

**THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Type of Grant Request:

Operating Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Db:
Islamic Center of Hawaii

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 50,000

Brief Description of Request (Please attach word document to back of page if extra space is needed):

Islamic Center of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Please see the attached brief description of request.
Thanks

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ _____
Federal: \$ _____
County: \$ _____
Private/Other: \$ 165,000.00

Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5
Fiscal Years:

\$ 0

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ _____

New Service (Presently Does Not Exist): Existing Service (Presently in Operation):

Type of Business Entity:

- 501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporation
 Other Non Profit
 Other

Mailing Address:

137 W Puainako st

City:

Hilo

State:

HI

Zip:

96720

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Federal Tax ID#:

State Tax ID#



Authorized Signature

Dr. Shawon Rahman, President

Name and Title

1/14/2020

Date Signed

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3:30 pm

Grant-In-Aid Application

**Islamic Center of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii**

Submitted January 17, 2020

Brief Description of Request

Islamic Center of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and classified as a public charity with its objective to:

- 1. Establish and manage a place of worship, religious school (learning center), facilities for sacrifice, cemeteries, facilities for washing and shrouding dead bodies, and other facilities needed for the establishment of a Muslim community;**
- 2. Provide jobs and job enhancement and education opportunities;**
- 3. Cater for their general welfare and intellectual development, including maintenance and establishment and management of places of worship and educational facilities and any other facilities needed by the communities;**
- 4. Islamic relief work, raising funds on a constant basis and dispensing such funds to designated Islamic causes;**
- 5. Develop priorities in terms of causes that need support. These causes may include building, finishing or expanding mosque in the area, establishment of learning center, scholarships for higher learning, beginners' courses in Islamic Religious Knowledge (IRK), sponsoring scholars to come to Hawaii for short or long duration, financial, organizational, legal or social help to Muslim individuals or groups in or outside this country, and any other cause/s that may be approved by the Board of Trustees;**
- 6. Formalize ties with other Muslim institutions, provide a forum where area Muslims can meet and deliberate on issues that concern the Muslim community.**

We will spend the Thirtieth Legislature grant funds towards the following causes:

- 1. Pay towards a partial down payment to build the first Mosque on Big Island, Hawaii;**
- 2. Provide jobs, job training, and job enhancement of current mosque assistants;**
- 3. Provide education opportunities for children and local members of the community.**

Applicant Islamic center of Hawaii

Application Submittal Checklist

The following items are required for submittal of the grant application. Please verify and check off that the items have been included in the application packet.

- 1) Certificate of Good Standing (If the Applicant is an Organization)
- 2) Declaration Statement
- 3) Verify that grant shall be used for a public purpose
- 4) Background and Summary
- 5) Service Summary and Outcomes
- 6) Budget
 - 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](#))
- 7) Experience and Capability
- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

SHAWON RAHMAN, President

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/14/2020

DATE

Grant-In-Aid Application

**Islamic Center of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii**

I. Certification:

- 1. Certification of Good Standing (2020)**
- 2. Declaration Statement**
- 3. Public Purpose**



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

ISLAMIC CENTER OF HAWAII

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 09/03/2014 ; 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: January 14, 2020

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs



Statement of Public Purpose

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

(1) The name of the requesting organization or individual: Islamic Center of Hawaii

(2) The public purpose for the grant:

Islamic Center of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and classified as a public charity with its objective to:

1. Establish and manage a place of worship, religious school (learning center), facilities for sacrifice, cemeteries, facilities for washing and shrouding dead bodies, and other facilities needed for the establishment of a Muslim community;
2. Provide jobs and job enhancement and education opportunities;
3. Cater for their general welfare and intellectual development, including maintenance and establishment and management of places of worship and educational facilities and any other facilities needed by the communities;
4. Islamic relief work, raising funds on a constant basis and dispensing such funds to designated Islamic causes;
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6. Formalize ties with other Muslim institutions, provide a forum where area Muslims can meet and deliberate on issues that concern the Muslim community.

(3) The services to be supported by the grant:

List of services offered by the Islamic Center of Hawaii. Currently, we provide services by using a room from the Church of Holy Cross.

