



OHA Mālama Honua Disaster Fund (MHDF):

A Direct Grant Program to Help OHA Beneficiary Homeowners Address Minor Damages to their Homes from the March 2026 Kona Low Storms

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Agenda

- Purpose of Today's Presentation
- Intro to OHA S&I and Grants Team Members
- OHA Grants & S&I Housing Websites & Contact Info
- Mālama Honua Disaster Fund Program
- Grant Application Process
- Important Mālama Honua Disaster Fund Dates
- Q&A



Important OHA Grants Website & Contact Information

- **Website:** <https://www.oha.org/economic-self-sufficiency/grants/>
- **Email:** grantsinfo@oha.org



Important OHA S&I Housing Website & Contact Information

- **Website:** <https://www.oha.org/economic-self-sufficiency/housing/>
- **Email:** SIHousing@oha.org

Information re MHDF program on OHA website

- **Press release:** <https://www.oha.org/news/oha-to-launch-malama-honua-disaster-fund-to-support-native-hawaiian-homeowners-impacted-by-the-march-2026-kona-low-storms/>
- **OHA Kona Low Flood Recovery website:** <https://www.oha.org/floodrecovery/>

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- The **Mālama Honua Disaster Fund (MHDF) Program** provides **habitability repair grants** for Native Hawaiian homeowners in **identified areas that were highly impacted by the March 2026 Kona Low storms** who experienced **minor damage to their homes**.
- For smaller scale habitability repairs **averaging \$10,000** per grant.
- Open to OHA beneficiary homeowners **not otherwise eligible** for *OHA March 2026 Kona Low General Disaster Assistance Program* funding facilitated by Hawaiian Council who **provide verifiable quotes or invoices for habitability repairs** necessitated by the Kona Low storms.
- **Minor damage** means the residence has non-structural damage and needs repair but is currently safe to live in.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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6. Applicant must provide verifiable quotes, invoices, or other cost documentation acceptable to OHA for home repair or cleanup costs necessitated by the Kona Low storms; and
7. Applicant must submit a current, complete, and accurate W-9 form.

Impact Requirements

OHA beneficiary homeowner applicants must have experienced **impacts to their principal residences from the Kona Low storms and must utilize the MHDF grant funding to address *minor damage* including but not limited to:**

- Home Cleanup
- Habitability Repairs that do not require structural changes
- Flooding or Water Damage
- Damage to the Residence

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Documents You Need to Apply

1. Photo ID & OHA Hawaiian Registry Program (HRP) Number

- Valid government-issued photo ID (State ID or driver's license)
- OHA Hawaiian Registry Program number

2. Proof of Homeownership & Principal Residency

- Proof of homeownership (mortgage statement, DHHL lease, property deed, or property tax record)
- Documentation confirming the **impacted residence was your principal residence** during the Kona Low storms (valid Driver's License; valid insurance statement/card; current vehicle Registration or Title; utility bill not more than 2 months old; financial statement not more than 2 months old; payroll check/check stub (not more than 6 months); current mortgage account or proof of home ownership; current real property tax assessment or bill; U.S. individual Income Tax Return, Hawaii individual Tax, HW-2, W-2 or, 1099 (from the previous year))

Documents You Need to Apply (continued)

3. Proof of Damage/Kona Low Storm Impacts to Your Residence

Includes the following:

- Photos of Kona Low storm impacted residence and damaged areas
- Written explanation describing the damage to the residence from the Kona Low storms

4. Habitability Repair Scope & Cost Documentation From a Reputable Contractor/Business

Includes the following:

- Quotes, invoices, receipts, or reasonable estimates from a reputable contractor/business related to home cleanup or habitability repairs tied to the Kona Low storms
- Scope of proposed cleanup and/or repairs that utilizes a \$10,000 budget (can be part of a larger repair budget)
- Contractor/business name specializing in home cleanup, mold remediation, or other service connected to storm/flood disaster-related habitability home repairs; contractor/business contact information; and contractor/business license number
- DCCA registration documentation

Documents You Need to Apply (continued)

5. Applicant's IRS Form W-9

- Applicants must submit a current, complete, and accurate signed IRS Form W-9
- A fillable version is available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

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Total MHDF Grant Funding Available: \$250,000

Total Amount of Individual \$10,000 MHDF grant awards: 25

OHA's estimated percentage of Native Hawaiian households affected on each island by the Kona Low storms are based on county damage reports available as of May 15, 2026. These estimated percentages informed programmatic decision-making on island award allocations.

