

## 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
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- 8) Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

*Carla Houser*

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

CARLA HOUSER, Executive Director

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1.20.23

DATE

**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:

Residential Youth Services & Empowerment

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 395,472

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

The creation of a clean and sober transition living program for transitional aged youth (18-24). Will pay for operational costs and supportive services. Participants will be provided with Substance abuse treatments, and therapy groups, financial literacy, education, and employment counseling.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal:                \$ 2,073,716

County:                 \$ 116,682

Private/Other:        \$ 502,497

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

\$ 3,004,487

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 1,523,084

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

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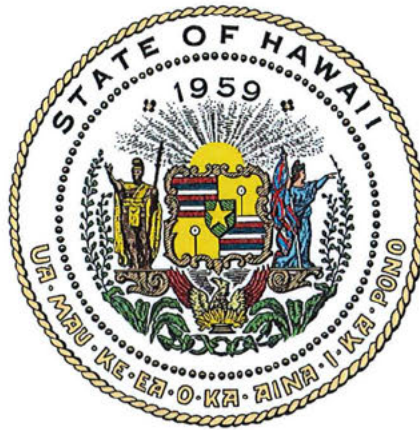
Authorized Signature

Carla Houser, Executive Director

Name and Title

1.20.2023

Date Signed



## 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

#### RESIDENTIAL YOUTH SERVICES & EMPOWERMENT

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 12/16/2015 ; 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 20, 2023

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs







STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

**CERTIFICATE OF VENDOR COMPLIANCE**

This document presents the compliance status of the vendor identified below on the issue date with respect to certificates required from the Hawaii Department of Taxation (DOTAX), the Internal Revenue Service, the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

**Vendor Name:** RESIDENTIAL YOUTH SERVICES & EMPOWERMENT

**DBA/Trade Name:** RYSE

**Issue Date:** 01/20/2023

**Status:** **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: 01575034-88  
New Hawaii Tax#: GE-0157503488-01  
FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX2826  
UI#: XXXXXX5080  
DCCA FILE#: 256563

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

Form	Department(s)	Status
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Compliant
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Compliant
COGS	Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Exempt
LIR27	Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations	Compliant

**Status Legend:**

Status	Description
Exempt	The entity is exempt from this requirement
Compliant	The entity is compliant with this requirement or the entity is in agreement with agency and actively working towards compliance
Pending	A status determination has not yet been made
Submitted	The entity has applied for the certificate but it is awaiting approval
Not Compliant	The entity is not in compliance with the requirement and should contact the issuing agency for more information



**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; and
- 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.
- 4) The use of grant-in-aid funding complies with all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii (for example, pursuant to Article X, section 1, of the Constitution, the State cannot provide "... public funds ... for the support or benefit of any sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution...").

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.

Residential Youth Services & Empowerment (RYSE)  
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

Carla Houser  
(Signature)

1.20.2023  
(Date)

CARLA HOUSER  
(Typed Name)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
(Title)

## 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, 2022.

#### **2. Declaration Statement**

The applicant shall submit a declaration statement affirming its compliance with Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

***See Attached***

#### **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.

As a response to **§42F-102 Applications for grants**. Requests for grants shall be submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature at the start of each regular session of the legislature. Each request shall state: (1) The name of the requesting organization or individual; (2) The public purpose for the grant; (3) The services to be supported by the grant; (4) The target group; and (5) The cost of the grant and the budget. [L 1997, c 190, pt of §3; am L 2014, c 96, §6]; we have included the following narrative to detail all items will be used for a public purpose.

### **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;

Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE) began in 2015 as Friends of Youth Outreach Hawai'i Foundation to champion the cause of ending youth homelessness and guide street-identified, at-risk youth toward a brighter future. RYSE



provides youth under 25 years, who are currently on the street and most often have experienced victimization, access to immediate and longer-term shelter, housing, and services designed to address their unique needs. Utilizing a trauma-informed, youth-driven approach, RYSE provides Diversion, Mobile Crisis Street Outreach, a Drop-In Center, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing. Last year, RYSE engaged 407 unduplicated youth through outreach and sheltered 132 youth experiencing homelessness.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

RYSE is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that opened its doors in June 2018. Located in Kailua, it was Hawai'i's first comprehensive housing and drop-in center for youth, up to age 24. RYSE also offers housing projects in Makiki, Ala Moana, and Haleiwa, as well as island wide outreach and a continuum of support. This is a response to a gap in services on O'ahu for homeless, street-identified, unaccompanied youth. Youth served by RYSE are also eligible for adult services, however, the RYSE philosophy addresses the specific needs of young adults.

The past year marked an adaptation to a "new normal" with the COVID-19 pandemic, the passing of a bill that increased a minor's right to access shelter, and an influx of millions of dollars from the Youth Housing Demonstration Project (YHDP). YHDP supports programs and housing for youth experiencing homelessness. RYSE partnered with agencies across O'ahu to open up new facilities, which increased the number of beds available for youth experiencing homelessness. This was a critical improvement during the pandemic. RYSE also expanded program opportunities for youth, in partnership with organizations both on and off-site, and capitalized on the strengths of non-profits and other culture-focused programs on O'ahu.

