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**THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Log No: _____

For Legislature's Use Only

Type of Grant Request:

GRANT REQUEST – OPERATING

GRANT REQUEST – CAPITAL

"Grant" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specified recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities.

"Recipient" means any organization or person receiving a grant.

STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY RELATED TO THIS REQUEST (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): _____

STATE PROGRAM I.D. NO. (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): _____

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual:

Children's Discovery Center

Dbas: Hawaii Children's Discovery Center

Street Address: 111 Ohe Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Mailing Address: Same as above

2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION:

Name LORETTA YAJIMA

Title Board Chair & CEO

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Fax # (808) 524-5400

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3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:

- NON PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN HAWAII
- FOR PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN HAWAII
- LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
- SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP/INDIVIDUAL
- OTHER

6. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER STRATEGIC PLANNING, DESIGN, AND UPGRADES

4. FEDERAL TAX ID #: [REDACTED]

5. STATE TAX ID #: [REDACTED]

7. AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:

FISCAL YEAR 2019: \$250,000

8. STATUS OF SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS REQUEST:

- NEW SERVICE (PRESENTLY DOES NOT EXIST)
- EXISTING SERVICE (PRESENTLY IN OPERATION)

SPECIFY THE AMOUNT BY SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS REQUEST:

STATE \$ _____

FEDERAL \$ _____

COUNTY \$ _____

PRIVATE/OTHER \$100,000

TYPE NAME & TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

[REDACTED]

LORETTA YAJIMA, BOARD CHAIR & CEO
NAME & TITLE

JANUARY 15, 2018
DATE SIGNED

JAN 13 2018 *[Signature]* 3:20PM

Application for Grants

Please check the box when item/section has been completed. If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".

I. Background and Summary

This section shall clearly and concisely summarize and highlight the contents of the request in such a way as to provide the State Legislature with a broad understanding of the request. Please include the following:

1. A brief description of the applicant's background;

The Children's Discovery Center (the Center) is the first and only world-class children's museum in the State of Hawaii. Initially, serving over 120,000 children, families, school groups and tourists each year, the Center focuses on building an interactive and culturally aware environment for the young and young-at-heart, inspiring new heights of learning and discovery for children and their families. The Center is an educational resource to the community providing opportunities for children to learn and grow through facilitated play together with parents and family, thereby promoting the concept of lifelong learning.

Founded in 1985, the Center originally opened its doors in donated space as a storefront in Dole Cannery Square. The museum, then known as the Hawaii Children's Museum, was based on a dream of creating a place for children to use all of their senses to explore, discover, imagine, and learn about themselves and the world around them. Located in Iwilei for only four years, it became evident almost immediately that the space was far too small to accommodate the number of school groups, parents and families who sought out the children's museum and its distinctive informal learning environment.

When the State focused on developing the Kaka'ako waterfront, and included an emphasis on creating spaces for families, the Center entered into a long-term lease with the State to develop a permanent facility, which was to be a centerpiece in an area designated to provide recreational activities for Hawaii's families along the waterfront. Following an aggressive fundraising campaign during which 70 percent of the total was raised through private donations, the Children's Discovery Center re-opened its doors in a renovated incinerator facility – a physical symbol and reminder of the transformation planned for Kaka'ako park.

The Center's location in Kaka'ako Makai has presented many challenges in recent years. Surrounded by homeless encampments, then with the park and main parking lot closed for three months cutting off all access to the Center's front entrance, attendance has been severely negatively impacted. The public stopped coming, school groups can no longer visit the Center and picnic in the park, and the area has become known as dangerous and not conducive for families with young children to visit.

