



REALTOR® Housing & Community Fund

Overview:

Established by the Honolulu Board of REALTORS® in 1993, 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 Oahu.

Priorities of the Fund:

The purpose of the REALTOR® Housing and Community 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 Oahu community
- Organizations must be requesting support for programs that serve needs of low-income or under-served populations within Oahu
- 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.