RYSE continues to utilize a strength-based, trauma-informed, harm reduction framework that puts the youth in charge of their own plan forward at RYSE. This fosters a trust between staff and youth and allows the youth to find their way, on their own time.

RYSE is piloting 'Apapane, which is a Clean and Sober transitional living home for youth, aged 18-24 years. This would be a brand-new concept for this age-range for our state. Currently there are no operating homes for young adults struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. This 4 to 5 bedroom home will feature a full-time Certified Substance and Abuse Counselor (CSAC), site coordinator, and financial literacy counselor to provide comprehensive support for youth. The **ultimate goal** is to help them move out of homelessness and into independent living.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

There is an alarming need for more Clean and Sober Housing programs for transitional youth in our state. "According to new figures, roughly 1 in every 10 middle and high



school students in Hawaii report a probable substance use disorder indicating a need for treatment. The Hawaii Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Survey also shows treatment needs increase by grade, more than doubling from middle school to high school.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, drug and alcohol abuse go hand in hand with crime and homelessness. RYSE works with the juvenile justice system through public defenders, judges, and other service providers to help fill the gaps in housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness. Our data has demonstrated that 36% of our outreach, 43% of our Kawaiiloa shelter, and 29% of our Housing Program youth have reported an alcohol and/or drug abuse problem.

Homelessness in Hawaii is a persistent problem. According to a recent study conducted by the AARP, published in November 2022, there were 5,116 adults in our state without a place to sleep on any given night. Additionally, there were an estimated 3,906 evictions in 2022. "Oahu has the highest overall number of homeless adults, with 3,932, followed by Hawaii County (536), Maui (463), and Kauai (463). Oahu also has the greatest per capita homeless population, with 49 homeless individuals per 10,000 residents."<sup>2</sup>

The 'Apapane Clean and Sober home is a response to an urgent and compelling need to expand youth focused Transitional Housing (TH) capacity. The purpose is to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness who are seeking recovery that is trauma-informed and developmentally appropriate. In 2023, Fair Market Rent (FMR) for an efficient apartment is \$1,563 per month. Many property managers require a monthly income of three times the rent to lease a unit. Expecting homeless youth to earn \$4,689 a month or \$56,268 per year is unrealistic. Many young adults have marginal work experience and are therefore employed at the minimum wage rate of \$12 per hour. Working full time at a minimum wage job, a youth can expect to gross \$24,960. This translates to affording a rent of \$693 per month. (\$24,960 a year divided by 12 = \$2,080 per month. Divided by 3 = \$693).

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

RYSE provides transition-aged youth (ages 18 to 24) and their children a home in a low-barrier shelter with all the comforts and resources to connect them with a continuum of care. We are requesting funding to pilot a new home for homeless youth who are recovering from alcohol and/or drug dependence. This transitional living space will be a home for five youth and provide all services available to homeless individuals. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), transitional-aged youth maintain their designation as homeless while living in TH and, therefore, qualify for resources such as housing vouchers and other services. RYSE

<sup>1</sup>

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2022/08/18/expert-worrisome-rates-drug-use-among-hawaii-youth-could-fuel-surge-crime/>

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<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2022/11/18/aarp--kupuna-make-up-nearly-half-of-hawaii-homeless-population#:~:text=65%20and%20older.-,The%20total%20number%20of%20homeless%20adults%20in%20the%20state%20is,2022%20is%20estimated%20at%203%2C906.>



programs include academic and employment counseling, medical assistance for both physical and mental health, legal support services, and economic empowerment support to help teach and stabilize both skill-set and mindset towards building self-sufficiency. These services delivered by staff with targeted knowledge and expertise will help meet community needs, address immediate crisis and trauma, and support long-term recovery.

According to the RYSE 2021 Annual Report, the top reasons youth become homeless were being kicked out (42%), other family issues (39%), and drinking and drug use (23%). The rate of drug use in 2021 (68%) is similar to 2020 (67%), however, alcohol use in 2021 (44%) has increased from 2020 (39%). The two most popular drugs of choice continue to be marijuana and methamphetamine. Over one third of all RYSE youth said they would like help quitting their drug or alcohol use (35%), emphasizing the continued need for these services.

According to a Street Youth Study conducted in 2018 by the University of Hawaii Center on the Family, Waikiki Health, and Hale Kipa, youth aged 18-24 are the fastest-growing homelessness group in Hawaii. This age group accounts for 92% of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness, a trend likely to increase with COVID-19 continuing to cause economic hardships and increase household tensions. Due to having one of the highest costs of living in the United States, a robust social service safety net is imperative to make youth homelessness in Hawaii rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

The new 'Apapane home will be located in an area convenient to schools, employment opportunities, public transportation, recreation, and culturally significant events. While RYSE serves the entire state of Hawaii, the majority of our youth reside on the island of O'ahu. Therefore, it is imperative that we put additional focus on this area. According to the 2022 Point in Count Report, Region 1 (Downtown Honolulu, Kalihi, Nu'uuanu) and Region 2 (East Honolulu) have the largest percentage of the unsheltered population with 26% and 24% respectively. Region 6 has the smallest portion of the population across the island at 4%; followed by Region 5 and Region 4 at 7%. Our new program will serve all transitional-aged youth across the island and focus on Region 1 of O'ahu.