Now, in 2018, the Center is trying to recover from the negative publicity and public concern regarding the vandalism, violence, unleashed dogs, feral cats, mosquitoes, fleas, and chickens that have deterred visitors from coming to the Center and to the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. HCDA recently opened the parks and public parking lots, however, the homeless are quickly setting up once again on the sidewalks fronting the Center and in the area. Thus, we need to engage in long-range planning with the goal to reinstate the area as a safe and sought-after place for families to come to and enjoy once again.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The goals and objectives of the request aim to:

- Provide community engagement, planning and design studies, and capital improvement funding that will shape near term and long term visions of a vital and sustainable Children's Discovery Center in its current location.
- Conduct community workshops to gather feedback on developing a more family friendly neighborhood with a focus on the Kaka'ako Makai area surrounding the Center.
- Coordinate between state and county agencies to establish a partnered effort to address current community concerns.
- Provide a proof of concept sustainability plan for the Center that ties into the broader development plans for Kaka'ako.
- Implement the most urgent repair & maintenance or renovation needs for the center.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

Through the Center's exhibits, children can explore five themed galleries where they can investigate and discover things about themselves and the world using "real" objects, as well as those realistically created, to acquaint them with the world beyond our island shores. The Center's education staff and volunteers are specially trained to facilitate exploration and play in an environment that (1) fosters a willingness to explore and discover, (2) encourages self-motivated learning through creative engagement and imaginative play, and (3) builds self-esteem through positive reinforcement and nurturing relationships. In this way, the Center empowers children to become confident, independent individuals and life-long learners and provides parents, grandparents, and teachers with opportunities to learn to support inquiry based learning, to nurture children's natural curiosity, and instill in them a life-long love of learning. We must focus on helping children to develop and exercise these skills that will be crucial for Hawaii's future and its place in the future global economy.

In addition to the public purpose served by the educational programs and opportunities offered by the Center, as described above, this specific request relates to an engagement, planning, and design effort by the Center that looks at the broader needs of the community, represented by the Center's struggle to ensure access, safety, and security for the public's use of the facility. In engaging the broader community context, the request

will serve the Kaka'ako neighborhood, and everyone living, working, or playing in Kaka'ako now or in the future.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

Like most children's museums across the United States, the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center is a reflection of its surrounding community and the families it serves. Interestingly, that is also why the Hawaii's Discovery Center is like no other.

Surrounded by more than 2,000 miles of open ocean in every direction, the Hawaiian Islands is among the most isolated lands in the world. And yet, Hawaii has been a beacon of hope, opportunity and new beginnings since the first early Polynesians sailed their double-hulled canoes onto its shores somewhere between 500 and 800 A.D. Since then, the Islands have been a magnet, attracting wave after wave of immigrants from both the East and West. Even our youngest, have an intimate and intuitive sense of their culturally diverse world—a sensibility and sensitivity not normally found among their peers on the Mainland.

Our events and programs are year-round and welcome audiences of all ages, both local as well as visitors throughout the U.S. and abroad. The Center's programs and events are developed for families to enjoy together in a safe and fun educational environment specifically designed and built for early learners, ages 0-10. Here in Hawaii where many families live in or rely on an intergenerational support system, a most appreciative audience consists of grandparents. This is how our children learn gratitude and appreciation for the sacrifices that were made from our ancestors who came to Hawaii.

This is the audience that we serve at the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center. More importantly, this is what is reflected throughout the Center. In fact, the focus of several of the Center's main galleries is to celebrate Hawaii's cultural diversity and history. Here, a grandparent might be reminded of their childhood on a sugar plantation and find an opportunity to share his or her recollections with a grandchild. Here, a father's cultural heritage can be rekindled by the persistent inquiry of his child, sparked by shared exploration and discovery of our exhibits.

Through their own cultural history, our children come to learn not only the value and richness that comes with diversity, but they also learn how geography, geology and the natural world around them have affected and influenced that history. In short, on an island, everything and everyone cannot help but be closely interrelated and interdependent, and that the fragility of the human condition can be more than offset by the tremendous strength that we can gather together.

It has long been the vision of the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center's leadership to establish mutually beneficial partnerships with the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center to explore initiatives to further our goals, beginning with the youngest of our

citizens. The proposed project would allow us to further these discussions and leverage these partnerships in exciting and innovative new ways.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

The Children's Discovery Center predominantly serves local residents in the State of Hawaii, but also has a dedicated following from the mainland and abroad. Approximately 15% of its annual visitor population comes from visitors to the islands. In other states, children's museums have been able to garner 400,000 to 900,000 annual visitors and have become an important economic driver in the state. Many of the children's museums across the country are major tourist destinations for the communities that they serve. Although it is not yet recognized for the economic impact that the Center could have in our state, many mainland visitors have described the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center as one of the best children's museums in the country.