1. Jummah prayer (Friday prayer)-whole year

2. Month-long Ramadan prayer (one month per year)

3. Eid Gatherings(two Eid gatherings per year)

4. **Community gathering and social events (approximately 3-5 times per year)**
5. **Interfaith community events and meetings (Monthly)**
6. **Meeting with local govt. officials, law enforcement agencies, etc. (3-5 times per year)**
7. **Meeting with other faiths' leaders(3-5 times per year)**
8. **Provide economic support to counteract the deterioration of family-unit in the community**
9. **Provide jobs and job enhancement and education opportunities**
10. **Facilitate and enhance the establishment of a sound family and community structure.**
11. **Collecting donations to build the first mosque on Big Island, Hawaii. Currently, we do not have any dedicated place for our group**
12. **Provide funeral services for our community members on Big Island, Hawaii**
13. **Provide wedding services for our community members on Big Island, Hawaii**
14. **Provide guest services to Muslim visitors on Big Island, Hawaii.**

(4) The target group:

Underrepresented minority ethnic groups of Muslims in the Big Island of Hawaii

(5) The cost of the grant will be \$50,000 towards the overall budget towards a down payment to purchase a facility.

[L 1997, c 190, pt of §3; am L 2014, c 96, §6]



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

SHANON RAHMAN

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/14/2020

DATE

Grant-In-Aid Application

Islamic Center of Hawaii Hilo, Hawaii

II. Background and Summary

- 1. Brief Description of the applicant's background**
- 2. The goals and objectives related to the request**
- 3. The public purpose and need to be served**
- 4. Describe the target population to be served**
- 5. Describe the geographic coverage**

1. Brief Description of the applicant's background

The Islamic Center of Hawaii (<http://www.icHawaii.org>) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established on December 15, 2015. It holds weekly Friday (Jumma) prayer services throughout the year, as well as nightly Ramadan (Tarawa) prayer services one month of the year. The community holds its social events, cultural gatherings, and educational meetings in a room that is rented at the Church of the Holy Cross located at 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, HI 96720. This is currently a temporary prayer space for the community that is rented through a contractual agreement with the board members from the Church of the Holy Cross.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii aims to collaborate with the University of Hawaii-Hilo that is located across the street from the facility. In addition to hosting many international students from Muslim countries who come to Hilo, Hawaii to study, the community has been active in assisting with teaching and researching topics in Islam. Currently, we are in the process of building the first official Islamic Center of Hawaii on the Big Island, which will include a mosque, cemetery, and community room. As of now, there is no other congregational Friday Jumma prayer service on the Big Island of Hawaii. Currently, we do not hold other prayers congregationally except for the Friday Jumma prayer.



Islamic Center of Hawaii - Eid Celebration - August 2019 - Hilo, Hawaii

2. The goals and objectives related to the request

The Islamic Center of Hawaii is requesting \$50,000 for a Grant-In-Aid that will be used towards the following goals and objectives:

- Pay towards a partial down payment to build the first Mosque on Big Island, Hawaii;
- Provide jobs, job training, and job enhancement of current mosque assistants;
- Provide education opportunities for children and local members of the community.



Islamic Center of Hawaii – Friday Jummah Prayer Services - Hilo, Hawaii

3. The public purpose and need to be served

The Islamic Center of Hawaii offers the following services:

- Weekly Friday Jummah prayer services throughout the year
- Month-long Ramadan nightly prayer services
- Holiday Eid Feast Gatherings twice a year
- Community gatherings and social events (approximately 3-5 times per year)
- Interfaith community events and meetings (Monthly)
- Meetings with local government officials, law enforcement agencies, and members of the university / community college (3-5 times per year)
- Meetings with faith leaders living in or visiting Hawaii (3-5 times per year)
- Providing job resources educational enhancement opportunities
- Collecting donations to build the first mosque on Big Island of Hawaii because currently we do not have any dedicated place for our community group
- Provide funeral services for our community members on the Big Island
- Provide wedding services for our community members on the Big Island
- Provide guest services hosting Muslim visitors and students on the Big Island

4. Describe the target population to be served

Muslims of Hawaii form a vibrant society. On the Big Island, the Islamic Center of Hawaii arranges various social and religious programs for Muslims, as well as educational programs for non-Muslims. It has been host to hundreds of Muslim families, students, and tourists. We would like to build an official Islamic Center of Hawaii near the University of Hawaii-Hilo to be available for the Muslim faculty, staff, professors, as well as international students who come to Hawaii to study.

