiments.

We are committed to participating in the working group and together finding a pono resolution to this issue that is fair and just for our people. This was not a bill for OHA – this is a bill for all Hawaiians. Act 226 represents important progress and is a win for our lāhui.

It is our duty as trustees under the Hawai'i State Constitution to "better the conditions of Native Hawaiians." It is a kuleana we gladly accept. But it is only through working together with all agencies and organizations that serve the Native Hawaiian people with common goals and objectives that we can truly make a difference for our beneficiaries.

We are all striving to Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha – raise a beloved lāhui.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Carmen 'Hulu' Lindsey

Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey
Chair | Trustee, Maui



Aloha mai kākou.

As I reflect on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' (OHA) accomplishments over the past fiscal year, there is no doubt that OHA's efforts to work in unity with other Native Hawaiian-serving organizations and the Native Hawaiian community in general has been a key element of our success.

Examples include OHA's incremental, hard-won, victory to secure a greater share of the state's annual Public Land Trust (PLT) revenues owed to Native Hawaiians; OHA's collaboration on COVID-19 campaigns pointing our people

to resources for testing, vaccination and prevention; and sharing one of our main communications platforms, our monthly *Ka Wai Ola* newspaper, to give voice, via regular columns, and kāko'o (support) the efforts of our Native Hawaiian communities.

We are proud of these achievements and are committed to continue cultivating this precious lōkahi within our lāhui. However, achieving lōkahi is easier said than done.

We are an extremely diverse people. We have different upbringings, life experiences, spiritual beliefs, cultural knowledge, strengths, gifts, and political views. Our educational backgrounds, training and skills vary. We are represented at all economic levels. And half of us now live outside of our kulāiwi (native homeland).

It would be naive to expect our lāhui to agree on everything. And so lōkahi must be developed with intentionality as we focus together on bettering the conditions of our people.

Despite good intentions and efforts, conflict is inevitable. There will be different priorities to sort through and solutions to vet. And no one can control the external environment that we must all function within – or the actions of others. Lōkahi is the goal, but the journey is not easy and sometimes discouraging.

Public displays of unity are important, but unless they are grounded in genuine aloha, our efforts will fall short. Differences aside, we must come together as a lāhui to realize the kind of holistic, systemic, intergenerational change that will propel our people forward to make pono (right) the things that are hewa (wrong) in critical areas like education, health, housing and economic stability. There is no time to waste.

Lōkahi requires active listening, open mindedness, mutual respect and humility. Personal agendas and fragile egos must be put aside as we focus on that which unites, rather than divides us. That is why our strategic plan is founded upon three things all Native Hawaiians can agree on: 'ohana, mo'omeheu (culture), and 'āina (our land and ocean).

When our very foundation is threatened – and make no mistake, it is – Native Hawaiians must come together in lōkahi. OHA's role is to lead that charge because our families, our culture and our lands are worth fighting for, worth preserving, worth dying for.

When the obstacles we face seem overwhelming, and the criticism of our efforts are exhausting, I rely on pule (prayer) and my faith in Ke Akua (God) to carry me through and forward. We need to keep focused on the end game and not on the individual players.

E ho'omau pū kākou i ka lōkahi.

Sylvia M. Hussey, Ed.D.
CEO | Ka Pouhana

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The Board of Trustees approves the policy positions of OHA and manages the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund. The Executive Team carries out the policies set by the Board of Trustees and oversees operations and staff who fulfills OHA's role as an advocate, researcher, community engager, and resource manager.

Executive Team

(AS OF JUNE 30, 2022)



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Community Rallies Behind Public Land Trust Bill

As a Public Land Trust bill worked its way through the state legislature, OHA launched a media campaign highlighting the issues involved to support advocacy efforts and raise awareness of the topic.

More than 40 years have passed since the state formally recognized that “twenty percent of all funds derived from the public land trust” must be set aside for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs specifically to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians.

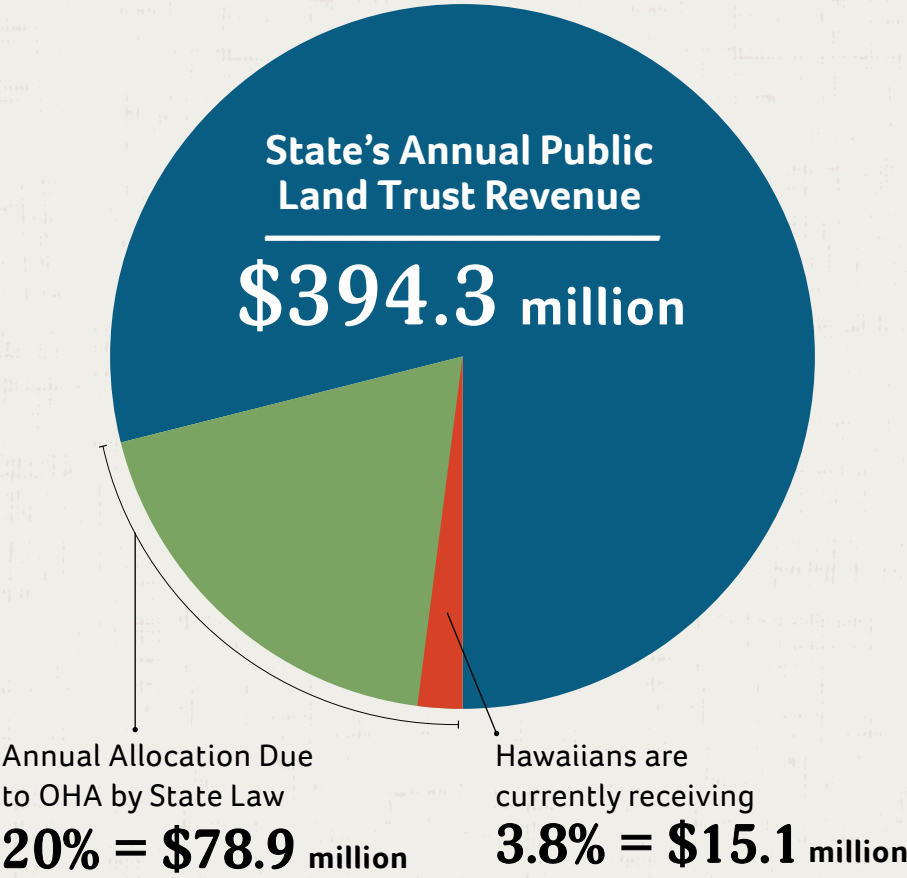
A special section in *Ka Wai Ola News* and a section on OHA’s website framed a history of the struggles the agency has experienced to have the state fulfill its constitutional obligation to Hawaiians and offered a historical timeline and a background video. A television commercial was produced that effectively portrayed how 20 percent of the Public Land Trust revenue was estimated at \$78.9 million per year while OHA was receiving only \$15.1 million per year (3.8 percent).