The geographic coverage related to the planning and design study considers multiple scales relative to the Center. It looks broadly at the Kaka'ako Makai Area in the context of the entire South shore, and opportunities for a continuous open space network and ecological responses to disasters and sea level rise. At a smaller urban scale, the study concentrates on the area from Ala Moana Boulevard to Kaka'ko Waterfront Park, and between Keawe Street and Kewalo Basin. This urban scale study targets access, visibility, safety, and the activation of the entire area. At the scale of the building, the study also explores the repair & maintenance and renovation of the current facility located at 111 Ohe Street.

II. Service Summary and Outcomes

The Service Summary shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant's approach to the request. The applicant shall clearly and concisely specify the results, outcomes, and measures of effectiveness from this request. The applicant shall:

1. Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities;

A. Scope of Work

The Children's Discovery Center is seeking grant-in-aid support to continue educating Hawaii's children in a facility that is safe and welcoming, and one that supports the development of the Kaka'ako area as a place for families. The Children's Discovery Center is looking to fund efforts for community engagement, planning, design, and construction that will look strategically at the development of the area surrounding the Discovery Center, as well as the facility itself which is in critical need of improvements and repair. These multi-scalar perspectives will allow the study to:

- Gather perspectives from the community, city and county stakeholders, and internal staff to identify key steps forward in addressing ongoing safety, sanitation, and public access challenges
- Explore the long-term vision for the Center as an anchor for families and visitors in the neighborhood
- Explore opportunities for strengthened relationships between the Center, Ala Moana Boulevard, Kaka'ako Gateway Park, and Kaka'ako Waterfront Park, and anticipate ties to a future South Shore open space network.
- Explore resilience strategies for natural disasters and sea level rise.
- Strategize and implement small scale repair and renovation projects of immediate need to the Center.
- Compile information into a proof of concept Sustainability Plan for the Discovery Center and surrounding area.

B. Tasks

The Discovery Center shall collaborate with the University of Hawaii Community Design Center's students, staff, and faculty to execute the following tasks:

Alignment

- Community Workshop - engage the neighborhood community to gather relevant community representatives, organizations, and perspectives
- Governmental coordination - meet with key city and state representatives from the State, City Council, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Hawaii Community Development Association, to identify opportunities for governmental collaboration
- Stakeholder Workshop - Discovery Center board, staff, volunteers

Research

- Research Kaka'ako development plans and adjacent property development plans
- Research precedents for other park museums
- Research precedents for remedying similar homeless encampment scenarios
- Research applicable coastal resilience strategies
- Synthesize research into clear graphics and a report summarizing recommendations for the Center and surrounding area.

Design

- MACRO - develop multiple urban design schemes for the Center and surrounding properties
- MICRO - develop multiple building design schemes for the most urgent repair and maintenance needs or renovation aspirations.

Communication

- Develop a proof of concept Sustainability Plan for the Center and surrounding areas including: narrative, diagrams, drawings, and renderings that provide a holistic long-term vision.

C. Responsibilities

The Discovery Center, represented by Loretta Yajima, Board Chair & CEO, with input from the highly qualified Board of Directors, shall be responsible for leading and coordinating the engagement, planning, design, and construction efforts defined in this application, and hiring all entities related to the execution of the tasks listed above. The Discovery Center is proposing to work with the University of Hawaii Community Design Center to provide community engagement, planning, and design services for the Center.

- 2. Provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service;

Project Annual Timeline

Aug-Oct 2018	Release of funds
Aug-Dec 2018	Possible integration of the project into a UHM
Nov-Dec 2018	Contracting, project planning
Jan-Apr 2019	Community Workshop Government Coordination Stakeholder Meeting Research & Synthesis
April-Jun 2019	Design
Jun-Aug 2019	Communication/Sustainability Plan, procure contractors for small projects
Aug-Dec 2019	Construction - implementation of small projects

- 3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results; and

Quality Assurance

The Discovery Center shall ensure quality through its capable leadership, staff, and oversight by the Board of Directors, comprised of leaders within the community. Both the design and construction costs shall be monitored by the Center's CEO, and any deviation in from the contracted services or deliverables shall be addressed and resolved before any additional expenditures are made.