The Muslim Association of Hawaii located on Oahu estimates there are currently over 5,000 Muslims living in the State of Hawaii from 42 different countries of different races and cultures, many of which are American-born citizens.

According to *ArabNews.com*, in an article entitled "Vibrant Muslim Community in Hawaii," the Muslims in Hawaii are like a rainbow presenting various colors in one arch. The multinational Muslim community in Hawaii consists of Muslims from the Uighurs of China to the Touareq of Mauritania, to the Aloha people of Hawaii, from Pakistani and Arab professionals to American-born converts and recent immigrants from Palestine and Iraq, are all merged into one community. The mosque serves as a social center for all of them.

In May 2009, the Hawaii State Senate overwhelmingly approved a bill to celebrate "Islam Day on September 24 every year." The bill seeks to recognize "the rich religious, scientific, cultural, and artistic contributions" that Islam and the Islamic world have made. The date of September 24 was selected as the Prophet Muhammad's arrival at Madinah in the first year of Hijrah.

In support of the bill, Senator Will Espero, a Democrat who served in the 19th district from 2002 to 2018, said: "We are a state of tolerance. We understand that people have different beliefs. We may not all agree on every single item and issue out there, but to say and highlight the negativity of the Islamic people is an insult to the majority of believers who are good law-abiding citizens of the world."

Hawaii has also served as a mini-center for Islamic art and culture with the Shangri-La mansion built by Doris Duke in 1937 that holds a repository of over 3,500 pieces of Islamic art collected from Muslim countries, as well as the Islamic architecture embodied in the building itself. Her former home is now operated by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art with tours operating in cooperation with the Honolulu Museum of Art.

For these reasons and more, the target population to be served with the funds from this Grant-in-Aid will include thousands of Muslim tourists who visit the Big Island who seek a place for worship and community gatherings with local Muslims. We have also educated and converted many local people to become Muslims and seek to continue to spread Islam to throughout the Pacific Islands.

5. Describe the geographic coverage

Using the funds from the Grant-in-Aid towards a down payment in purchasing/leasing a facility space, we would like to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii near the University of Hawaii-Hilo campus. We are planning to purchase land and build a mosque or purchase an old church and convert to a mosque.

Geographical coverage will include Muslims who live or visit the Eastern region of Hawaii County.

This will be the ^{first} ~~first~~ mosque on Big Island, Hawaii.

Currently, there is no congregational prayer place on Big Island, Hawaii.

Grant-In-Aid Application

Islamic Center of Hawaii Hilo, Hawaii

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

- 1. Describe the scope of work, tasks, and responsibilities**
- 2. Provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service**
- 3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results**
- 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**

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

We would like to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii near the University of Hawaii-Hilo campus. We are planning to purchase or lease land and build the Islamic Center of Hawaii or purchase an old church and convert to an Islamic center. The funds from the Grant-in-Aid would go towards a partial down payment for the property.

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

We are aiming to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii by December 2020 with the assistance of the funds from this Grant-in-Aid along with our efforts to continue to fundraise with donations from other donors.

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

The Islamic Center of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that files yearly federal tax reports with a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Currently, the board members (three) and executive committee members (ten) of the Islamic Center conduct weekly meetings every Friday. These committee members will be accountable for quality assurance, and will evaluate/monitor the project status, budget, spending, and purchase.

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

The Islamic Center of Hawaii will comply with funding regulations and fulfill routine reporting requirements.

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**Islamic Center of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii**

IV. 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 to page6](#))
 - b. Personnel salaries and wages ([Link to page7](#))
 - c. Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link to page 8](#))
 - d. Capital project details ([Link to page 9](#))
 - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link to page10](#))

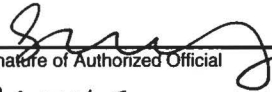
Please see the budget (MS Excel) files.

a. Budget request by source of funds

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Applicant: _____ Islamic Center of Hawaii _____