With the support from key legislators in both the House and Senate, the general public and the Hawaiian community, a Public Land Trust bill was passed that raised annual payments to OHA from \$15.1 million to \$21.5 million per year, provided an additional sum of \$64 million and outlined plans for the formation of a working group to continue discussion on this crucial issue.

OHA received supportive testimony from more than 80 individuals and organizations who responded to the call for *kōkua* in addressing this historical injustice. This was not a bill for OHA, this was a bill for the Hawaiian people.

The bill represents important progress that will lead to increased dialogue and a better understanding of the state’s constitutional obligation to the Hawaiian people, and strategies to fulfill it.

Hawaiians are NOT getting their rightful share of the Public Land Trust



“Our vision of a healthy and abundant future includes working toward meeting state and national commitments of reconciliation and justice with the Native Hawaiian community which are embodied in much of the language of this bill.

”
Kevin Chang
Kua’āina Ulu ‘Auamo

“Passage of this bill will lead to justice for the Native Hawaiian community and will result in the state honoring its commitments – commitments made in both the State Constitution and in the 1980 legislation setting OHA’s pro rata share at twenty percent. Resolving this issue is one of the most impactful and important actions this Legislature could take....Your action now would truly help to put the State on the path toward justice.

”
Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie, JD

“Our organization has benefited from OHA’s support and their programs since 1999. By the state meeting its financial obligation to OHA, we feel that Indigenous and community-based organizations like ours could benefit in many more ways.

”
Presley Wann
Hui Maka’āinana o Makana

Quotes are from public testimony submitted in support of OHA’s PLT bill.

OHA’s Grants Programs Supports Hawaiian-focused Community Nonprofits

The needs of the Hawaiian people are many, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes that it cannot accomplish its mission of raising a beloved lāhui alone.

By supporting organizations that are already aiding the lāhui by strengthening ‘ohana, mo’omeheu and ‘āina and striving to improve the education, housing, health and economic conditions of our people, OHA makes a greater impact on the Hawaiian community.

OHA’s Grants Program supports Hawai‘i-based nonprofit organizations that have projects, programs and initiatives that serve the lāhui in alignment with OHA’s strategic plan.

OHA’s Grants Program comprises the largest chunk of OHA’s annual budget.

Here’s a quick look at some of the work these community nonprofits are doing in the Hawaiian community...

Photos provided courtesy of our grantees unless otherwise indicated.

See page 8 for complete list of FY22 Grantees



Photo: Jason Lees

Bringing Hope and Recovery to the Lāhui

Big Island Substance Abuse Council
Hawai‘i Island

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I believe that OHA’s programs help address issues in our community that have the greatest need and provide the foundation to help improve the overall health and wellness of our lāhui.

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Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita

Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita is the chief executive officer at the Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC), where she has led the organization for more than 10 years.

BISAC’s services include a 24-hour Therapeutic Living Program (TLP), intensive outpatient treatment, and running a clean and sober house.

This fiscal year BISAC was awarded two OHA grants – a \$150,000 ‘Ohana and Community Based Grant and a \$150,000 COVID-19 Impact Response Grant.

Preston-Pita said the grants will help implement a COVID-19 operational plan and support a therapeutic living treatment program to adults previously incarcerated.

“These grants will allow us to prepare to move toward a one-stop-shop and have a micro-unit campus that will expand the number of individuals that we treat from 24 to 100. They will also provide needed services to those individuals who don’t have the resources to be in treatment,” Preston-Pita said.



Developing Conservation Professionals

KUPU
Statewide

“

At Kupu we picture ourselves as a connector to a network of hundreds of organizations. And through partnerships, we can do great things. We focus on the things that we’re good at. And then we work with our partners, like OHA, to have an impact that none of us could achieve on our own.

”

Kawika Riley

Kawika Riley is the senior director for External Affairs at Kupu.

Through its Conservation Leadership Development Program, Kupu provides entry-level employment opportunities for developing ‘Ōiwi professionals who want to commit to a career in conservation.

The program currently has about 100 participants, with about a dozen of those participants across the pae ‘āina receiving funding through an Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) grant awarded in response to the COVID-19 pandemic with the goal of getting Native Hawaiians back to work.

“This partnership with OHA is solely focused on providing training, income and opportunity for Native Hawaiians. But another thing that we’ve worked hard to do is to place them at organizations that are owned, led or managed by Native Hawaiians as well,” Riley said.



Moanalua, O'ahu

Photo: Jason Lees

Perpetuating Lā'au Lapa'au

Hālau O Huluena O'ahu

“

The OHA grants program is part of a greater movement toward the collective healing of our people. It's a collaboration of the restoration of our community health and lifestyle. This initiative provides an opportunity for programs like ours to revitalize and perpetuate cultural practices and stewardship that help our people, our community, and ourselves.

”

Tina Tagad

Tina Tagad is the executive director of Hālau O Huluena.

An OHA grant awarded to Hālau O Huluena via the Pacific American Foundation is helping to assure 'ike pertaining to the traditional Hawaiian medical practice of lā'au lapa'au is being passed on.