### **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;

The scope of 'Apapane, RYSE's pilot Clean and Sober home, is to provide safe, structured, and stable TH for Youth Experiencing Homelessness (YEH) who wish to live in a drug and alcohol free environment. Residents will be provided counseling for



substance use and abuse, financial literacy, education, and employment, in addition to safe TH. This pilot program will serve five youth living in TH and 75 other unduplicated youth who access other RYSE service programs, such as shelter and/or wrap-around services at the Kawailoa Access Center shelter in Kailua and housing programs located in Haleiwa, Makiki, and Ala Moana. Counseling sessions will be designed to meet each individual's specific needs and there will also be group sessions to help build a community of recovery.

'Apapane residents will be required to maintain 100% abstinence from drugs and alcohol for the entirety of their stay. However, RYSE recognizes relapse as a part of the recovery process and residents will not be exited from the program automatically, if they relapse. Most other sober living programs are intolerant of relapse. However, at RYSE, youth who struggle maintaining sobriety will be supported if they have a desire to recover. The CSAC will support the youth who come to RYSE seeking sobriety.

RYSE has housed more than 50 youth experiencing homelessness over the past two years. RYSE has relationships with more than 20 landlords and will leverage those connections to identify and lease an appropriate 4-5 bedroom home in a location convenient to public transportation, employment, education, recreation, and cultural activities.

Residents will pay a flat fee of \$400 per month as a program fee. Half of the affordable monthly program fee will be applied to 'Apapane program operations and the other half will be saved for the youth and returned to them at the end of their stay. This payment model will help youth save money and create a history of paying rent on time. Youth will have the support of the Financial Literacy Counselor (FLC) who will create individual plans for each youth, help them achieve their goals, and grow from their setbacks.

RYSE has demonstrated the success of TH for youth. Since 2020, we have operated an 8 bedroom transitional housing program for youth who are victims of crime. This project is funded by the State of Hawaii Office of the Attorney General through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The program provides intensive behavioral health services as well as education on developing the living skills youth will need once they move on to independent living. The services are trauma informed and developmentally appropriate. Youth build a community in the home and learn to value the stability and security of being housed. Youth can stay up to two years, although most youth are ready to move on within 9 months.

During the first two years of the RYSE Makiki Project TH, the percentage of youth who exited to a positive housing destination was 100%. On the other hand, with Rapid Rehousing (RRH) subsidies, only 38% of participants exited to a positive housing destination over the same time period. Over the past two years, 62% of the youth enrolled in RRH programs were unable to sustain their housing with the assistance of the short term rental subsidy. RRH supported youth also required a high number of interventions from their case manager. These interventions included conflict resolution with neighbors and mediation with landlords due to repeated lease violations. RYSE believes TH is the best method to house these youth in our community, as it provides a



shared living environment where youth can learn from each other while benefiting from more intensive social services.

'Apapane residents will receive legal assistance from a licensed attorney, i.e. advice and representation in matters that interfere with the individual reentry process or their ability to obtain/retain housing. This includes criminal defense, guardianship, orders of protection, resolution of criminal warrants, and civil remedies. Services also include filing, court fines, and fees. Not to mention, legal services can resolve additional charges mounted to clients, as well as assist clients with house arrest and alcohol monitoring court-imposed fees. Access to legal services eradicates multiple reentry barriers, such as administrative costs youth face after being released from jail/prison. RYSE has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place with an attorney who has experience with substance dependent youth experiencing homelessness.

'Apapane residents will be expected to maintain compliance with all housing requirements to successfully establish and maintain a recovery pattern. The CSAC will assist each participant by promoting autonomy and increased independence during the recovery process. The CSAC and other treatment team members will begin by assessing each potential applicant. Following the screening and assessment process, the treatment team will determine eligibility for placement. Below are the screening tools that may be used (not limited to):

Screening Tools: Behavioral Health Index, Substance Abuse Screening, Brain Injury Screening, CAGE-AID, DAST-10, AUDIT.

