



FY27 Mālama Honua Home Improvement/Renovation Program Grant for Nonprofits
Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the total amount of grant funding available for the *FY27 Mālama Honua Grant for Nonprofits*?**

\$500,000.

- 2. What is the maximum funding amount that a qualified Hawai‘i-based nonprofit applicant can apply for?**

\$250,000.

- 3. What is the purpose of this grant program?**

This is a pilot program focused on helping Native Hawaiian homeowners who are otherwise ineligible for traditional loans due to income or credit limitations remain safely in their homes through critical health and safety repairs. This pilot program funds only urgent health and safety related repairs that address documented hazards or threats to habitability. Cosmetic or elective renovations (e.g., non-essential upgrades, aesthetic remodels, additions, landscaping, or luxury improvements) are not eligible.

- 4. How will the grant funds be distributed by island?**

This will depend on the outcomes of the OHA Grants application process and the final selection of the nonprofit partners by the OHA Board of Trustees. It will also depend on the geographic service area(s)/island(s) the selected nonprofit partners intend to serve.

- 5. When will the *FY27 Mālama Honua Grant for Nonprofits* solicitation be posted to the OHA Grants website?**

Monday, July 6, 2026. See <https://www.oha.org/economic-self-sufficiency/grants/>.

- 6. What are other important dates for potential nonprofit applicants?**

Online Access to Letter of Interest (LOI) – July 15, 2026

Letter of Interest Deadline - July 29, 2026

Online Access to Application - Upon approval of LOI

Application Deadline - August 15, 2026

- 7. Can individual homeowners apply for the grant at this time?**

No. OHA is not accepting applications by individual homeowners. That phase of the program will be facilitated by the selected nonprofit partners at a later date (on or around January 2027).

8. How much grant funding will be available to *individual* qualified homeowner program participants?

This phase of the program will be facilitated by the nonprofit partners at a later date, but the program scope allows individual grants *up to* \$10,000 for minor/safety repairs and *up to* \$20,000 for critical systems repairs (although individual homeowner applicants can request smaller grant funding amounts).

9. What is the eligibility criteria for homeowner participants in the program?

- Native Hawaiian (verified through registration with OHA's Hawaiian Registry Program).
- Hawai'i resident.
- Homeowner-occupant and provide property ownership verification (have a clean title to the home).
- Current on mortgage and utility payments (e.g., most recent mortgage and utility statement).
- Current (or on a payment plan) on property taxes.
- Homeowner's insurance (e.g., declaration page showing policy coverage/effective date/property address, etc.).
- Repairs or replacement must be on the approved list.
- Proof of income up to 80% AMI.

10. What types of health and safety repairs will be allowed?

- Structural Integrity
- Moisture Control, Mold & Environmental Hazard
- Plumbing, Water & Waste Systems
- Electrical, Fire & Life Safety Systems
- Heating, Cooling & Indoor Air Quality
- Kitchen & Bathroom Health and Safety
- Accessibility & Mobility Safety
- Pest & Infestation Remediation

11. What are the income limits for homeowner participants in the program?

The program allows for *up to* 80% Area Median Income (AMI) for the whole household and AMI varies by county.

12. Is this program open to fee simple property owners and DHHL lessees?

Yes.

13. Who should I contact with any questions?

Please contact grantsinfo@oha.org.