“Our project is fulfilling the legacy of the late Po'okela Kahuna Lā'au Lapa'au 'Papa' Henry Auwae including Kahuna Lā'au Lapa'au and Kahu of Moanalua Roddy Akau's lineal legacy. It's about the continuity of the stewardship of this knowledge and the preservation and perpetuation of lā'au lapa'au,” Tagad said.

She said OHA's funding is helping establish the foundation for the program, which has learners who attend class twice a month in Moanalua's Kamananui Valley. Classes and mālama 'āina community days are also held at Waikalua Loko I'a in Kāneohe.



Anahola, Kaua'i

Strengthening Anahola

Kūkulu Kumuhana O Anahola Kaua'i

“

OHA's grants are literally changing the landscape of the 'āina in the Anahola community, which is triggering a chain reaction that isn't only affecting the 'āina, but it's affecting people and moving them to participate and not just be bystanders. OHA's assistance is helping KKOA to trigger all the possibilities of drawing out the very best from this community.

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Rae Nam

Rae Nam is the executive director at Kūkulu Kumuhana O Anahola (KKOA).

Coming together to address youth suicide in the community, concerned residents formed KKOA as a community nonprofit with a mission to provide safe places to deter suicide.

Three grants from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are helping the organization to achieve its vision of a thriving Hawaiian community in Anahola.

A key piece to KKOA's overall strategy has been the ongoing development of the Ulupono Anahola Agricultural Community and Youth Center.

“The OHA grants will help our youth be resilient and realize their value and worth to their families and community, allow them to continue to perpetuate their culture, and provide a healthy and thriving food system in the community,” Nam said.



KUPU - Ke'ānae, Maui



The Kohala Center - Hawai'i Island



Maui Family Support Services
- Kaunakakai, Moloka'i



INPEACE - Wai'ānae, O'ahu



HuiMAU - Hāmākua, Hawai'i Island



Hālau o Huluena - Moanalua, O'ahu

2022 Grantees

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs’ Grants Program is integral to the agency's efforts to increase wellness for our beneficiaries. For fiscal year 2022, OHA designated \$15,200,000 for grants and sponsorships to our beneficiaries. The total Public Land Trust revenue of \$15,100,000 directly funds grants and sponsorships for fiscal year 2022. The additional \$100,000 is funded from OHA's operating budget.

‘Ahahui Grant Program

\$72,170

Adult Friends for Youth
\$5,050 ›› Kaua‘i, O‘ahu

PEARL Convention (Promoting Peace, Empathy, Acceptance, Respect, and Love)

Support development and the use of educational resources for all Hawaiian lifelong learners in schools, communities and ‘ohana. Positive social interaction/competency is a key component in the development of all youth. Often, traditional academic curriculum does not address those needs.

Aloha Week Hawai‘i DBA Aloha Festivals
\$10,000 ›› O‘ahu

Aloha Festivals Parade

Provide an ongoing opportunity for Native Hawaiians to share their history and culture and participate in activities that honor, preserve and maintain the knowledge and traditions of our physical and spiritual domains.

Big Island Substance Abuse Council
\$9,000 ›› Hawai‘i

Summer Jam

Celebrate and promote strength, fitness, physical health, emotional wellbeing and positive life choices.

Hana Arts
\$4,600 ›› Maui

Uniting the East Maui Community

Bring together ‘ohana of East Maui during the holiday season for a series of events designed to engage creativity and stimulate economic activity through arts and culture.

Ka La‘i a ‘Ehu
\$2,520 ›› Hawai‘i

Lā Kūpuna and Lā ‘Ehunui

Support Lā Kūpuna and Lā ‘Ehunui events in an effort to uplift Kealakekua's K-12 immersion school Ke Kula o ‘Ehunuikaimalino.

Kaikeha, INC.
\$5,400 ›› Maui, O‘ahu

4th Annual Garden Island Boogie Board Classic and 14th Annual Hubb Keiki Fest

Advance policies, programs and practices that strengthen Hawaiian wellbeing, including physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional health.

Ke Ao Hali‘i
\$8,200 ›› Maui

Pule ‘Āina o Mokae a me Maka‘ālae

Strengthen Native Hawaiian wellbeing (physical, spiritual, mental and emotional health), and restore access, stewardship and a subsistence relationship between the land and the people with a generational connection to it.

La‘i‘ōpua 2020
\$10,000 ›› Hawai‘i

Kona Mele – A Tribute to Kona

Support the launch of Kona Mele, Kona's first Hawaiian music video honoring its wahi pana and its celebrated practitioners of mele and hula.

Nā Mamo o Mu‘olea
\$7,500 ›› Maui

Hanana no nā Limu

This is the reemergence of the annual Hāna Limu Festival after nearly three years. The event celebrates limu as a traditional Hawaiian food that is important to the health of Native Hawaiians.

ODKF Support, Inc
\$9,900 ›› O‘ahu

Duke’s Oceanfest Waikiki Nights Presented by OHA – *Waterman* (the life of Duke Kahanamoku)

Evening film screening on Kūhiō Beach of the locally made documentary film, *Waterman*, that shares the life and achievements of Duke Kahanamoku.

Community Grants (Education)

\$541,000

Educational Services Hawai‘i Foundation
\$180,000 ›› Hawai‘i, Kaua‘i, Maui, Moloka‘i, O‘ahu

‘Imi ‘Ike Learning Centers

Increase the number of Native Hawaiian youth who meet the grade-level standard or proficiency levels and increase the number of Native Hawaiian who graduates from high school and are college, career, and community ready.

Ho‘okāko‘o Corporation
\$220,000 ›› Hawai‘i, Moloka‘i

Ke Awa Ho‘omalū (Safe Harbor)

Address the lack of resources available at island schools and help students and families access needed services to improve student educational and social-emotional learning outcomes.

La‘i‘ōpua 2020
\$141,000 ›› Hawai‘i

The Wa‘a Project

Provide high-quality Hawaiian culture-based educational opportunities to increase the academic achievement and learning of Native Hawaiian haumāna in West Hawai‘i.