Following screening and upon approval, each client will conduct a site survey to determine if the living conditions/location/environment are in favor of maintaining sobriety. The site coordinator will complete the intake. The intake will be documented through HI-WITS (Hawaii Web Infrastructure for Treatment Services) and Apricot. Appropriate demographics will be obtained for data purposes. Throughout the intake process, a series of assessments will be utilized. Below is a list of the assessment tools:

Assessments: Mental Status Report, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI), Drug Evaluation Network System Addiction Severity Index (DENS ASI), Recovery Support Services Questionnaire (RSS-Adult), Adolescent Drug Abuse Diagnosis (ADAD)

Each participant will be expected to participate in at least three group activities each week. Group facilitation will follow the below curriculum (not limited to):

- Anger Management Groups:
  - Avedian, A. & Caswell, I. (2017). Anger Management Essentials. Teen Edition.
  - Avedian, A. (2021). Anger Management Essentials. Strategies to Choose Peaceful Living. 2nd Edition
- Substance Abuse Groups:

- o Alcohol & Drug Abuse Self-Help Network, Inc. (2013). SMART Recovery Handbook. 3rd Edition.

In addition, each client will be expected to attend sobriety support groups like Alcoholics (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous(NA)'s 12 step recovery meetings. A Stanford researcher and two collaborators conducted an extensive review of AA and found that it was found to be 60% more effective than other interventions<sup>3</sup>. Guided social support and group meetings have benefited many and participation in meetings can significantly enhance sober living.

The Site Coordinator (SC) will be responsible for the day-to-day program activities that empower youth to move away from homelessness and substance dependence. They will ensure safety protocols and program regulations are followed. The SC empowers youth to create and maintain pro-social living habits and healthy community-living skills. The SC maintains the property and facility for compliance with all RYSE health and safety standards, which shall equal or exceed those required by law or ordinance.

The Program Manager of Housing will oversee the daily operations of the program, including the budget, supervise staff, ensure all outcomes are being met, and will provide regular progress reports to the Director of Housing Services (DOH).

The DOH will support the Program Manager in all aspects of their position. They will be responsible for grant compliance, including program evaluation and reporting to the Executive Director.

Youth living in 'Apapane will also receive support from other RYSE staff who are not funded by Grant in Aid.

The Education & Employment Counselor will provide services for youth to continue their education through traditional or non-traditional paths, including GED prep and testing, work-force development programs, and community-based internships. Additionally, they will facilitate employment ready preparations, resume-building and interviewing workshops, CPR/First Aid certifications, safety driver's courses, and other certifications that interest the youth.

The Diversion Specialist will connect with youth exiting from incarceration (re-entry), advocating for youth during court-hearings and explaining the program to all Judicial parties involved in the client's case. They will provide in-reach services to prison/detention centers to conduct assessments and enrollment processes and support released clients in adhering to terms and conditions. This includes maintaining sobriety through treatment, following curfew mandates, managing fines and fees, as well as ensuring clients attend review court-hearings and probation/parole appointments.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD012880.pub2/full>



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

<b>Objective 1: Establish the 'Apapane Clean and Sober Home for RYSE Youth</b>				
ACTIVITIES	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Secure a 4-5 bedroom property, recruit, hire, and train staff, create policies and procedures, and purchase furnishings and household items.	X			
Identify pilot participants.	X			
<b>Objective 2: Implement the 'Apapane Home Programs</b>				
Screenings, questionnaires, and preliminary documents will be collected from the participants.		X	X	X
On-going Behavioral, Counseling, Legal, Educational, Employment, and/or Housing support(s) will be offered to participating youth.		X	X	X
<b>Objective 3: Reflections and reiterations for the future</b>				
Reflections regarding programing, data collection, and evaluations will be collected.	X	X	X	X
Reporting and program evaluation will be discussed with the leadership team.	X	X	X	X
RYSE will develop plans for future programs dependent on the findings from this pilot.				X

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

All RYSE staff are trained and supervised on data collection processes that are in compliance with confidentiality/privacy regulations (i.e. HIPAA) and Trauma-Informed Care. The Program Manager will complete all required reports within the specified timeframes and utilize these reports to monitor and improve program performance (as needed) under the oversight of the Executive Director, former Chair of the CoC Data Subcommittee. RYSE utilizes data tracking and Electronic Case Files and our staff is trained to enter data the day of services. The data collected from this program will be kept outside of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and HUD data systems to support



our residents in gaining permanent housing for the future. This practice will help empower our participants in gaining sobriety and counseling without becoming a barrier to obtaining housing going forward.

The proposed outputs and outcomes, how they are tracked, and the individuals responsible are discussed and tracked at weekly case conferences to ensure each youth is working towards self-sufficiency goals. Our outcomes are focused on ending the cycle of homelessness in Hawaii by prioritizing the needs of our youth.

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.

We will measure the effectiveness of the outcomes of the 'Apapane Home by demonstrating the success of our five unduplicated youth housed in this Clean and Sober transitional living environment.

- Attendance records for the five 'Apapane residents and 75 RYSE participants, plus unduplicated youth will receive substance abuse education.
- 80% of youth who exit Transitional Housing will exit to permanent housing.
- 27 unduplicated youth will complete a substance abuse screening (DENS-ASI).
- 45 youth will complete a WITS intake. ADAD consent signed by youth.
- Five unduplicated youth will save \$1,800 by the end of the nine month program.
- 100% of TH participants will report back positive progress in one or more Life Domains. 50% of other youth will report back positive progress in one or more Life Domains.
- All of the five grant-funded staff members will attend two substance abuse related training sessions.

