



REALTORS® Care Fund

Overview:

Established by the Honolulu Board of REALTORS® in 1993, the REALTORS® Care Fund (formerly, the REALTOR® Housing and Community Fund) is financed by contributions from individual REALTORS® and awards grants to support programs and projects related to housing and community needs across O'ahu.

Priorities of the Fund:

The purpose of the REALTORS® Care Fund is to support nonprofit organizations that: 1) increase opportunities for first-time homebuyers; 2) address priority issues in their local community related to housing; or 3) develop and implement community revitalization activities that increase the value of neighborhoods and communities.

Preference will be given to organizations that:

- Increase or improve the access to first-time homeownership
- Address housing needs of the community
- Focus efforts on improving, enhancing, and strengthening communities. This can include but is not limited to issues identified by local residents, such as community revitalization, high-risk behaviors, crime prevention, or health and safety concerns.

Eligibility:

Organizations are eligible to apply for a grant if the following criteria are met:

- Organizations must have a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and recognized as a public charity
- Organizations must be based in Hawaii and serve the O'ahu community
- Organizations must be requesting support for programs that serve needs of low-income or under-served populations within O'ahu
- Only one (1) grant application per organization per year will be accepted

Program Funding Exclusions:

- Athletic sponsorships (teams/events)
- Capital campaigns
- Endowments
- Fundraising events (walks, races, tournaments, galas, etc.), including but not limited to participation, sponsorship and execution
- Immediate disaster relief funds
- Individuals (requests made solely for the benefit of one person or family)
- Memberships, including association/chamber memberships
- Political causes, candidates, organizations or campaigns
- Scholarships (tuition, room and board and any other expense related to college or university)

Award Criteria:

The strongest applications will be those that meet all or most of the following criteria:

- Organization demonstrates clear mission
- Organization demonstrates ability to deliver program(s)
- Program is well-defined and likely to be successfully implemented
- Program has clearly defined outcomes and means to measure those outcomes
- Program demonstrates ability to leverage other resources (i.e. funds, in-kind, and/or community partnerships)
- Program is designed and implemented using best practices

Grant Amount:

Minimum amount for grant award is \$250. Grants are for a one-year period. Organizations may apply for support in subsequent years.



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The Honolulu Board of REALTORS® established the REALTORS® Care Fund (RCF) to support programs and projects related to housing and community needs across O'ahu.

In order to qualify for a RCF grant, your organization must be a 501(c)(3).

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of organization: _____

Address: _____

Chief staff person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

STATEMENT OF NEED: Briefly describe the target population(s), geographic area(s), the need/problem your program addresses, objectives, and accomplishments.

If space is needed beyond the fillable box offered below, please send via email attachment, a one-page (maximum) briefing document with this questionnaire with specifics on your housing assistance programs.

Provide a concise overview of how the funding will be used to provide housing assistance.

How will outcomes be measured?

How does your program fit with the RCF's priorities?

List additional partners that you are working with for your programs.

RETURN COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE BY APRIL 30th
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