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Salaries	0	0	0	0
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	0	0	0	0
3. Fringe Benefits	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	0	0	0	0
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island	0	0	0	0
2. Insurance	0	0	0	0
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	0	0	0	0
4. Lease/Rental of Space	0	0	0	0
5. Staff Training	0	0	0	0
6. Supplies	0	0	0	0
7. Telecommunication	0	0	0	0
8. Utilities	0	0	0	0
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0	0	0	0
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0	0	0	0
E. CAPITAL (initial payment for Islamic Center of Hawaii)	50,000	0	0	0
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	50,000	0	0	0
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	50,000	Md Moniruzzaman, CPA	808-315-2727	
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print)	Phone	
(c) Total County Funds Requested			1/17/2020	
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official	Date	
TOTAL BUDGET	50,000	SARAH ELEBANY, LEGAL COUNSEL		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

b. Personnel salaries and wages

c. Equipment and motor vehicles

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Applicant: Islamic Center of Hawaii

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
None			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	0	\$0.00	\$ -	

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
None			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:			\$ -	

* JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: We will not need any equipment or motor vehicles at this time.

d. Capital project details

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Applicant: _____Islamic Center of Hawaii_____

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: 2018-2019	FY: 2019-2020	FY:2020-2021	FY:2020-2021	FY:2021-2022	FY:2022-2023
PLANS						
LAND and Facility ACQUISITION		165,000.00	50,000.00		135,000.00	150,000.00
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:		165,000.00	50,000.00		135,000.00	150,000.00
<p>* JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: So far, we have collected donations of around \$165,000 (as of January 14, 2020) to build the first mosque on the Big Island of Hawaii. The project will continue to solicit donations from the local community and online donations. Approximate costs of the complete project is \$500,000.</p>						

e. Government contracts, grants & grants in aid

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Islamic Center of Hawaii

Contracts Total: N/A

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S. / State / Haw / Hon / Kau / Mau)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	None				
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- 2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2021.**

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$50,000				\$50,000

- 3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2021.**

We are seeking mainly personal donations. We collect both online and in-person donations currently to operate our services and pay for prayer room rental expenses. We intend to use funding to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii.

- 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.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax exempted organization. There is no taxable income or tax credit that has been granted; however, we submit annual tax returns F990EZ since 2015.

- 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 2021 for program funding.**

None. We have not received any federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, or grants in aid as of now. For the upcoming fiscal year 2021, we hope this application will be approved for this grant-in-aid program funding.

- 6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2019.**

As of December 31, 2019, the Islamic Center of Hawaii has a Bank Account balance of \$160,225.

This money was collected from donors to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii.

Grant-In-Aid Application

**Islamic Center of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii**

V. 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 members of the board of trustees and executive committee members are professionals, such as professors, engineers, doctors, CPAs, lawyers, and good standing members of the community. They have ample skills and experience to manage projects and grants.

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.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii (<http://www.icHawaii.org>) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established on December 15, 2015. It holds weekly Friday (Jummah) prayer services throughout the year, as well as nightly Ramadan (Tarawa) prayer services one month of the year. The community holds its social events, cultural gatherings, and educational meetings in a room that is rented at the Church of the Holy Cross located at 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, HI 96720. This is currently a temporary prayer space for the community that is rented through a contractual agreement with the board members from the Church of the Holy Cross. The church also allows access to its restrooms, cafeteria, kitchen space, and additional community rooms upon prior request.

This grant-in-aid will be used towards a down payment in securing a facility that the Islamic Center of Hawaii may call its own. We will be buying or leasing a property for the community members, tourists, students, and everyone to gather.

Grant-In-Aid Application

**Islamic Center of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii**

**VI. Personnel:
Project Organization and Staffing**

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.

Currently, there are no salaried employees. Work has been done by volunteers only. The members of the board of trustees, executive committee members, and community members work voluntarily. We are not aiming to hire any personnel.

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.

Management Board or Committee

President-Dr. Shawon Rahman

Vice-president: Mr. Anwar Kazi

Treasurer: Mr. Md Moniruzzaman

Secretary: Dr. Shawon Rahman (*Interim*)

Management Board Short Bios:

President: Dr. Shawon Rahman

Dr. Rahman is the organizer of the Big Island, Hawaii Muslim Community. He manages the Big Island (Island of Hawaii) Muslim community and represents the Muslim Community in the Interfaith Community in Action (<http://ifHawaii.org/>) of Hawaii. Dr. Rahman is very active in the interfaith community and has volunteered & developed the Interfaith Website.