#### **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)
  - 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 2024.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
148,302	82,390	82,390	82,390	\$395,472

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2024.

Project	Total Award	Project Start	Project End
Diversion Year 4	\$235,884.00	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
Guide on the Side Yr 4	\$245,439.00	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
Mobile Crisis Yr 4	\$275,000.00	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
PSH Yr 4	\$474,068.00	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
TH RRH YR 4	\$188,680.00	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
Youth PH Year 2	\$177,652.00	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
Youth RRH Year 2	\$402,904.00	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
FSBY	\$150,000.00		9/29/2023
OJJDP	\$200,000.00	10/1/2022	9/30/2024
State ESG - Shelter	\$250,000.00	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
State ESG - Outreach	\$75,000.00	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
C&C GIA	\$200,000.00	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Special NOFO	\$1,036,517.00	10/1/2023	9/30/2024

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.

We have received the employee retention credit for \$486,503.53



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 2024 for program funding.

**\*See Exhibit A**

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2022.

We currently have \$1,523,084 in unrestricted assets as of December 31, 2022.

## **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.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, RYSE was able to continue serving and supporting youth across Oahu. In fact, 85% of Oahu's youth housing referrals were generated from RYSE. In 2022, we sheltered 130 youth, providing 8,471 nights of safe sleep, 315 medical clinic visits, 2,689 behavioral health visits, 53 paid internships, 51 GED enrollments, 938 outreach encounters, and 175 VI-SPDAT assessments (a tool identifying our most vulnerable youth that links them to housing resources).

We are carrying out our mission by providing a continuum of support that empowers Hawaii's street youth to move beyond homelessness. Over half of RYSE youth have graduated high school or obtained a GED. Almost a quarter of our youth were living on the streets before arriving at RYSE. We serve all youth, regardless of gender, religion, and race. 51% of our youth is Native Hawaiian or part Native Hawaiian. Almost one-fifth of RYSE youth identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or another non-heterosexual identity. Therefore, we provide inclusive and culturally relevant programs to help everyone feel safe, seen, heard, and empowered at all levels of our organization.

RYSE is knowledgeable and skilled in Trauma-Informed Care, Positive Youth Development, cultural humility, harm reduction, and victim-centered services. Staff are selected based upon demonstrated ability to engage and connect with underserved youth populations. They preferably have lived experience and can bring a level of understanding and competency to RYSE. From this starting point, we provide extensive training on relevant topics, plus supervision surrounding implementation of these important frameworks.



RYSE's Executive Director is a member of Partners in Care and the former Chair of the Data Committee. Our leadership team actively participated in the design and implementation of the state's first homeless youth CES. RYSE also collaborates with existing youth providers who meet monthly with Partners in Care (PIC) administrators to place youth into appropriate housing and discuss the necessary wraparound services to maintain housing. With youth consent, data is shared among the youth providers to ensure the appropriate services are provided and a strong collaborative effort is made to best support the youth.

We have been identified as the primary "Point of Access" for the Youth CES on the Windward side. RYSE also participates in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and CES to aid communication, advocacy, and change. Not to mention, RYSE played a lead role in developing the Oahu Youth Action Board (OYAB) and the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to End Youth Homelessness, served on the Steering Committee, and worked alongside more than 25 stakeholder organizations.

RYSE is the best organization for homeless youth because we have professional, empathetic, and compassionate staff with lived experience who truly care for each client. We pride ourselves on providing a safe and developmentally appropriate place for homeless youth to not only survive but thrive.

## **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.

RYSE has relationships with more than 20 landlords and will leverage those connections to identify and lease an appropriate 4-5 bedroom home in a location convenient to public transportation, employment, education, recreation, and cultural activities.

RYSE operates two emergency shelters and a drop in center in Kailua. Our Kawaihoa Access Center is open daily for drop in services from 8am to 8pm, offering food, hot meals, showers, laundry, WiFi, hygiene supplies, case management, behavioral health, education and employment counseling, and more. The emergency shelter has 20 beds for youth experiencing homelessness who are 18-24 years old and 5 beds for minors 14-17 years old.

In addition to the emergency shelters, RYSE operates 4 site based housing programs. Our Hale'iwa Kauhale houses youth in three houses with five bedrooms and two bathrooms each to serve up to fifteen people. Residents receive case management, medical and behavior health care, life skills training, and education and employment support. This property is on 1.5 acres and features sustainable agricultural projects, such as developing sustainable wastewater systems with our nonprofit partners at WAI.

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funded Makiki Project is an 8 bedroom, 5 bath house that provides transitional housing for victims of crime. Participants receive on site behavioral health support to guide them through the healing process caused by their victimization. During their stay they receive training on the necessary life skills they will need when they move on to independent living and access to all RYSE supportive services such as education and employment counseling and housing case management.