The University of Hawaii Community Design Center ensures quality through its faculty expertise and professionally licensed staff. All funding for the UHCDC's services is in line with all University's employment, compensation, procurement, and other related policies, monitored by the UHM Budget Office, and overseen by the School of Architecture's Dean and Administrative Officer. The integrity of the work performed by UHCDC is also grounded in its neutral position as a non-profit University entity established to serve the public interest.

Evaluation

The Discovery Center and University will establish a framework for evaluation that defines metrics for evaluation. These would include:

- Number and type of workshops and meetings held between community members and organization, and the numbers of participants involved
- Number of meetings with governmental bodies
- Initiative or agreements resulting from outreach efforts
- Development of a sustainability plan for the Discovery Center's facilities
- Implementation of small construction projects

4. List the measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency). The measure(s) will provide a standard and objective way for the State to assess the program's achievement or accomplishment. Please note that if the level of appropriation differs from the amount included in this application that the measure(s) of effectiveness will need to be updated and transmitted to the expending agency.

Measures of Effectiveness

Near term

- Number and type of workshops and meetings held between community members and organization, and the numbers of participants involved.
- Initiative or agreements between governing agencies resulting from outreach efforts.
- Development of a sustainability plan for the Discovery Center's facilities that represents a collective vision to be further developed
- Visibility of the collective vision - through outreach efforts - social media, press, or exhibition
- Implementation of small construction projects

Mid term

- Reduced or no letters of complaint related to wayfinding problems, road closures, parking deficiencies, homelessness, and perceived concerns about safety and sanitation around the Center.
- Positive momentum and morale for community members

Long term

- More families using and visiting the Kaka'ako neighborhood and the Discovery Center
- The Discovery Center integrated into an active and connected series of public open spaces.
- Street presence for the Discovery Center from Ala Moana Boulevard, and effective signage and wayfinding devices.
- Easy access to the center for automobiles and pedestrian traffic.

- Safe environments that allow the Center to orient and utilize outdoor spaces
- Increased membership, support, renewed sponsorship for Discovery Center programs or capital improvement projects.

In the event that the level of appropriation differs from the amount included in this application, the level of staffing, responsibility, and measures of effectiveness will be revised by the applicant and transmitted to the expending agency.

III. Financial

Budget

1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.
 - a. Budget request by source of funds ([Link](#))
 - b. Personnel salaries and wages ([Link](#))
 - c. Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link](#))
 - d. Capital project details ([Link](#))
 - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link](#))

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2019.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$27,160	\$54,570	\$8,770	\$159,560	\$250,000

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2019.

Other Sources of Funding for Fiscal Year 2019:

- Center Board of Directors
- Friends of Hawaii Charities
- John R. Halligan Charitable Fund
- K. J. Luke Foundation
- McInerny Foundation
- Meadow Gold Dairies
- Servco Foundation
- Title Guaranty of Hawaii, Inc.
- Unrestricted Individual Gifts

4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of

all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.

Not applicable.

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2019 for program funding.

Not applicable.

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2017.

Unrestricted current assets as of 2017: \$4,282,234.00

IV. Experience and Capability

1. **Necessary Skills and Experience**

The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the request. State your experience and appropriateness for providing the service proposed in this application. The applicant shall also provide a listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.

The Children's Discovery Center has operated with a small but professional staff of educators and volunteers in a debt-free environment since 1998. The Center is governed by a 12-person Board of Directors comprised of leaders within the community and business worlds and is led by a full-time Board Chair who has volunteered her services as a fulltime CEO for the past 30 years.

Following are some benchmarks for our success in the community thus far:

Growing membership: known largely through word of mouth, the Center has experienced an increasing number of visitors each year: in 2005, approximately 60,000 visitors came through the Center, and in 2006, over 77,000 visitors attended. Until the homeless encampments surrounded the Center, attendance grew to over 120,000 visitors per year.

