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HONOLULU BOARD OF REALTORS® AWARDS \$34,000 IN GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

HONOLULU (February 12, 2019) – The Honolulu Board of REALTORS® has awarded \$34,000 to seven local non-profit community organizations through its REALTOR® Housing and Community Fund. The grants will support programs and initiatives that help to improve our island community.

“We’re proud to support the efforts of these remarkable nonprofit organizations that provide invaluable services to island residents in building stronger communities and offer a safety net for housing,” said Jenny L. Brady, President of the Honolulu Board of REALTORS®. “As the local association of REALTORS®, we understand the importance of community building and advocate for safe and attainable housing for our kama’aina. Thanks to the generous contributions of our members, this year we were able to double contributions to our local charities.”

Awards were granted to the following:

- Habitat for Humanity Leeward Oahu (\$8,000) to put toward its efforts in eliminating substandard housing and homelessness on the Leeward Coast of Oahu.
- Catholic Charities Hawaii (\$6,000) provides a wide range of services including Statewide Homeless Emergency Grants program and Punawai programs to provide emergency assistance funds for rent and utilities payments.
- Domestic Violence Action Center (\$6,000) to aid in its commitment to ending domestic violence by assisting houseless survivors and their children to secure safe housing, emergency rent and utilities payments.
- Hawaiian Community Assets (\$5,000) builds the capacity of low- and moderate-income communities to achieve housing and sustain economic self-sufficiency with a particular focus on Native Hawaiians.
- Honolulu Habitat for Humanity (\$5,000) to support its mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope for low-income families.
- Hawaii HomeOwnership Center (\$3,000) provides counseling, education and support to create successful first-time homeowners in Hawaii.
- Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, Honolulu Chapter (\$1,000) is dedicated to increasing sustainable homeownership, financial-literacy education, VA loan awareness, and community outreach for the active military and veteran communities.

Established by the Honolulu Board of REALTORS® in 1993 and administered by the Hawaii Community Foundation, the REALTOR® Housing and Community Fund is financed by contributions from individual REALTORS® and awards grants to support programs that aid with housing and help to better communities. To date, the Board has awarded \$257,500 in grants.

The Honolulu Board of REALTORS® is now accepting 2019 grant applications through July 31, 2019. 501(c)(3) organizations with programs related to housing and community needs across Oahu can request an application at hbradmin@hcentral.com.

About the Honolulu Board of REALTORS®

Established in 1922, the Honolulu Board of REALTORS® is one of the largest of 1,200 boards of REALTORS® in the nation, and, with more than 6,500 members, is one of the largest trade organizations on Oahu. Membership is available to licensed real estate brokers, agents, property managers, appraisers, counselors and others engaged in all aspects of the real estate industry who pledge to adhere to a strict Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. For more information, call (808) 732-3000 or visit www.hcentral.com.

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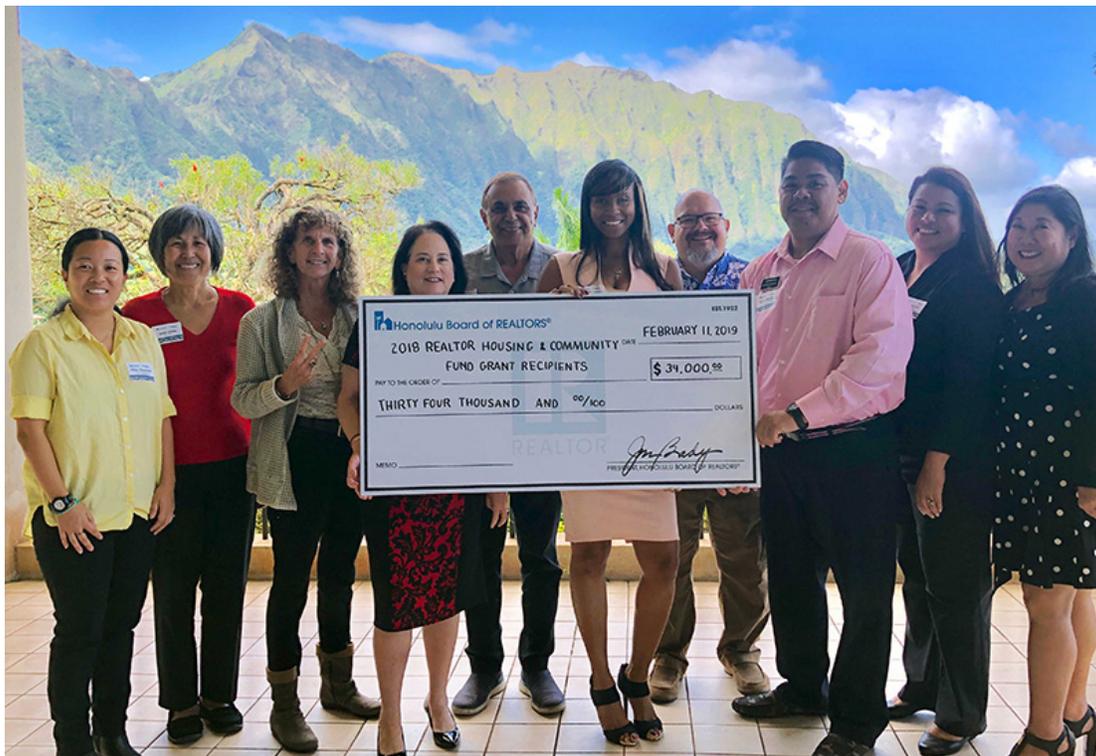


Photo Caption: 2018 REALTOR® Housing and Community Fund Grant Recipients left to right: Jillian Okamoto, Division Administrator, Housing Assistance and Referral Programs, Catholic Charities Hawaii; Linda Okita, Community Service Committee Chair, Honolulu Board of REALTORS®; Nanci Kreidman, CEO, Domestic Violence Action Center; Suzanne Young, CEO, Honolulu Board of REALTORS®; Chris Prendergast, 2019 Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors, Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, Honolulu Chapter; Martina Flowers, 2019 President of the Board of Directors, Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, Honolulu Chapter; Jim Murphy, Executive Director, Honolulu Habitat for Humanity; Darryl Macha, 2019 Immediate Past President, Honolulu Board of REALTORS®; Noelle Kai, Board President, Hawaiian Community Assets; and Carol Marx, Board Chair, Hawaii HomeOwnership Center. Not pictured: Jo Bautista, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Leeward Oahu.