

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.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Jon ITOMURA Executive Director

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

1/17/24

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:

Hawaii United Okinawa Association

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 465,309

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

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ 0

Federal: \$ 0

County: \$ 0

Private/Other: \$ 100,000

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

\$ 1,090,000

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 3,700,000

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:

94-587 Ukee St.

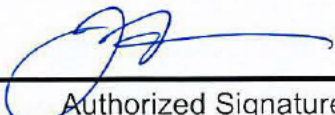
City: State: Zip:

Waipahu HI 96797

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

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Federal Tax ID#: [REDACTED]	State Tax ID# [REDACTED]
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 _____ Jon ITOMURA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 1/17/24
Authorized Signature Name and Title Date Signed



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: HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION*

DBA/Trade Name: HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION*

Issue Date: 01/17/2024

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#: [REDACTED]

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX0923

UI#: XXXXXX1149

DCCA FILE#: 80088

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 REVISSED 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.

Hawaii United Okinawa Association
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)

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(Signature) 1/17/24
(Date)

Jon Itomura Executive Director
(Typed Name) (Title)

Public Purpose

Description Of Request

Hawaii United Okinawa Association's (HUOA) renovation project for the Hawaii Okinawa ("Center") involves significant capital improvements to the 33 yr. old property in Waipio. Operating under original materials and systems for 33 yrs. has taken its toll on the functionality and useful purpose of the center due to the increasing volume of public events held at the Center. We have seen a 10% increase in usage over the past several years as we are the primary venue in Central Oahu that can accommodate upwards of 1,000 guest(s). Also contributing to this increase has been a rise in private and government business meetings at our facility as we strive to make the venue business friendly. As such, improvements will enable HUOA to continue its mission to Promote, Preserve, and Perpetuate the Okinawan Culture, safely serve the public and be a productive member of the greater community.

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. Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate from the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2023.

2. Declaration Statement

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

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](#).

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 Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, perpetuate and preserve the Okinawan Culture. The organization promotes and practices community service, supports and encourages education, conducts cultural programs, arts and craft exhibits, demonstrations, athletic and social activities. It prints, publishes and/or distributes Okinawan Cultural and historical information and books. It also encourages its member organizations to sustain their membership and cultural activities that are unique to the individual organizations and international relations.

HUOA is the umbrella organization for its 50 member clubs, whose combined membership exceeds 40,000 members. Members reside mainly in Hawaii, but are also in Okinawa, Japan, and the mainland U.S.

HUOA was established in 1951 as the Hawaii Okinawa Rengo Kai, or the Hawaii United Okinawa Association of Hawaii, and renamed the Hawaii United Okinawa Association in 1995.

The Hawaii Okinawa Center (HOC), the home of HUOA, is a 2.5 acre property in Waipio, HI. HOC stands as a living tribute to the Okinawan immigrant pioneers who began arriving in Hawaii in 1900. Encouraged by Governor Jinji Nishime of Okinawa in the 1980's, HOC was built with donations from Hawaii's Okinawan and business communities, and supporters in Okinawa and the mainland U.S. HOC opened its doors in 1990, which marked the 90th anniversary of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii.

HOC also offers the community and state a unique property in Central Oahu to hold meetings, workshops, conferences and special events. It is one the few facilities available to the public that serve the Leeward and Central Oahu region and can stage performances while simultaneously accommodating 1,000 guests. Additionally, families, schools and organizations are able to have small and large functions at this location outside of metropolitan Honolulu. Through HOC the area community continues to flourish with opportunities for small businesses to showcase their products at HUOA events such as:

- **Annual Okinawan Festival** -A two day celebration, whose goal is to "Share Uchinanchu Aloha", is held on the Labor Day weekend at the Hawaii Convention Center since 2018, after spending twenty-five years at Kapiolani Park. A committee consisting of the HUOA Executive Council and club members plan and organize the festival every year. The committee has oversight over 4,000 volunteers who assist in various capacities in areas related to sales, food preparation, cooking, educational displays, video production and overall logistics. The festival attracted approximately 60,000 attendees in 2023 including residents from Oahu, the neighboring islands, the mainland U.S., and even foreign visitors. 2023 marked the 41st year of celebrating and "Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha".