Professionally, Dr. Shawon Rahman is an Associate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Hawaii, USA. He has earned his BS degree in Chemical Engineering, MS in Computer Science, and Ph.D. in Software engineering degrees. He has published over 125 articles in scientific international journals, books, and conferences. His primary research focuses are Information Security, Mobile Apps Development, Cloud-computing, Game Development, etc. You may check his academic profile at <http://cse.uhh.hawaii.edu/srahman.html> for further detail.

Contact info:

Address: 200 W Kawili st, Hilo, HI 96720

Email: SRahman@Hawaii.edu , Phone: 808-932-7524

Vice-president: Mr. Anwar Kazi

Mr. Anwar Kazi is a practiced Muslim and a prominent social worker in Hawaii. He has contributed to several social and humanitarian events throughout the USA and abroad.

Professionally, Mr. Kazi is an innovative and prominent business man having strong ties with the Hawaiian island communities for 30 years. A degreed engineer, he runs several firms, most notably Mastercare® Homecare & Healthcare and Staffingpower™ with locations in Hawaii and the mainland. Mr. Kazi is an avid runner and encourages healthy pursuits for all his employees.



Contact info:

Address: 1314 South King Street, Suite 424, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Email: anwarkazi@gmail.com , Phone: 808 597-1564

Treasurer: Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman (Monir)

Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman (Monir) is a practiced Muslim and a social worker in Hawaii. He has contributed to several social and humanitarian events in USA, Canada, and abroad.

Professionally, Mr. Moniruzzaman has earned CPA (Certified Public Accountant-IL), CGA (Canada), ICMA (UK), MA in Accounting. He has more than 14 years of experience in Accounting, Taxation, Finance, etc. in Hawaii and abroad. Mr. Moniruzzaman is expert in dealing International affairs while works in accounting, taxation, financial forecasting, budgeting, etc. Currently, he works as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Big Island Federal Credit Union, Hilo, Hawaii. Bank.



Contact info:

Address: 66 Lono Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Email: monirz71@gmail.com , Phone: 808 315-2727

Secretary: Dr. Shawon Rahman

Dr. Rahman is also the interim secretary of the Islamic Center of Hawaii. Please refer to the beginning of this document in which we have added his short bio.

3. Compensation

The applicant shall provide an annual salary range paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position title, not employee name.

Currently, there is no salaried employee. Work will be done by volunteers only. The members of board of trustees, executive committee members, and community members work voluntarily. We are not aiming to hire any personnel.

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VII. 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.

None/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.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

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.

None/Not Applicable

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2020-21 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

(a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2020-21, but

(b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii will seek continuous charitable donations from the local community and members dues.

Application for Grants

If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".

I. Certification – Please attach immediately after cover page

1. 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, 2019.

2. Declaration Statement

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

3. 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](#))

II. 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 Islamic Center of Hawaii (<http://www.icHawaii.org>) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established on December 15, 2015. It holds weekly Friday (Jummah) prayer services throughout the year, as well as nightly Ramadan (Tarawa) prayer services one month of the year. The community holds its social events, cultural gatherings, and educational meetings in a room that is rented at the Church of the Holy Cross located at 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, HI 96720. This is currently a temporary prayer space for the community that is rented through a contractual agreement with the board members from the Church of the Holy Cross.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii aims to collaborate with the University of Hawaii-Hilo that is located across the street from the facility. In addition to hosting many international students from Muslim countries who come to Hilo, Hawaii to study, the community has been active in assisting with teaching and researching topics

in Islam. Currently, we are in the process of building the first official Islamic Center of Hawaii on the Big Island, which will include a mosque, cemetery, and community room. As of now, there is no other congregational Friday Jummah prayer service on the Big Island of Hawaii. Currently, we do not hold other prayers congregationally except for the Friday Jummah prayer.