Another site based housing program is Manu o Ku, a HUD funded 6 bedroom affordable housing program. Youth pay an affordable rate of \$500 for a single room with utilities included. They receive case management and education and employment counseling. Rycroft House is our program with the most support. This 5 bedroom home is for youth with severe mental illness. Youth have 24 hour on site staff support and access to all of RYSE's services from intensive behavioral health counseling to the option of coming to the drop in center to talk story with other youth.

## **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.

RYSE has a strong management team that includes an Executive Director, Accountant, Director of Housing Services, and a Grants Manager. The Executive Director holds an MSW and all staff are highly qualified based on their individual job responsibilities. We have an active Board of Directors and Finance Committee that holds monthly meetings, including a comprehensive financial report. Agency-wide policies and procedures are in place to ensure timely and accurate accounting functions. We are fully compliant with all current contracts and achieve our performance outputs and outcomes. All staff have an identified direct report/supervisor. Group supervision, facilitated by a Program Manager, occurs weekly and covers both administrative and programmatic issues. An evidence-based, trauma-informed approach to supervision and training is used and focuses on inspiring, supporting, teaching, and challenging staff, as well as modeling and collaborating in problem-solving.

At RYSE, we believe that diversity is power. Our goal is to build a workforce that champions racial equity, values different backgrounds, and celebrates unique perspectives. Attracting and onboarding a diverse workforce with lived experience, ensures we provide a welcoming environment that is widely reflective of the larger community we serve.



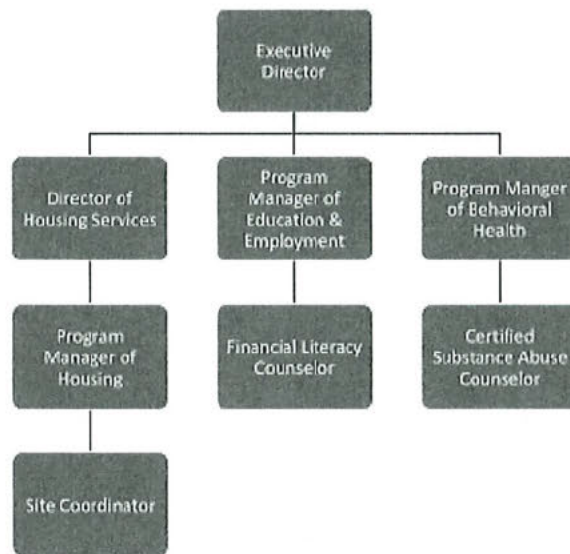
Our ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion is how we address societal challenges. We are proud to employ people of all backgrounds who possess the talent to accelerate our vision forward to end youth homelessness.

RYSE is an active member of Partners in Care (PIC) and the Continuum of Care for Oahu, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Youth Coordinated Entry System (CES), and the PIC Advocacy committee.

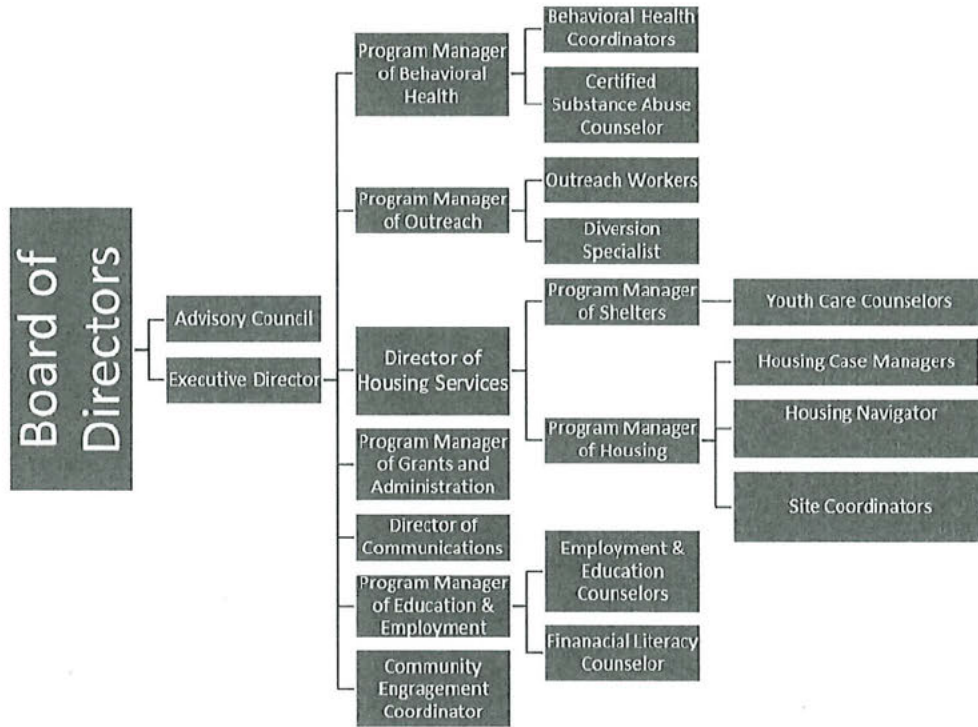
## 2. Organization Chart

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.