Grant Award Distribution by Kona Low Impacted Islands

O'ahu → 15

Hawai'i Island → 3

Maui → 4

Moloka'i → 1

*The remaining **2** MHDF grant awards will be held pending future determination based on documented eligible waitlisted demand exceeding the baseline island allocations.

How to Access the Mālama Honua Disaster Fund (MHDF) Grant Application on the OHA Grants Website

Click “OHA Grants Portal” to access the Logon page.

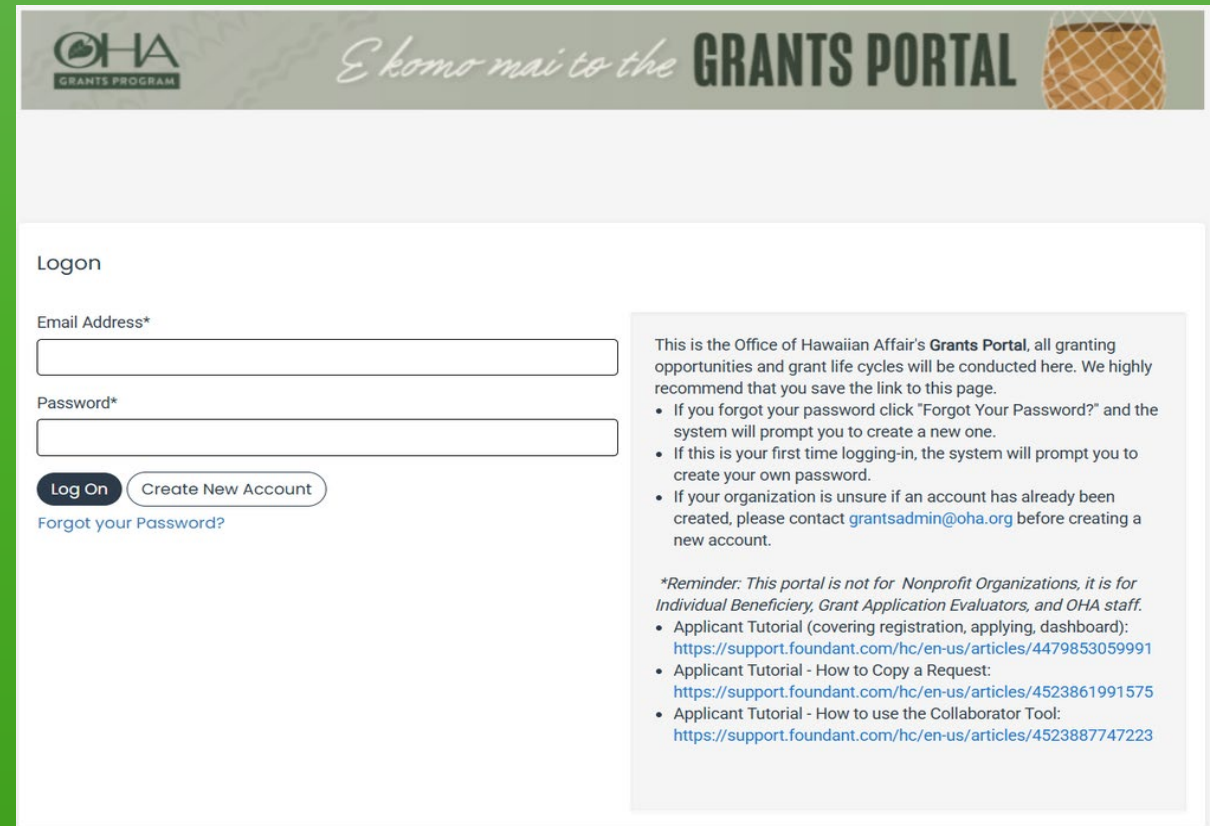


OHA Grants Website

OHA Grants Portal

[Click Here to Enter the OHA Grants Portal](#)

- If you have already created an account, enter your information and click “Log On.”
- If you have not created an account, click “Create New Account” and fill out the required information.