Community Grants (Housing)

\$4,500,000

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
\$3,000,000 ›› Statewide

Infrastructure Support

Funds to cover debt service on bonds issued by DHHL that will be used to establish infrastructure support for Native Hawaiian affordable housing opportunities.

Honolulu Habitat for Humanity
\$1,500,000 ›› O‘ahu

Affordable Homeownership for Native Hawaiian Families

Provide permanent, affordable, occupancy-ready housing to 36 Native Hawaiians in our community. This project goal will move us closer towards our long-term community goal of an island where everyone has a decent place to live.

COVID-19

\$20,000

Papa Ola Lōkahi
\$20,000 ›› Statewide

COVID-19 Vaccination Sites and Clinics

Provide COVID-19 vaccinations and testing services in rural areas and areas with high concentrations of Native Hawaiians. This includes pop-up clinics that offer Native Hawaiian kauka (doctors) to provide reliable health information.

Disaster Aid

\$83,000

Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders’ Association Inc.
\$83,000 ›› Hawai‘i

Hawai‘i Island Fires

Emergency funding approved by OHA Board of Trustees to restore productivity to fire-ravaged lands.

Emergency Financial Assistance

\$1,660,000

Alu Like, Inc.
\$830,000 ›› Statewide

Kūlia Like

Provide emergency financial assistance to more than 415 Native Hawaiians experiencing financial hardship.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs
\$830,000 ›› Statewide
(In-house Administered in 2023)

Lima Kanāho

Access to Emergency Financial Assistance Funding resolve their life challenges in rent, utilities, mortgage, car repairs, funeral expenses, medical bills.

Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools

\$3,000,000

Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana
\$2,750,589 ›› Hawai‘i, Kaua‘i, Maui, Moloka‘i, O‘ahu

16 Charter School Fund Administration

Administer charter school funding, facilitate reporting, submit reports, conduct site visits, and administer funds for the annual charter school conference coordination and program.

Kanu o ka ‘Āina New Century Public Charter School
\$249,411 ›› Hawai‘i

Charter school disbursement for SY2022-23.

Total Grants = \$9,876,170

Awarded as of June 30, 2022.
Since June 30, 2022, an additional \$2,100,000 has been awarded.

2022 Sponsorships

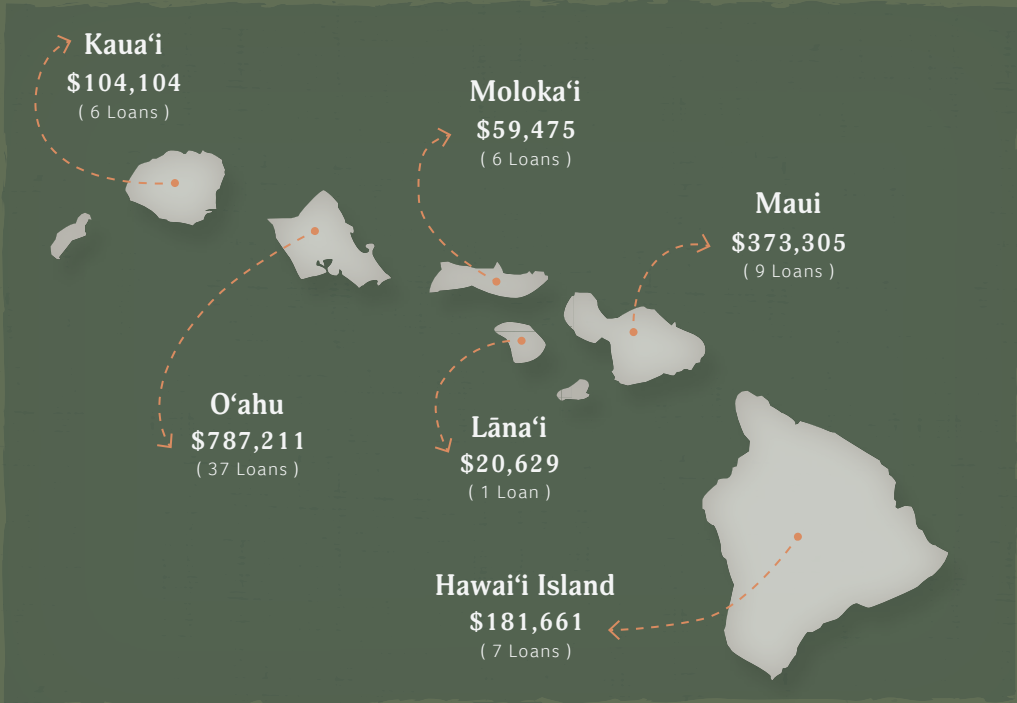
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs provides funding support to eligible organizations that have events, projects or programs that serve our lāhui in alignment with OHA's strategic plan.

Organization	Purpose	Award
‘Aha Pūnana Leo	Openings of Pūnana Leo o Nu‘uanu and Pūnana Leo o Waialua	\$15,000
‘Iolani Palace	Queen Kapi‘olani Evening Tours	\$15,000
Kalihi-Palama Culture & Arts Society	2022 Queen Lili‘uokalani Keiki Hula Celebration	\$15,000
Lunalilo Home	Lunalilo Home	\$15,000
Merrie Monarch Festival	59th Merrie Monarch Hula Festival	\$15,000
Moanalua Gardens Foundation	45th Anniversary Prince Lot Hula Festival	\$15,000
Polynesian Voyaging Society	Polynesian Voyaging Society	\$15,000
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Association of Hawaiian Civic Club 62nd Annual Convention	\$10,000
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement	20th Annual Native Hawaiian Convention	\$10,000
Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homeland Association (SCHHA)	SCHHA Homestead Summit	\$10,000
Alaska Federation of Natives	2022 Annual Alaska Federation of Natives Convention	\$5,000
Hawai‘i Pono‘i Foundation	15th Annual ‘Onipa‘a Celebration & Hawaiian History Month	\$5,000
Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce	2022 ‘Ō‘ō Awards Gala	\$5,000
National Congress of American Indians	79th Annual National Congress of American Indians Convention	\$5,000
National Indian Education Association	53rd Annual National Indian Education Association Convention and Trade Show	\$5,000
Moloka‘i Community Service Council	Moloka‘i Cadet Leadership Program	\$1,000