PROGRAM Organizational Chart:



RYSE - Overall Organizational Chart:



**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.

Executive Director	\$92,000 to \$100,000
Director of Housing Services	\$80,000 to \$85,000
Program Manager Behavioral Health	\$62,000 to \$70,000

**VII. Other**

**1. Litigation**

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

RYSE has no pending litigation or outstanding judgments.

**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.

n/a

### **3. Private Educational Institutions**

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

n/a: This grant will not benefit a sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution.

### **4. Future Sustainability Plan**

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2023-24 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2023-24, but
- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

RYSE will use the data collected from this project to seek funding opportunities from other government agencies, private foundations, and private funders. RYSE has enough reserve funds to sustain the program for six months, while other funding is being secured.

**Exhibit A: List of Prior Projects/Contract**

The table below is provided as documentation demonstrating that 100% of RYSE support currently comes from non-federal and/or federal sources. We expect the balance of restricted and unrestricted funds to shift as we expand to meet community needs using funding from local, state, and federal sources.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Contract Number/Amount/Contract Period</b>	<b>Point of Contact</b>	<b>Description of Project</b>
State of Hawaii Office Youth Services – Ohana Zone	DHS-19-OYS-937 \$1,620,000 1/1/2019 – 2/31/2021	Dept of Human Services Cynthia Pierce cpierce@dhs.hawaii.gov (808) 587-5718	Access center services for homeless youth and outreach services.
City and County Grant and Aid	CT-DCS-2100074 \$125,000 11/1/2020 – 0/31/2021	Dept of Community Services Crysttal Steiner csteiner@honolulu.gov (808) 768-5857	Education, Employment and Housing Services for Youth.
Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care Service Array for Adults and Adolescents	TBD \$332,640 10/1/2021 – 9/30/2023	Dept of Health – ADAD Ramon Ibarra Ramon.ibarra@doh.hawaii.gov (808) 692-7534	Provide coordinated, responsive, and clinically appropriate Substance Use Disorder treatment and recovery support services statewide.
COVID-19 Crisis Support and Behavioral Health Coordination Services	ASO Log 20-247 \$200,000 9/15/2020 – 8/31/2021	Dept of Health – ADAD Ramon Ibarra Ramon.ibarra@doh.hawaii.gov (808) 692-7534	COVID-19 temporary non-medical quarantine for the monitoring of unsheltered youth who may be at risk of exposure but are asymptomatic, poses a barrier to the targeted placement and who need assistance and/or support for diagnosed substance use disorders and/or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
Victims of Crime Act	18-V2-30 \$685,180 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022	Dept of Attorney General Calleen Ching Calleen.j.ching@hawaii.gov (808) 586-1054	Provide transitional housing for clients who are victims of crime.



YHDP – Diversion	HI0115Y9C0118 \$513,828 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022	HUD Regina Lee Regina.A.Lee@hud. gov (202) 402-5630	To connect youth who are exiting incarceration or drug treatment to resources.
YHDP – Mobile Crisis	HI0120Y9C0118 \$583,286 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022	HUD Regina Lee Regina.A.Lee@hud. gov (202) 402-5630	To provide island-wide coordinated mobile crisis response to formalize youth street outreach collaboratives with partners.
YHDP – Guide on the Side	HI0118Y9C0118 \$527,498 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022	HUD Regina Lee Regina.A.Lee@hud. gov (202) 402-5630	To support the CCP vision and goals and address identified needs, by providing long-term stabilization for 150 youth through multiple culturally inclusive strategies.
YHDP – PSH	HI0119Y9C0118 \$968,190 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022	HUD Regina Lee Regina.A.Lee@hud. gov (202) 402-5630	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that offers eight youth-specific PSH vouchers for youth with SMI and/or other disabilities. The use of vouchers allows for scattered site housing so youth can obtain housing in their community of choice.
YHDP – RH-RRH	HI0117Y9C0118 \$350,096 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022	HUD Regina Lee Regina.A.Lee@hud. gov (202) 402-5630	A hybrid TH-RRH youth-specific project that applies flexible supports, matched to the level of need for each UYEH to achieve independent housing and permanent exit from homelessness, to meet community and youth needs and achieve CCP vision and goals.
YHDP – FY 2021 Youth Permanent Housing	No Contract # \$172,492 October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023	HUD Regina Lee Regina.A.Lee@hud. gov (202) 402-5630	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that offers eight youth-specific PSH vouchers for youth with SMI and/or other disabilities. The use of vouchers allows for scattered site housing so youth can obtain housing in their community of choice.
YHDP – FY2021 Youth RRH	No Contract # \$384,016 October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023	HUD Regina Lee Regina.A.Lee@hud. gov (202) 402-5630	House 8 youth in scattered sites for 1 year.
ASI Rapid	HI0094L9C011700	Alternative	Subrecipient of HUD grant to