Educational targets reflected in attendance: The vast majority of children visitors are in grades preschool through first or second grade, reflecting the Center's emphasis on the formative years of early childhood development and education. This is an important

indicator of in the need to expand reach and impact especially in areas that may need subsidies, and community groups, child care centers, and schools.

University of Hawaii Community Design Center (UHCDC)

The Discovery Center's proposed collaboration with the University of Hawaii Community Design Center engages the experience of University of Hawai'i faculty members and staff with expertise in community engagement, participatory processes, architecture, urban, and ecological design. The collaboration builds on past UHCDC proof of concept design studies within Kaka'ako for other state entities, and engages the intellectual vitality of the students in the School of Architecture or related departments through academic coursework or in paid internship roles. In its first year of operation, UHCDC has engaged 100 students, and over 30 student interns supervised by 10 faculty members, staff, and professional partners on projects serving the public interest.

2. Facilities

The applicant shall provide a description of its facilities and demonstrate its adequacy in relation to the request. If facilities are not presently available, describe plans to secure facilities.

See Attachment

V. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern and proposed service capacity appropriate for the viability of the request. The applicant shall provide the qualifications and experience of personnel for the request and shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction relative to the request.

The Chair of the Board and senior staff at the Center will oversee the daily monitoring and evaluation of the plan. Final approval must go through the 12-person Board of Directors, comprised of business and community leaders, some with extensive experience in development. Regularly scheduled meetings with the consultants, contractors and Board will be set.

The project architect, Luersen Architects, was the architect of record during the initial construction. He and the Center's Board Chair worked closely with HCDA, the general contractor and all subcontractors to insure the successful completion of past projects. We are confident that future projects will move forward smoothly during this period of revitalization.

2. **Organization Chart**

The applicant shall illustrate the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision. If the request is part of a large, multi-purpose organization, include an organization chart that illustrates the placement of this request.

The Center also operates with a small staff and very dedicated group of volunteers who lend their time and expertise to the organization, including the Chair of the Board of Directors who has been at the helm of the organization since its inception 30 years ago. Loretta Yajima, currently Chair of the Board and CEO, holds a B.S. and M.Ed. in Education and, while she remains an unpaid volunteer, she has overseen the design, fabrication and construction of both the storefront children's museum in Dole Cannery as well as the planning, design and construction of the Kaka'ako facility as it stands today.

Ms. Yajima had led three capital campaigns for the Center over the past 30 years and continues to work fulltime in this volunteer position and will be the primary person responsible for the implementation of the project, along with members of the Center's Board of Directors and other consultants.

See attachment for Board list

Our day-to-day staff are largely made up of educators who are responsible for the hands-on teaching and facilitation of visitors in the exhibit galleries. Leading this staff is our President, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Education and an M.Ed. from Harvard Graduate School of Education. The Center's team is highly qualified, very professional, and extremely committed to the successful completion of a facility expansion and subsequent opportunities for expanded educational programming.

3. **Compensation**

The applicant shall provide the annual salaries paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position.

Not applicable as our CEO and Directors do not receive any monetary compensation.

VI. Other

1. **Litigation**

The applicant shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgement. If applicable, please explain.

Not applicable.

2. **Licensure or Accreditation**

The applicant shall specify any special qualifications, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation that the applicant possesses relevant to this request.

Not applicable

3. **Private Educational Institutions**

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution. Please see Article X, Section 1. of the State Constitution for the relevance of this question.

Not Applicable

4. **Future Sustainability Plan**

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2018-19 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2018-19, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

The scope of work outlined for this grant does not assume continued GIA funding. The scope of work will be adjusted to be completed within the final appropriation amount if received.

However, this grant request provides a framework for additional funding requests. In the past, the Center has proven its ability to successfully lead capital campaigns and design and construction projects. The planning and visioning documents from this grant would help to support future capital fundraising efforts by the center or to justify budget request by the city and/or state for improvements to the surrounding area.

5. **Certificate of Good Standing (If the Applicant is an Organization)**

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a certificate of good standing from the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2017.