2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

The Islamic Center of Hawaii is requesting \$50,000 for a Grant-In-Aid that will be used towards the following goals and objectives:

- Pay towards a partial down payment to build the first Mosque on Big Island, Hawaii;
- Provide jobs, job training, and job enhancement of current mosque assistants;
- Provide education opportunities for children and local members of the community.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

The Islamic Center of Hawaii offers the following services:

- Weekly Friday Jummah prayer services throughout the year
- Month-long Ramadan nightly prayer services
- Holiday Eid Feast Gatherings twice a year
- Community gatherings and social events (approximately 3-5 times per year)
- Interfaith community events and meetings (Monthly)
- Meetings with local government officials, law enforcement agencies, and members of the university / community college (3-5 times per year)
- Meetings with faith leaders living in or visiting Hawaii (3-5 times per year)
- Providing job resources educational enhancement opportunities
- Collecting donations to build the first mosque on Big Island of Hawaii because currently we do not have any dedicated place for our community group
- Provide funeral services for our community members on the Big Island
- Provide wedding services for our community members on the Big Island
- Provide guest services hosting Muslim visitors and students on the Big Island

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

Muslims of Hawaii form a vibrant society. On the Big Island, the Islamic Center of Hawaii arranges various social and religious programs for Muslims, as well as educational programs for non-Muslims. It has been host to hundreds of Muslim families, students, and tourists. We would like to build an official Islamic Center of Hawaii near the University of Hawaii-Hilo to be available for the Muslim faculty, staff, professors, as well as international students who come to Hawaii to study.

The Muslim Association of Hawaii located on Oahu estimates there are currently over 5,000 Muslims living in the State of Hawaii from 42 different countries of different races and cultures, many of which are American-born citizens.

According to *ArabNews.com*, in an article entitled “Vibrant Muslim Community in Hawaii,” the Muslims in Hawaii are like a rainbow presenting various colors in one arch. The multinational Muslim community in Hawaii consists of Muslims from the Uighurs of China to the Touareq of Mauritania, to the Aloha people of Hawaii, from Pakistani and Arab professionals to American-born converts and recent immigrants from Palestine and Iraq, are all merged into one community. The mosque serves as a social center for all of them.

In May 2009, the Hawaii State Senate overwhelmingly approved a bill to celebrate “Islam Day on September 24 every year.” The bill seeks to recognize “the rich religious, scientific, cultural, and artistic contributions” that Islam and the Islamic world have made. The date of September 24 was selected as the Prophet Muhammad’s arrival at Madinah in the first year of Hijrah.

In support of the bill, Senator Will Espero, a Democrat who served in the 19th district from 2002 to 2018, said: “We are a state of tolerance. We understand that people have different beliefs. We may not all agree on every single item and issue out there, but to say and highlight the negativity of the Islamic people is an insult to the majority of believers who are good law-abiding citizens of the world.”

Hawaii has also served as a mini-center for Islamic art and culture with the Shangri-La mansion built by Doris Duke in 1937 that holds a repository of over 3,500 pieces of Islamic art collected from Muslim countries, as well as the Islamic architecture embodied in the building itself. Her former home is now operated by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art with tours operating in cooperation with the Honolulu Museum of Art.

For these reasons and more, the target population to be served with the funds from this Grant-in-Aid will include thousands of Muslim tourists who visit the Big Island who seek a place for worship and community gatherings with local Muslims. We have also educated and converted many local people to become Muslims and seek to continue to spread Islam to throughout the Pacific Islands.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Using the funds from the Grant-in-Aid towards a down payment in purchasing/leasing a facility space, we would like to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii near the University of Hawaii-Hilo campus. We are planning to purchase land and build a mosque or purchase an old church and convert to a mosque.

Geographical coverage will include Muslims who live or visit the Eastern region of Hawaii County.

This will be the first mosque on Big Island, Hawaii.
Currently, there is no congregational prayer place on Big Island, Hawaii.

III. 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;

We would like to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii near the University of Hawaii-Hilo campus. We are planning to purchase or lease land and build the Islamic Center of Hawaii or purchase an old church and convert to an Islamic center. The funds from the Grant-in-Aid would go towards a partial down payment for the property.

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

We are aiming to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii by December 2020 with the assistance of the funds from this Grant-in-Aid along with our efforts to continue to fundraise with donations from other donors.

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

The Islamic Center of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that files yearly federal tax reports with a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Currently, the board members (three) and executive committee members (ten) of the Islamic Center conduct weekly meetings every Friday. These committee members will be accountable for quality assurance, and will evaluate/monitor the project status, budget, spending, and purchase.

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.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii will comply with funding regulations and fulfill routine reporting requirements.

IV. 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 to page6](#))
 - b. Personnel salaries and wages ([Link to page7](#))
 - c. Equipment and motor vehicles ([Link to page 8](#))
 - d. Capital project details ([Link to page 9](#))
 - e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid ([Link to page10](#))

Please see the budget (MS Excel) files.