Total Sponsorships = \$161,000

FY2022 Consumer Micro-Loan & Mālama Loan Disbursement

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022



Total value and number of loans disbursed across the pae ‘āina:

\$1,526,385
(66 Loans)

Hua Kanu & Mālama Loan Disbursement


Purpose	No. of loans	\$ Amount
Business – Mālama	8	\$594,679
Debt Consolidation	32	\$526,804
Disaster Relief	1	\$20,000
Home Improvement	16	\$336,967

Total 57 \$1,478,450

Consumer Micro-Loan Disbursement

Purpose	No. of loans	\$ Amount
Auto Repairs	3	\$12,700
Home Repairs	5	\$31,235
Other	1	\$4,000

Total 9 \$47,935



Working Together to Support Miloli‘i’s Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA)

In August 2021, lineal descendants of Miloli‘i and local nonprofit Kalanihale submitted a marine management plan proposal to the Department of Land and Natural Resource’s (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR). The plan included proposed rules and boundaries for the Miloli‘i Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA), which was designated in 2005 but at the time had no established rules.

In August 2022, Gov. David Ige signed administrative rules to make Miloli‘i on Hawai‘i Island the state’s second CBSFA. The state Legislature had designated 18 miles of coastal water on either side of the rural fishing community as a CBSFA back in 1994. The Miloli‘i Marine Management Plan will help to restore fish abundance, promote lawai‘a pono (proper fishing practices) and serve as a model subsistence-based fishing community.

The process to start a CBSFA is complicated and community activists are burdened to comply with government mandates on consulting, planning and promulgating administrative rules. In response to the community’s request, OHA stepped in to help complete DLNR’s requirements.

Working with nonprofit Kalanihale, a series of articles were strategically published in OHA’s *Ka Wai Ola* newspaper.

“From September through November 2021, OHA provided Miloli‘i a platform to tell its narrative in *Ka Wai Ola* with a reach even farther than just the shores of our pae ‘āina. This was very important as we began the Hawai‘i island scoping and then statewide scoping,” said U‘ilani Naipo, a lineal descendant of Miloli‘i.

OHA public policy and advocacy staff worked with the community to develop a Board resolution approved in Feb. 2022 to ensure that international, federal and state policies (i.e., the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Paoakalani Declaration) and that traditional spiritual practices and rights were appropriately applied in the state’s process. In March 2022 the Board approved a resolution supporting CBSFA designation and rules in Kīpahulu, Maui.

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The resolution reconfirmed OHA’s commitment to supporting Miloli‘i’s Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area designations and rules. It spoke of our traditional natural resource management and fishing practices that have historically proven to sustain abundance of our marine resources. For Miloli‘i, this reflects our traditional practices today, and OHA provided indelible references to these practices.

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U‘ilani Naipo

Native Hawaiian Organizations Share Their Stories in Ka Wai Ola

With a goal of providing a one-stop shop of information important to beneficiaries, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs provided dedicated space in its monthly *Ka Wai Ola News* publication for news from nearly a dozen Native Hawaiian-serving organizations.

By providing a platform for these like-minded groups, which share similar overall missions as OHA, our combined voices provide a unity of purpose and reflect the important Hawaiian value of lōkahi.

Ka Wai Ola News has a large following, counting 51,000 print subscribers, 20,000 digital subscribers worldwide and an average 16,000 monthly readers visiting <https://kawaiola.news>.

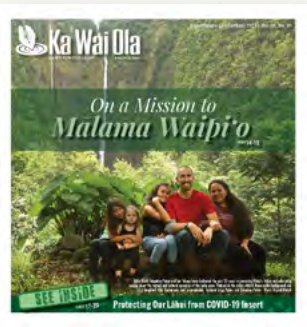
The print edition of *Ka Wai Ola News* has been providing news for the lāhui since 1980, covering the people, issues and events important to the Native Hawaiian community.

Contributing columnists and other freelance writers from the community helped earn the news site three overall excellence awards from the Native American Journalist Association Media Awards for work done in 2021.

It is noteworthy that year after year, *Ka Wai Ola News* is consistently acknowledged for its excellence as an Indigenous print and digital publication by the NAJA Native Media Awards. Over the last three years, *Ka Wai Ola News* has scooped up a total of 14 NAJA Media Awards.

“*Ka Wai Ola* is a tremendous resource for the public to get more informed and educated about matters of interest in the Hawaiian community. DHHL’s partnership with *Ka Wai Ola* allows the Department a consistent portal to share our updates to Hawaiian Homes Commission Act beneficiaries and the greater community.

”
Cedric Duarte
Information and Community Relations Officer for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and pens a monthly column in *Ka Wai Ola News*.



Collectively Addressing COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to disproportionately affect Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs supported a pair of initiatives intended to help protect the health and wellbeing of the lāhui.

Participating in both the 60-member strong Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Hawai'i COVID-19 Response, Recovery & Resilience Team (NHPI 3R) and the Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander COVID-19 Collective Awareness and Prevention Campaign, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs executed a number of tactics working with partners to provide beneficiaries with reliable information on protecting their 'ohana from COVID-19.

Articles and ads ran in *Ka Wai Ola* throughout the fiscal year including stories penned by trusted Native Hawaiian physicians. Respected kūpuna from across the pae 'āina participated in an "I'm Vaccinated" campaign to encourage vaccinations and a "Mythbusters" information campaign proved popular among readers.

OHA also assisted by promoting vaccination and testing clinics and "Ask a Kauka" webinars through social media and direct e-mail announcements. When vaccinations became available to keiki, a television commercial featuring Punihei Lipe was produced highlighting her decision to vaccinate her keiki.