The screenshot shows the OHA Grants Portal login page. At the top, there is a header with the OHA logo and the text "E komo mai to the GRANTS PORTAL". Below the header, there is a "Logon" section with two input fields: "Email Address*" and "Password*". Below these fields are two buttons: "Log On" and "Create New Account". There is also a link for "Forgot your Password?". To the right of the login fields, there is a text box explaining the portal's purpose and providing instructions for users who have forgotten their passwords or are unsure if an account has been created. At the bottom of this text box, there is a reminder that the portal is not for nonprofit organizations and a list of links to applicant tutorials.

Logon

Email Address*

Password*

[Log On](#) [Create New Account](#)

[Forgot your Password?](#)

This is the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' **Grants Portal**, all granting opportunities and grant life cycles will be conducted here. We highly recommend that you save the link to this page.

- If you forgot your password click "Forgot Your Password?" and the system will prompt you to create a new one.
- If this is your first time logging-in, the system will prompt you to create your own password.
- If your organization is unsure if an account has already been created, please contact grantsadmin@oha.org before creating a new account.

**Reminder: This portal is not for Nonprofit Organizations, it is for Individual Beneficiary, Grant Application Evaluators, and OHA staff.*

- Applicant Tutorial (covering registration, applying, dashboard): <https://support.foundant.com/hc/en-us/articles/4479853059991>
- Applicant Tutorial - How to Copy a Request: <https://support.foundant.com/hc/en-us/articles/4523861991575>
- Applicant Tutorial - How to use the Collaborator Tool: <https://support.foundant.com/hc/en-us/articles/4523887747223>

Create New Account

If you already have an Account, click the 'Cancel Account Creation' button to go to the Logon page

⚠ Using the browser's back button will delete your registration information.

ℹ This registration process has multiple steps you must complete before you can apply.

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

User Information

First Name*

Middle Name

Last Name*

Suffix (Sr, Jr, III, etc.)

Email / Username*

Email / Username Confirmation*

Password

Passwords must be at least six characters long and may contain capital or lowercase letters, numbers, or any of the following special characters: !@#\$%^&*()_