See Attachment

6. **Declaration Statement**

The applicant shall submit a declaration statement affirming its compliance with Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes. ([Link](#))

See Attachment

7. **Public Purpose**

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes. ([Link](#))

Yes. The grant will be used for a public purpose.

- <http://www.staradvertiser.com/2016/10/20/hawaii-news/childrens-discovery-center-struggling-as-homeless- troubles-persist/>
- <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/hawaii-pol-tom-brower-opens-homeless-assault-article-1.2280127>
- <http://khon2.com/2015/08/12/childrens-discovery-center-pleads-for-help-to-combat-growing-problems/>
- <http://honolulufamily.com/things-to-do/we-tryed-it/we-tryed-it-keiki-swap-meet/>
- <http://www.kitv.com/story/30804829/homeless-return-after-sweep>
- <http://archives.starbulletin.com/96/07/24/news/story2.html>
- https://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning_call/2015/07/hawaii-childrens-discovery-center-inspires-the.html
- <http://dsarchblog.blogspot.com/2014/05/hawaii-childrens-discovery-center.html>
- <http://www.travelweekly.com/Destinations2001-2007/Honolulu-unveils-new-Children-s-Center>
- <http://www.midweek.com/hawaii-childrens-discovery-center-rainforest-adventures/>
- <http://www.hifusioned.org/2010/08/2010-hawaii-robofest-at-the-hawaii-childrens-discovery-center/>

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

(Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

Applicant: Hawaii Children's Discovery Center

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
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20				
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL	\$ 250,000.00			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	\$ 250,000.00			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	\$ 250,000.00	Loretta Yajima	808.524.5437	
(b)		Name (Please type or print)	Phone	
(c)				1/15/18
(d)				Date
TOTAL BUDGET	250,000	Loretta Yajima, Board Chair & CEO		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION
PERSONNEL - SALARIES AND WAGES**

Applicant: Hawaii Children's Discovery Center

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
Not applicable				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
TOTAL:				\$ -
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Applicant: Hawaii Children's Discovery Center

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Not applicable			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Not applicable			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:				
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION
CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS**

Applicant: Hawaii Children's Discovery Center

Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

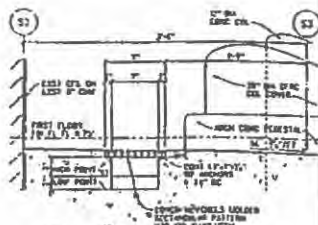
FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2016-2017	FY: 2017-2018	FY:2018-2019	FY:2018-2019	FY:2019-2020	FY:2020-2021
PLANS			\$ 90,440			
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION			\$ 159,560			
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:			\$ 250,000			
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