Recognizing the strain put on health workers, OHA developed a "Meals & Mahalo" program for frontline emergency medical workers at more than a dozen hospitals and clinics on Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i, Lāna'i, Maui, Moloka'i and O'ahu.

NHPI 3R was established in May 2020 with Papa Ola Lōkahi serving as the backbone of the response team, which functions under a collective impact model.

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We were drawn to one another to uncover the impact of COVID-19 on our communities. We looked to data sources and scanned the environment for programs and services in place. This helped us to identify gaps and fill them by brokering partnerships and innovating new solutions...As a hui with common goals, we can address other areas of inequity with strategic policy, stronger data sovereignty and shared Pacific values. We are stronger and better together.

”

Sheri Daniels
CEO of Papa Ola Lōkahi



Snapshot of Dr. Kaiwipunikauikawēkiu Punihei Lipe and her children in a television commercial highlighting her decision to have them vaccinated.



Tammy Smith of Lili'uokalani Trust in Honolulu (top photo) and Ola and Puna Tripp of Liquid Life in Hilo (bottom photo, left and center) are two of the vendors that OHA partnered with to deliver Meals & Mahalo across the pae 'āina. Center photo: frontline health workers at Hilo Medical Center (left) and Queen's Medical Center West O'ahu (right) appreciated the expression of gratitude for their efforts to provide quality health care to our community during the COVID-19 crisis.

OHA Research Collaborations

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Major external collaborations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Research Department (RD) and Office of Strategy Management (OSM) with other Native Hawaiian-serving organizations.

Agencies & Organizations	Purpose
21st Century Data Governance for Fact-based Policymaking	Facilitate and participate on the SCR5 Task Force whose purpose is to understand the methods by which state entities collect, process, and report disaggregated Native Hawaiian data and how these data are made available (RD and OSM).
Bishop Museum & Awaiaulu	Collaborate to rescan Hawaiian Language newspapers to either accompany or replace the collection currently within OHA's Papakilo Database (RD).
Hawai'i Board of Geographic Names	Represent OHA on the Hawai'i Board of Geographic Names (HBGN) to maintain and updating Geographic Names in Hawai'i by providing research support in the areas of Hawaiian culture, land tenure, and ethnohistory (RD).
Hawai'i State Legislature Burial Sites Working Group	Provide administrative support to supplement OHA's participation on the Burial Sites Working Group (RD).
Kamehameha Schools, Lili'uokalani Trust, Papa Ola Lōkahi, Marzano Research	Collaborate with these agencies to continue the development, implementation, analysis, and reporting of the 'Imi Pono Survey (RD and OSM).
Kūkulu Kumuhana	Collaboration with Lili'uokalani Trust, Kamehameha Schools, Papa Ola Lōkahi, and Consuelo Foundation in an effort to change how wellbeing of Native Hawaiians is defined, measured, and ultimately reported. The Kūkulu Kumuhana framework is championed as a model for research and evaluation (RD).
Murdered and Missing Native Hawaiian Women and Girls (MMNHWG) Task Force	OHA co-leads the MMNHWG Task Force with the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women (RD).
Nā Kama a Hāloa	Participating member of Nā Kama a Hāloa, a network of state and community partners seeking to improve outcomes for keiki in the foster care system (RD).
Native Hawaiian Research Hui	The Native Hawaiian Research Hui (NHRH) is a collaboration between OHA, Lili'uokalani Trust, Kamehameha Schools, and Papa Ola Lōkahi. NHRH produced several publications and continues to support other research initiatives that impact NH wellbeing including data vetting for the Department of Human Services collaborative, and gathering, analysis, and reporting of qualitative data for Native Hawaiian-focused charter schools (RD and OSM).
Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Board of Directors	Represent OHA on the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Board of Directors which includes reviewing, processing, and approving loan applications and monitoring program activities (RD).
NHPI COVID-19 Response, Recovery, and Resilience (3R) Team Data & Research Committee	Participate on the Data & Research Committee to ensure the timely, accurate, and appropriate disaggregation of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander COVID-19 data (testing, cases, vaccinations, hospitalizations, deaths). The group is a network of some 60 agencies, health organizations, non-profits, and others (RD and OSM).
Partners in Care	Provide research support in the form of committee participation, report review, and editing of PIC's Native Hawaiian sub-report (RD and OSM).
State of Hawai'i Department of Health State of Hawai'i Department of Education	Participate in the coordination and reporting of the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS) regarding the health and wellbeing of Native Hawaiian middle and high school public school students. Through its participation on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Committee, OHA provides suggestions for the survey questions (RD).
State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services. In partnership with Lili'uokalani Trust, Kamehameha Schools, and Papa Ola Lōkahi	OHA and DHS entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to share data on Native Hawaiians in Adult Protective Services, Childcare, Child Protective Services, Foster Care, MedQUEST, TANF, and SNAP programs to determine if there are COVID-19 impacts on these services and will result in a series of research briefs (RD and OSM).