Re-Housing	\$79,839 December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2021	Structures International Summer Pakele <a href="mailto:spakele@asi-Hawaii.org">spakele@asi-Hawaii.org</a> (808) 457-4680	house 15 youth in scattered sites for two years.
WSAS Kawailoa Expanded Behavioral Health Services	No Contract # \$120,000 Started 2/20/2020. No end date	WSAS Dona Hanaike <a href="mailto:Dhanaike83@hawaii.rr.com">Dhanaike83@hawaii.rr.com</a> (808) 521-7666	Creation and assessment of new program to treat adolescent stress/trauma.
Joseph and Vera Zilber Charitable Foundation	No Contract # \$50,000 8/1/2019 – 7/31/2021	Joseph and Vera Zilber Charitable Foundation Meredith Trockman <a href="mailto:Meredith.trockman@zilberfamilyfoundation.org">Meredith.trockman@zilberfamilyfoundation.org</a> (414) 274-2447	To provide shelter, medical care, meals, and educational rehabilitation to homeless youth on Oahu.
Honolulu Country Club Foundation	No Contract# \$100,000 No contract period, funds were donated October 2019	Honolulu Country Club Foundation Nora Shinkawa <a href="mailto:nshinkawa@honolulucountryclub.com">nshinkawa@honolulucountryclub.com</a> (808) 441-9474	Unrestricted.
Department of Health and Human Services (FBSY)	Award # 90Y02423-01-00 \$166,667 9/30/2021 – 9/29/2022	Sonia Richardson <a href="mailto:Sonia.richardson@acf.hhs.gov">Sonia.richardson@acf.hhs.gov</a> (202) 260-4068	To provide street outreach to youth.
Unrestricted grants of less than \$10,000, endowment at Honolulu Community Foundation and private donations	No contract period, these funding sources accounted for a significant percentage of revenue and include proceeds from fundraising events and dividends from endowment	\$600,000+	Unrestricted.



## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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RYSE HAWAII

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
<b>A. PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1. Salaries	124,250	757,043	89,333	390,592
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	21,582	131,496	23,641	46,905
3. Fringe Benefits	31,088	108,019		25,000
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>	<b>176,920</b>	<b>996,558</b>	<b>112,974</b>	<b>462,497</b>
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				17,000
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment			1,632	
4. Lease/Rental of Space	57,200	789,324		
5. Staff Training	2,000			3,000
6. Operational Household Supplies	9,600	44,908		10,000
7. Telecommunication	1,800	8,136	1,476	
8. Utilities	12,000	64,123		
9. Maintenance & Repairs	3,600	5,000	600	5,000
10. Food	12,000			
11. Transportation	4,800	6,519		
12. Program Supplies	30,000			
13. Legal Services	10,000	47,000		
14. Furniture	26,000	8,434		
15. Household Kitchen	4,000			
16. Indirect costs @ 10%	35,952	103,714		5,000
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>208,952</b>	<b>1,077,158</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>	<b>9,600</b>			
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>E. CAPITAL</b>				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>395,472</b>	<b>2,073,716</b>	<b>116,682</b>	<b>502,497</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	348,647	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><i>CARLA Houser</i></span> <span>286.3786</span> </div>		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested	2,073,716	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Name (Please type or print)</span> <span>Phone</span> </div>		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	116,682	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><i>Carla Houser</i></span> <span>1.20.23</span> </div>		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	502,497	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Signature of Authorized Official</span> <span>Date</span> </div>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>3,041,542</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><i>CARLA Houser, Executive Director</i></span> </div>		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		







## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ RYSE \_\_\_\_\_

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2021-2022	FY: 2022-2023	FY: 2023-2024	FY: 2023-2024	FY: 2024-2025	FY: 2025-2026
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
<b>TOTAL:</b>						
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS n/a - not a capital project request						



**GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID**

Applicant: RYSE HAWAII

Contracts Total: 6,628,893

	<b>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATES</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)</b>	<b>CONTRACT VALUE</b>
1	State of Hawaii Office Youth Services – C	11/1/2019 to 2/31/2021	Dept of Human Services	State of Hawaii	1,620,000
2	City and County Grant and Aid	11/1/2020 – 0/31/2021	Dept. of Community Servic	Honolulu County	125,000
3	Behavioral Health Substance Use Disord	10/1/2021 – 9/30/2023	Dept of Health – ADAD	State of Hawaii	332,640
4	COVID-19 Crisis Support and Behaviora	9/15/2020 – 8/31/2021	Dept of Health – ADAD	State of Hawaii	200,000
5	Victims of Crime Act	7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022	Dept of Attorney General	State of Hawaii	685,180
6	YHDP – Diversion	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022	HUD	US	513,828
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10	YHDP – RH-RRH	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022	HUD	US	350,096
11	YHDP – FY 2021 Youth Permanent Hous	10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023	HUD	US	172,492
12	YHDP – FY2021 Youth RRH	10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023	HUD	US	384,016
13	Department of Health and Human Servic	9/30/2021 - 9/29/2022	Dept. of Health (FBSY)	State of Hawaii	166,667
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