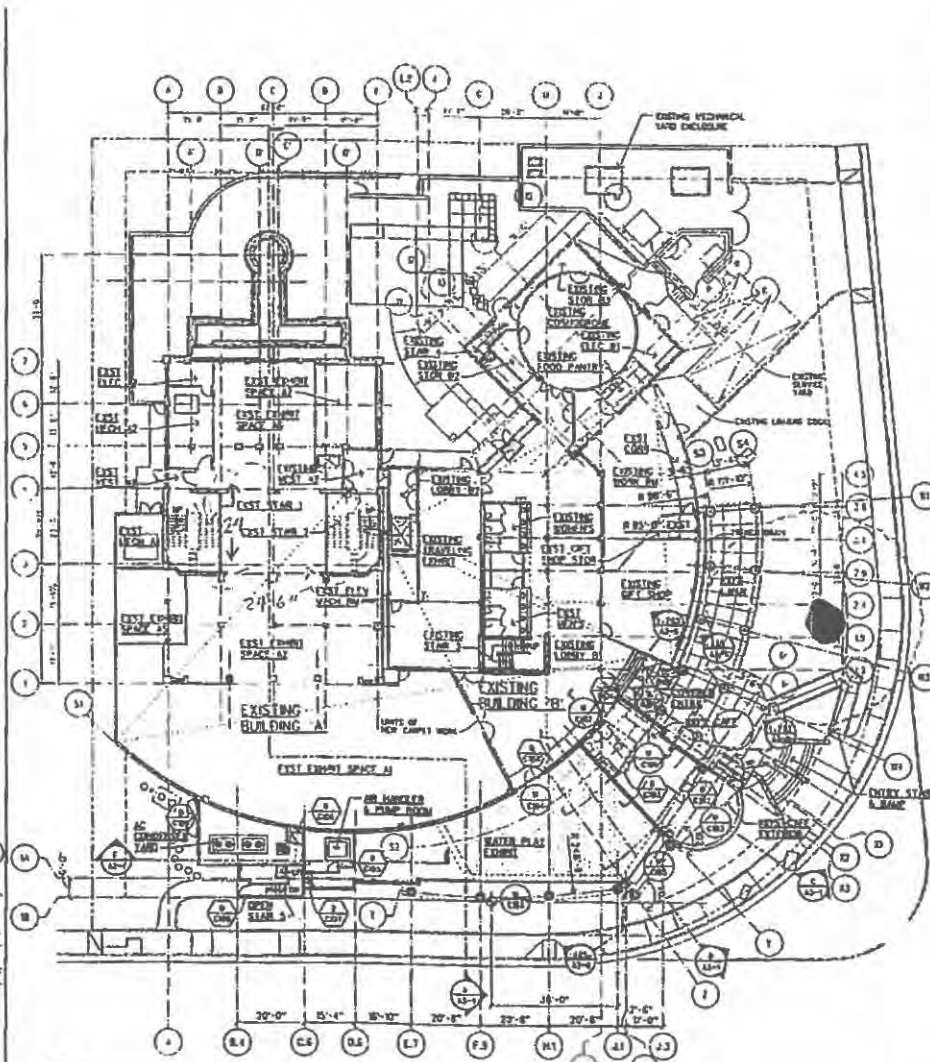
Applicant: Hawaii Children's Discovery Center

Contracts Total: -

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S. / State / Haw / Hon / Kau / Mau)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Not Applicable				
2					
3					
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5					
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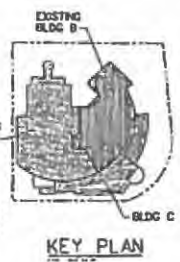
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1) OVERALL FIRST FLOOR PLAN

WALL / PARTITION LEGEND

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OVERALL FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, the undersigned Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 04/16/1985 ; that it is an existing nonprofit corporation; and that, as far as the records of this Department reveal, has complied with all of the provisions of the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, regulating domestic nonprofit corporations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dated: December 31, 2017

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs



**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISIED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant is awarded;
 - b) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
 - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
 - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant.

- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
 - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided.

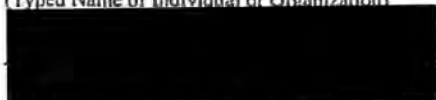
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
 - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

Children's Discovery Center

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



January 10, 2018

(Date)

Loretta Yajima

Board Chair & CEO

(Typed Name)

(Title)

HAWAII NEWS

Children's Discovery Center struggling as homeless troubles persist

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Loretta Yajima, chairwoman and chief executive of the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center, said visits have dropped from a high of 120,000 annually. In an interview with the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and Hawaii News N on Monday, she presented photos documenting theft of electricity and litter around the center.

The chairwoman of the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center, located in the heart of the enduring Kakaako homeless encampment, suggested in January that the center close in the face of a 30 percent drop in revenue

over the past two years, according to an email that Loretta Yajima sent to her state landlord and some lawmakers last month.

Even though social service outreach and city sweeps have knocked the Kakaako homeless population down from more than 300 in the summer of 2015 to roughly 30 to 50 now on any given night, Yajima suggested that attendance and revenue continue to be a problem for the Children's Discovery Center, which moved from Dole Cannery to its current site at an abandoned city incinerator in December 1998.

In her email to the Hawaii Community Development Authority and city and state lawmakers who represent the area, Yajima began: "Everyone thinks the problem has gotten better for us because they do not see 300-plus tents surrounding our building anymore; however, the urine and feces (both human and animal) still persist on our property. ... As you know, we stay away from making any statements to the media because when the press comes out with a story we suffer loss of the public's confidence, and during the past two years we suffered a good 30 percent loss in income. In addition, we also get heavily criticized for not being compassionate by those organizations and agencies who are trying to help the homeless with housing. On the other hand, media coverage seems to be the ONLY thing that motivates action. I feel that is sad because it does not tell the whole story."