PAPAKILO

— DATABASE —

120,934

Sessions / Visits

51,031

New Vistors

51,774

Users / Unique vistors

www.papakilodatabase.com

KIPUKA

— DATABASE —

33,398

Sessions/Visits

15,751

New Vistors

16,042

Users/Unique vistors

kipukadatabase.com

NATIVE HAWAIIAN

DATA BOOK

5,845

Sessions / Visits

4,497

New Vistors

4,606

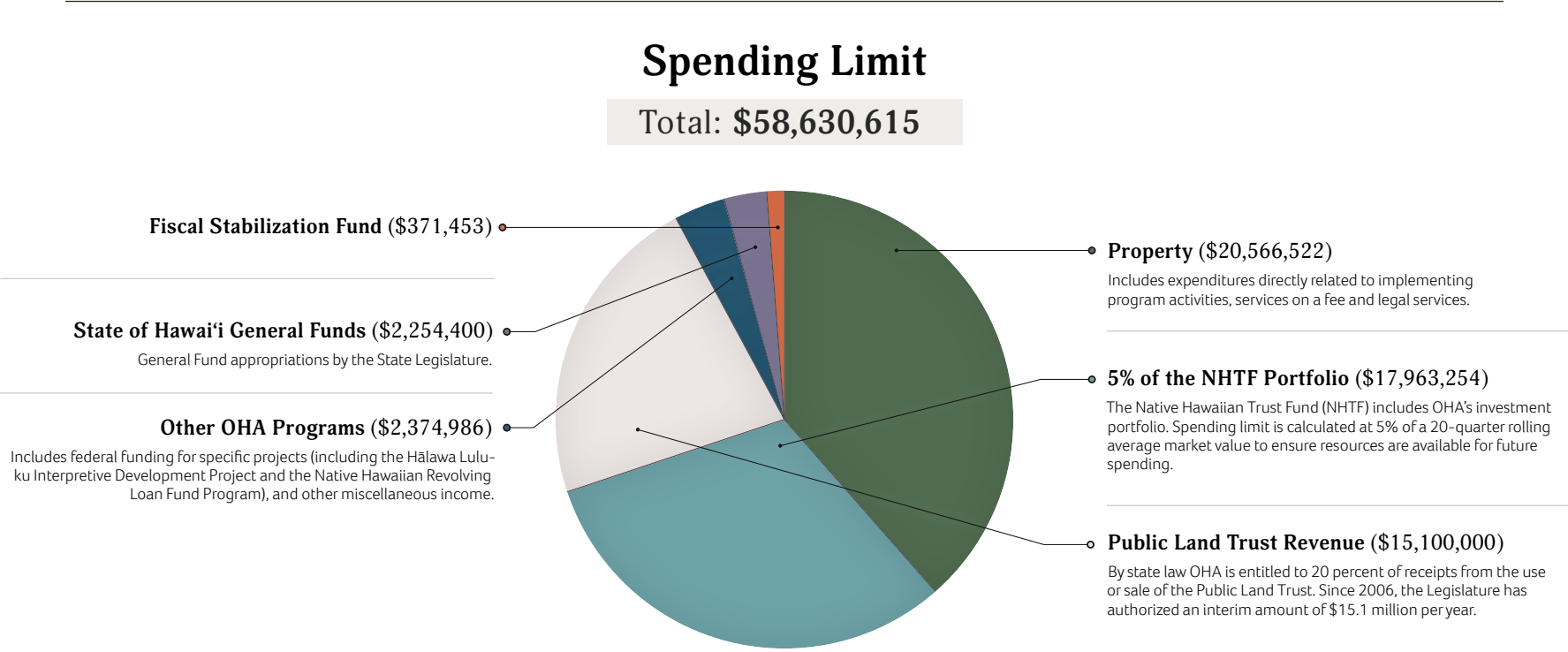
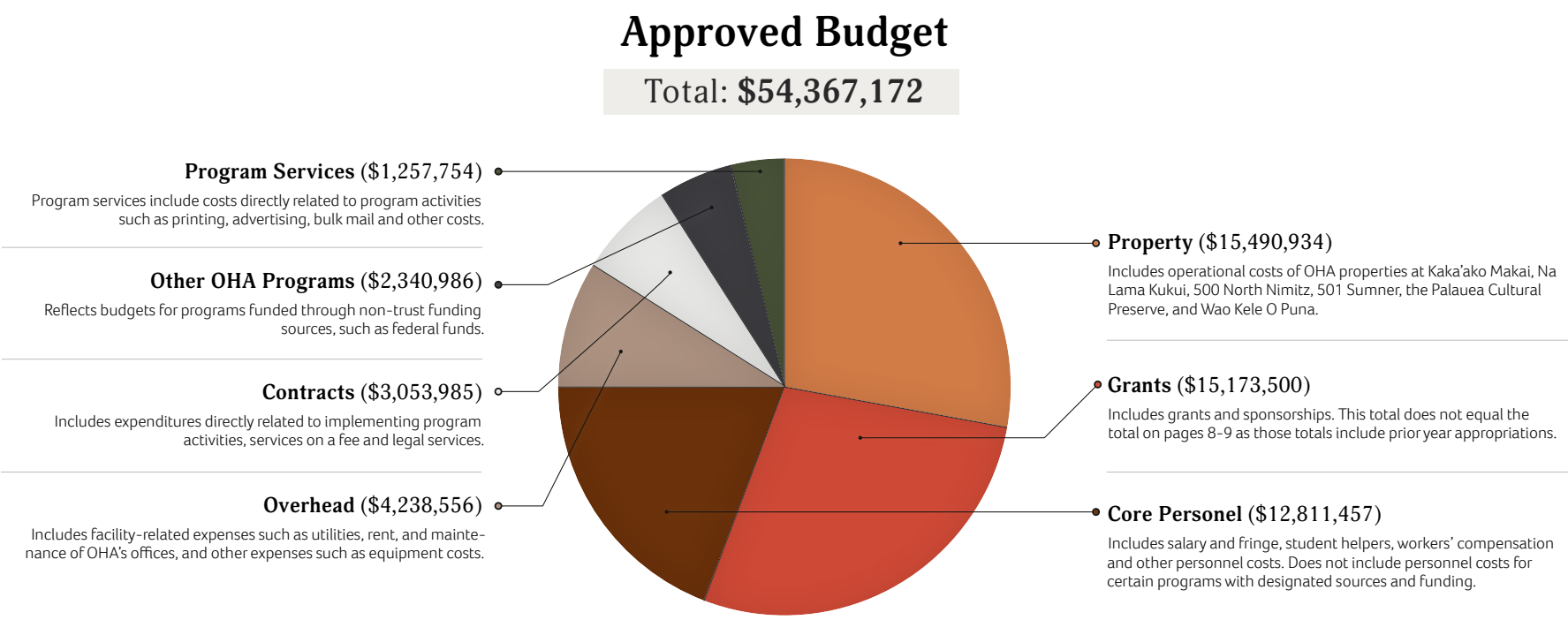
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FY 2022 Budget Summary

The Approved Budget and Spending Limit for the fiscal year are shared below and are based on a biennium cycle of budgeting. To prudently manage its budget over a biennium period, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs executes budget realignments as needed. The figures below reflect the budget realignment approved September 29, 2022.