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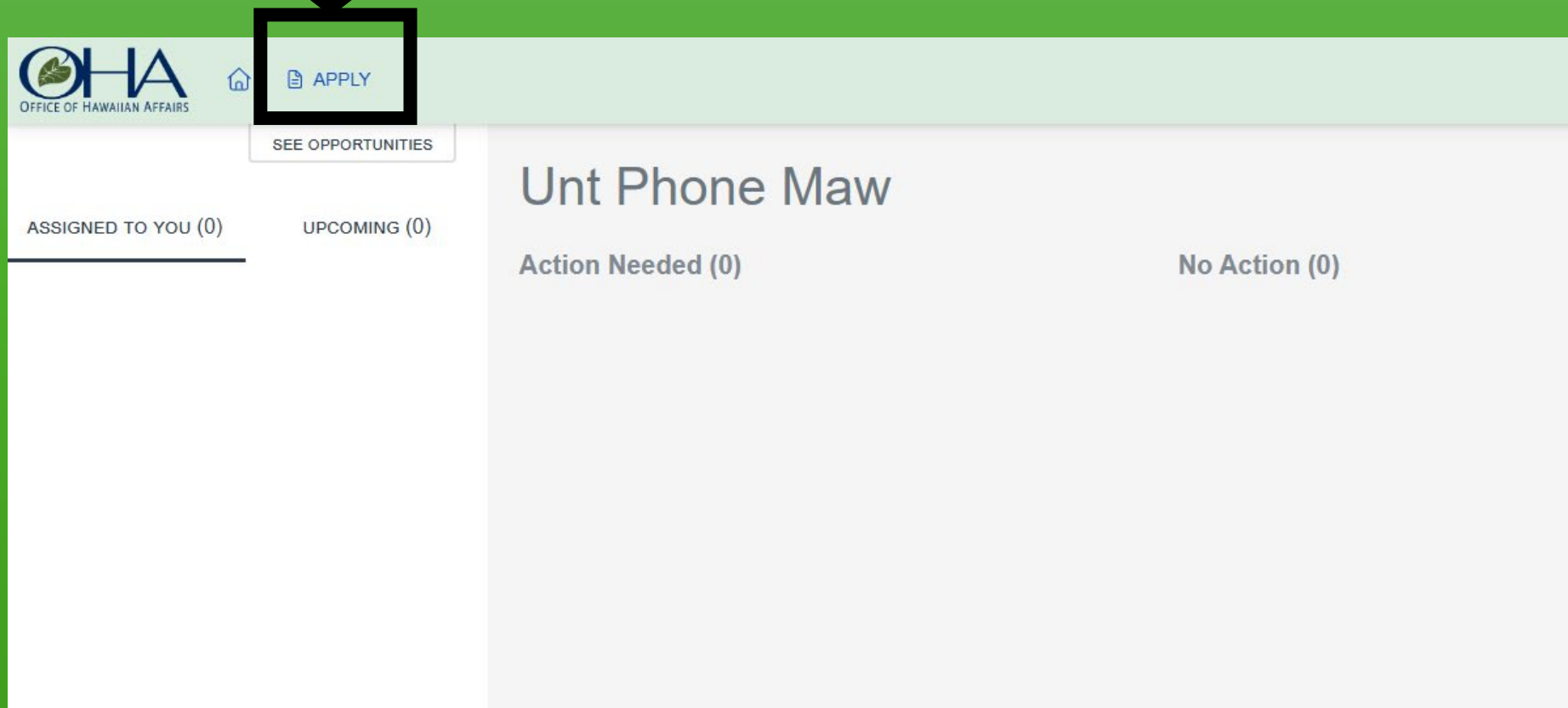
Confirm Password*

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Create Account

If you have any issues
creating and logging
into your account,
please reach out to
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On the Home Page, click “APPLY.”



Eligibility Quiz

Eligibility - MHDF Grant

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The grant is for smaller scale habitability repairs averaging \$10,000 per grant.

The program is open to OHA beneficiary homeowners not otherwise eligible for I Ola funding who provide verifiable quotes or invoices for habitability repairs

[See More](#)

[Check Eligibility](#)

The eligibility question will appear and answer it and click, “Submit Eligibility.”

Then, click on “See More” to check eligibility and click, “Check Eligibility.”

Eligibility

Eligibility - MHDF Grant

Eligibility

[Eligibility Packet](#)

[Question List](#)

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Are you a Native Hawaiian?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

[Save Eligibility](#)

[Submit Eligibility](#)

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✓ Eligible

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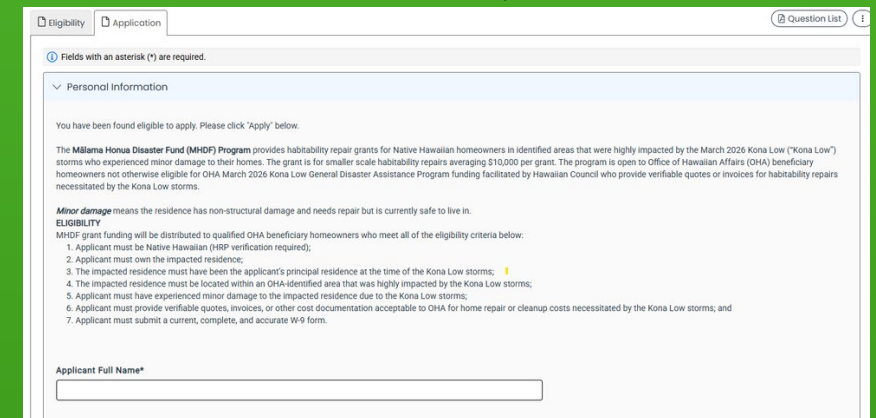


Open



Apply

If you are eligible for the MHDF grant, the Application Box will appear and click, “Apply.”