Yajima's email outlined a long list of problems that included complaints about trash, mosquitoes and vandalism to the center's electrical and water supplies.

She wrote that she suggested to her board of directors in January that they close the center — a proposal she said the board unanimously rejected.

Following her email to the HCDA — which charges the nonprofit Discovery Center \$1 a year to lease the land — Yajima spoke to the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and Hawaii News Now in a joint interview on Monday.

At one point, the center saw 120,000 visits annually, Yajima said. But "in the past four or five years, we've seen our numbers dwindle. It's been a little difficult." She declined to provide more recent attendance figures.

"I think people are afraid," she said. "They're afraid to park in the lots because they have their cars broken into. With some of the news stories that have come out about people getting beat up in the area, I can't really blame people."

Asked repeatedly if children and their families are safe coming to the center, Yajima finally said she could give an "unqualified" answer: "You're not going to find a place that's as safe as the Children's Discovery Center is."

Later, in a follow-up email to the Star-Advertiser, Yajima wrote: "Some parents have said that their kids beg them to come to the Discovery Center, but when they drive through the area they do not feel safe and will not come back until the state does something to clean up the park. Many others have told us that when they decided to park in the public lots and come into the center anyway, that the experiences they had, once inside, made any doubts about coming to the center disappear. They have all expressed appreciation for what we do and sympathize with our situation. ... Is the Children's Discovery Center safe? Absolutely. Do we have a problem in the area? No question about it."

Yajima repeatedly said she hoped her rare interview with the Star-Advertiser and HNN would result in "balanced" stories of the "hope and promise" of the center.

Yajima noted that this week the center is hosting the Asia Pacific Children's Museum Conference, with most of the events at the Hawai'i Convention Center. A reception Wednesday night at the Children's Discovery Center was expected to attract about 100 conference attendees.

Yajima sent an earlier email about Kakaako's homeless population to lawmakers and others on June 24, 2015. Less than a week later, on June 30, state Rep. Tom Brower (D, Waikiki-Ala Moana-Kakaako) returned to the encampment to photograph it. Brower was chased to the front steps of the Children's Discovery Center, where he was beaten by a mob, leaving him with cuts and bruises.

"Children stood on the front porch with their parents watching him get beat up," Yajima told the Star-Advertiser and HNN this week.

She acknowledged spending "thousands of dollars" to repair vandalism to the center, including profanity on the center's banners. Asked to specify the damage and cost, Yajima said, "I'm not divulging that."

Yajima did say that she has received physical threats, but demurred when asked by HNN if she feels she is being retaliated against. "I'd prefer not to answer that question, either," she said. "It's a very conflicting situation."

Yajima said she did not mean for any of her emails to lawmakers and the HCDA to become public. "It was a moment of weakness when I wrote the letter to HCDA," she said. "I was a little bit naive thinking I was sending a personal letter. ... I find myself in this uncomfortable predicament talking about it. ... I didn't want people, the families ... to be afraid to come to Kakaako."

HCDA spokesman Garrett Kamemoto said the agency continues to work with the Children's Discovery Center and "with the state homeless

coordinator, social service agencies and also sheriff's deputies and HPD to address various problems as much as we can."

David Striph, who serves on the center's board of directors, offered an unqualified endorsement of its safety for parents and children.

"Go down there, absolutely," Striph said. "I would take my kids down there. It's a very unique experience for Honolulu."

Striph, who is executive vice president-Hawaii of the Howard Hughes Corp., serves on seven boards of directors but said his term on the Children's Discovery Center board has been unlike any other.

Asked how he came to serve on the center's board, Striph said: "Loretta just bugged me until I couldn't say no, which is typical for her. She can be persuasive. She's unique with this one. It's her baby. It's a labor of love for Loretta, there's no doubt about that. Most people would have given up by now, but not Loretta."