



Ka Wailele Emergency Financial Assistance Program

Ka Wailele will provide grants up to \$1,500 for past due rent, mortgage, utilities and rent deposits to an estimated 520 households that can prove Native Hawaiian ancestry, Hawai'i residency, financial hardship, and need for housing and/or utility assistance. Native Hawaiians are limited in receiving OHA emergency financial assistance to one grant every two years.



Ka Wailele Program Requirements:

To qualify for Ka Wailele grants starting June 1, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be Native Hawaiian residing in Hawai'i
- At least 18 years old
- Be in financial hardship; and
- Have documents to prove past due rent, mortgage, utilities, or rental deposit



Required Documents:

Native Hawaiian applicants will be required to submit the following documents with their applications starting June 1 to be considered for OHA's Ka Wailele grants:

Proof of Age and Hawai'i Residency

- Copy of Picture ID

Native Hawaiian Verification (one of the following)

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- OHA Hawaiian Registry Card
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Lease
- Kamehameha Schools Ho'oulu Registry

Proof of Financial Hardship (one of the following)

- Unemployment or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) approval letter
- Letter from employer verifying you have been laid off or lost hours at work

Housing (one of the following)

- Complete, signed, dated rental lease
- Mortgage statement

Assistance Needed (one of the following)

- Past due rent or eviction notice with amount owed
- Past due utility or disconnection notice with amount owed
- Bill from utility service (i.e., water delivery)
- Mortgage statement with past due amount