The screenshot shows the 'Application' tab of the MHDF grant application form. It includes a 'Personal Information' section with a text box for 'Applicant Full Name*'. The form also contains a 'Minor damage' definition and a list of eligibility criteria.

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Personal Information

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Applicant Full Name*

Fill out the Application form.

Eligibility

Application

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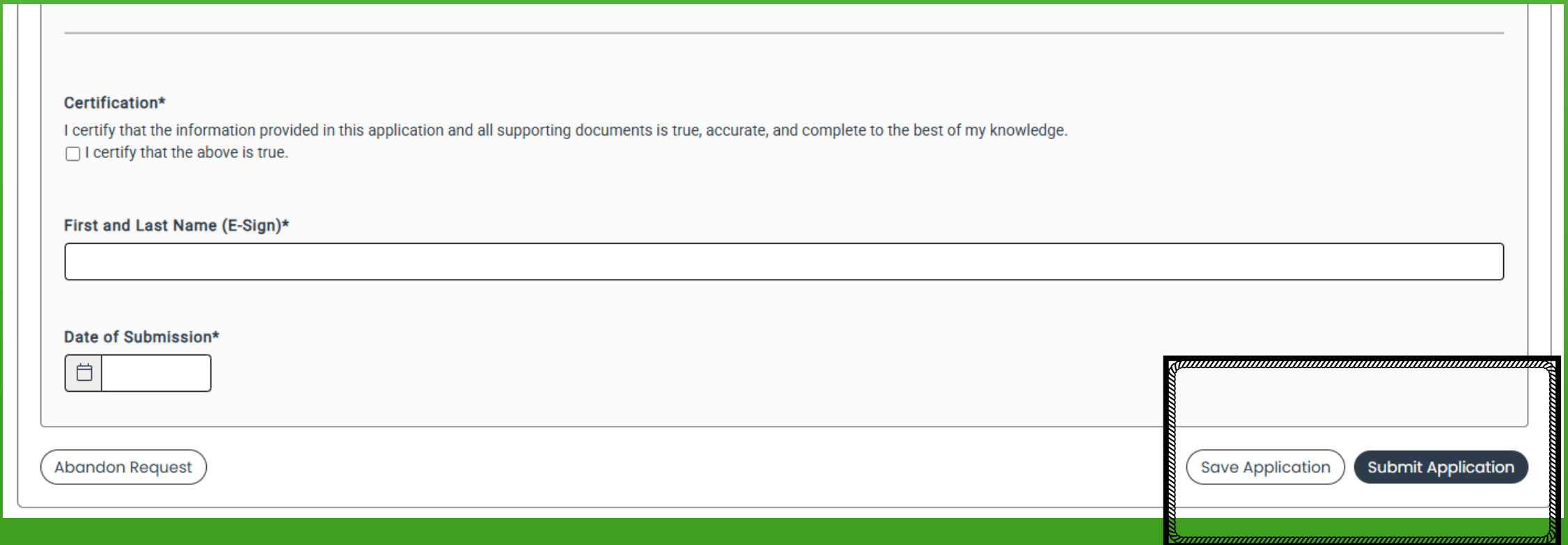
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Applicant Full Name*

- Click the “Submit Application” button after completing the application.
- You can also click the “Save Application” to save the *incomplete* application.



Certification*
I certify that the information provided in this application and all supporting documents is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
☐ I certify that the above is true.

First and Last Name (E-Sign)*

Date of Submission*

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[Save Application](#) [Submit Application](#)

Contact

- For more information or if you have any questions, contact the **OHA Strategy & Implementation (S&I) Housing** team at ***SIHousing@oha.org*** or the **OHA Grants** team at ***grantsinfo@oha.org***.

Important Mālama Honua Disaster Fund Dates

- The MHDF online application opens this **Friday, May 22, 2026 at 12 AM** on the OHA Grants website.
- See: <https://www.oha.org/economic-self-sufficiency/grants/>
- If you need access to a computer to complete the online application, you may visit one of the OHA offices and the Waialua Recovery Center.

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Questions?