2022 Unaudited Financial Statements

The following financial statements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 were prepared internally by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and were not reviewed by any external auditor. OHA has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of these financial statements. When audited financial statements become available, they will be available online at www.oha.org.

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2022 (Dollars in Thousands)

Assets:	Governmental Activities
Petty cash	\$ 1
Cash:	
Held in State Treasury	129
Held in bank	24,746
Held by investment managers	6,295
Restricted cash	264
Accounts receivable, net	2,370
Due from other fund	3,009
Interest and dividends receivable	68,740
Inventory, prepaid items and other assets	873
Notes receivable, net:	
Due within one year	960
Due after one year	5,552
Investments	429,560
Capital assets - net	279,015
Total Assets	821,514
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	(80)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	1,304
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 822,738
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,336
Due to State of Hawai‘i	300
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	3
Due after one year	59,750
Other liabilities due in more than one year:	
Net Pension liability	31,909
Net OPEB liability	31,145
Total Liabilities	129,443
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	212
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	2,271
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	131,926
Commitments and Contingencies	
Net Position:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	219,265
Restricted	24,595
Unrestricted	446,952
Total Net Position	690,812
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	\$ 822,738

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2022 (Dollars in Thousands)

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (expenses) Revenue & Changes in Net Positions
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	
Governmental Activities:				
Board of Trustees	\$ 2,639	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,639)
Support services	17,959	9,489	-	(8,470)
Beneficiary advocacy	12,417	-	(66)	(12,483)
Unallocated depreciation	1,282	-	-	(1,282)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 34,297	\$ 9,489	\$ (66)	\$ (24,874)
General Revenues:				
State allotments, net of lapsed appropriations				\$ 2,289
Public land trust revenue				79,100
Unrestricted contributions				866
Interest and investment earnings				(36,422)
Total General Revenues				45,833
Change in Net Position				20,959
Net Position:				
Beginning of year				669,853
Net Position at June 30, 2022				\$ 690,812

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Governmental Funds - Balance Sheet

June 30, 2022 (Dollars in Thousands)

	General Fund	Public Land Trust	Federal Grants	Other	Total
Assets:					
Petty cash	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1
Cash:					
Held in State Treasury	-	129	-	-	129
Held in bank	(372)	18,391	6,296	431	24,746
Held by investment managers	-	6,172	123	-	6,295
Restricted cash	-	-	264	-	264
Accounts receivable	2,283	-	30	57	2,370
Due from other fund	-	3,097	(88)	-	3,009
Interest and dividends receivable	-	68,695	45	-	68,740
Inventory, prepaid items and other assets	-	867	6	-	873
Notes receivable:					
Due within one year	-	49	911	-	960
Due after one year	-	55	5,497	-	5,552
Investments	-	417,633	11,927	-	429,560
Total Assets	\$ 1,911	\$ 515,089	\$ 25,011	\$ 488	\$ 542,499
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ -	\$ 5,403	\$ 116	\$ 817	\$ 6,336
Due to State of Hawai‘i	-	-	300	-	300
Total Liabilities	-	5,403	416	817	6,636
Commitments and Contingencies					
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable -					
Inventory, prepaid items & security deposits	-	867	-	-	867
Restricted for:					
Beneficiary advocacy	-	-	1,557	-	1,557
Native Hawaiian loan programs	-	-	17,541	-	17,541
Long-term portion of notes receivable	-	-	5,497	-	5,497
Committed to -					
DHHL-issued revenue bonds	-	90,261	-	-	90,261
Assigned to:					
Board of Trustees	-	98	-	-	98
Support services	-	6,902	-	(329)	6,573
Beneficiary advocacy	284	6,521	-	-	6,805
Long-term portion of notes receivable	-	55	-	-	55
Public Land Trust	-	404,982	-	-	404,982
Unassigned	1,627	-	-	-	1,627
Total Fund Balances	1,911	509,686	24,595	(329)	535,863
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,911	\$ 515,089	\$ 25,011	\$ 488	\$ 542,499

Governmental Funds - Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Year Ended June 30, 2022 (Dollars in Thousands)

	General Fund	Public Land Trust	Federal Grants	Other	Total
Revenues:					
Public Land Trust revenue	\$ -	\$ 79,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,100
Intergovernmental revenue	-	-	150	-	150
Appropriations, net of lapses	2,254	-	-	35	2,289
Charges for services	-	9,422	-	67	9,489
Interest and investment gains (losses)	-	(36,422)	(216)	-	(36,638)
Donations and other	-	688	4	174	866
Total Revenues	2,254	52,788	(62)	276	55,256
Expenditures:					
Board of Trustees	-	2,639	-	-	2,639
Support services	524	68,108	-	48	68,680
Beneficiary advocacy	16	11,314	1,010	77	12,417
Total Expenditures	540	82,061	1,010	125	83,736
Other Financing (Uses) Sources:					
Proceeds from debt	-	59,750	-	-	59,750
Proceeds to debt	-	(21,388)	-	-	(21,388)
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,714	9,089	(1,072)	151	9,882
Fund Balances:					
Beginning of year	197	500,597	25,667	(480)	525,981
Fund Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
End of Year	\$ 1,911	\$ 509,686	\$ 24,595	\$ (329)	\$ 535,863



About the Mana i Maui Ola Artwork

Upland rain provides life-giving water that sustains the ‘āina, mauka to makai. Captured in the watershed of mauka rainforests, the wai flows down into lush valleys and onto vast agricultural plains, touching and nourishing all within the ahupua’a as it journeys to the sea. The artwork for OHA’s Strategic Plan, Mana i Maui Ola, reflects this journey with each element representing a foundational or directional aspect of the plan as we move collectively toward a more vibrant future.

Artwork by Nelson Makua

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