2. **The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2021.**

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$50,000				\$50,000

3. **The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2021.**

We are seeking mainly personal donations. We collect both online and in-person donations currently to operate our services and pay for prayer room rental expenses. We intend to use funding to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii.

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.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax exempted organization. There is no taxable income or tax credit that has been granted; however, we submit annual tax returns F990EZ since 2015.

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 2021 for program funding.**

None. We have not received any federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, or grants in aid as of now. For the upcoming fiscal year 2021, we hope this application will be approved for this grant-in-aid program funding.

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2019.

As of December 31, 2019, the Islamic Center of Hawaii has a Bank Account balance of \$160,225.

This money was collected from donors to build the Islamic Center of Hawaii.

V. 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 members of board of trustees and executive committee members are professionals such as professors, engineers, doctors, CPA, lawyers, etc. They have ample skills and experience to manage projects and grants.

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.

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This grant-in-aid will be used towards a down payment in securing a facility that the Islamic Center of Hawaii may call its own. We will be buying or leasing a property for the community members, tourists, students, and everyone to gather.

VI. 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.

Currently, there are no salaried employees. Work has been done by volunteers only.

The members of the board of trustees, executive committee members, and community members work voluntarily. We are not aiming to hire any personnel.

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.

Management Board or Committee

President-Dr. Shawon Rahman
Vice-president: Mr. Anwar Kazi
Treasurer: Mr. Md Moniruzzaman
Secretary: Dr. Shawon Rahman

Management Board Short Bios:

President: Dr. Shawon Rahman

Dr. Rahman is the organizer of the Big Island, Hawaii Muslim Community.

He manages the Big Island (Island of Hawaii) Muslim community and represents the Muslim Community in the Interfaith Community in Action (<http://ifHawaii.org/>) of Hawaii. Dr. Rahman is very active in the interfaith community and has volunteered & developed the Interfaith Website.



Professionally, Dr. Shawon Rahman is an Associate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Hawaii, USA. He has earned his BS degree in Chemical Engineering, MS in Computer Science, and Ph.D. in Software engineering degrees. He has published over 125 articles in scientific international journals, books, and conferences. His primary research focuses are Information Security, Mobile Apps Development, Cloud-computing, Game Development, etc. You may check his academic profile at <http://cse.uhh.hawaii.edu/srahman.html> for further detail.

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Vice-president: Mr. Anwar Kazi

Mr. Anwar Kazi is a practiced Muslim and a prominent social worker in Hawaii. He has contributed to several social and humanitarian events throughout the USA and abroad.

Professionally, Mr. Kazi is an innovative and prominent business man having strong ties with the Hawaiian island communities for 30 years. A degreed engineer, he runs several firms, most notably Mastercare® Homecare & Healthcare and Staffingpower™ with locations in Hawaii and the mainland. Mr. Kazi is an avid runner and encourages healthy pursuits for all his employees.



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Treasurer: Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman (Monir)

Mr. Md. Moniruzzaman (Monir) is a practiced Muslim and a social worker in Hawaii. He has contributed to several social and humanitarian events in USA, Canada, and abroad.

Professionally, Mr. Moniruzzaman has earned CPA (Certified Public Accountant-IL), CGA (Canada), ICMA (UK), MA in Accounting. He has more than 14 years of experience in Accounting, Taxation, Finance, etc. in Hawaii and abroad. Mr. Moniruzzaman is expert in dealing International affairs while works in accounting, taxation, financial forecasting, budgeting, etc. Currently, he works as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Big Island Federal Credit Union, Hilo, Hawaii. Bank.



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Secretary: Dr. Shawon Rahman

Dr. Rahman is also the interim secretary of the Islamic Center of Hawaii. Please refer to the beginning of this document in which we have added his short bio.

3. Compensation

The applicant shall provide an annual salary range paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position title, not employee name.

Currently, there is no salaried employee. Work will be done by volunteers only. The members of board of trustees, executive committee members, and community members work voluntarily. We are not aiming to hire any personnel.

VII. 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.

None/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.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

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.

None/Not Applicable

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2020-21 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2020-21, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

The Islamic Center of Hawaii will seek continuous charitable donations from the local community and members dues.