- **Statewide Okinawan Children's Cultural Day Camp** - Since its inception 1996, HUOA's Children's Okinawan Cultural Day Camp offers children from ages 8 - 13 yrs. old, an introduction to Okinawan/Japanese culture and Hawaii's plantation history in a fun and enjoyable learning atmosphere at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. This is a four day one-of a kind summer program that began on Oahu and has expanded to the neighbor islands. HUOA clubs on Maui, Hilo, Kona, and Kauai coordinate to offer unique hands-on learning experiences for Hawaii's keiki's to learn about Okinawan Culture and Hawaii's multi-cultural society.
- **Hawaii/Okinawa International Student Exchange Program** - This program is an annual sister-state exchange program that began in 1990 between the Okinawa Prefecture Board of Education and the Hawaii Department of Education, in partnership with the Hawaii State Legislature and HUOA.

Over the past 33 years more than 1,000 students have participated in the exchange program. Okinawa students spend fourteen days on Oahu visiting schools with their host students to explore educational and historical sites throughout the island. Exchange students and their host families enjoy one last gathering at the Hawaii Okinawa Center before returning to Okinawa. Historically, the program received funding from the legislature, with the Hawaii Department of Education responsible to execute the program. Since 2011, funding from the state is no longer available, so HUOA has taken on the task to administer and provide funding to continue this long standing and successful sister-state International Exchange Program.

- **Senior Health and Awareness Fair** - Realizing the needs of our aging community, HUOA began conducting an annual Senior Fair starting in 2011. Various vendors offered Leeward and Central Oahu residents an opportunity to meet and learn more about elder care, senior programs, nutrition, retirement facilities, government agencies, financial management, and other senior related concerns in a friendly and safe environment at HOC free of charge.

- **Annual Craft Fairs** - Offering local hand crafters and small businesses an opportunity to showcase their products and services at two Craft Fairs at HOC. The two-day Winter Craft Fair and Evening Craft Fairs offers shoppers an opportunity to patronize over 200 vendors selling their handmade crafts. There's also a separate booth to encourage attendees to donate to Hawaii's Foodbank. This food drive has been successful as we have been able to donate at least a dozen cases of various food items to the foodbank.
- **International Partnership for Scholarship & Cultural Exchange** HUOA nominates young Okinawans from Hawaii for two scholarships offered by the Okinawan Prefectural Government to study in Okinawa for a period of one year. The close relationship between the Prefectural Government and HUOA offers opportunities for cultural exchange between residents of Hawaii and Okinawa.
- **Cultural Classes** - HUOA supports cultural education by providing classes for Okinawan language, Ikebana(Japanese flower arrangement), Sanshin, (Okinawan string instrument), Taiko and Ichi-Go-ichie (hybrid instrument of Sanshin and Guitar). Classes are held at HOC by professionals who volunteer as instructors.
- **Sports Programs** - HUOA supports a sports program to encourage camaraderie, participation and fellowship amongst member clubs through friendly competition in bowling, golf, softball and volleyball.
- **Okinawa Study and Leadership Tour** - The annual HUOA Study Tour participants experience Okinawa to strengthen ties to Okinawa, provide cultural education and visit Okinawa's Prefectural Government. The HUOA study tour has also provided the opportunity to develop future leaders in the community and in the association. The leadership tour involves representatives from HUOA's member clubs. HUOA, the member clubs, and participant share the cost of this tour which is focused on civic and cultural education.

- **Community Service** - Working closely with homeless shelters on Oahu, HUOA reaches out by holding a picnic and providing much needed clothing, food and the necessities of daily living for shelter residents. During events throughout the year, HUOA accepts donations for Hawaii Foodbank and offers visitors an opportunity to register with Hawaii's Bone Marrow Registry. HUOA provides volunteers for additional events put on by the community.
- **Cultural Concerts and Performances** - HUOA supports and sponsors local and international cultural concerts and performances at HOC. Some of the more noteworthy concerts and performances held at HOC include:
 - Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko, an international Taiko/Eisa group celebrated "Ko Ryukyu - Dawn of the Ryukyu's", with performers from Hawaii and Okinawa.
 - Grant "Masandu" Murata Sensei, Ryukyu Katen Afuso-Ryu Ongaku Kenkyuu Choichi Kai Hawaii, shared his solo concert (Dokuen Kai) "Hou On Sha Toku" with many of his followers in Hawaii. Ryukyu Katen Afuso-Ryu Ongaku Kenkyuu Choichi Kai Hawaii performed at Carnegie Hall in New York on April 2019.
 - The Uchinamun Family Variety Show presented their Yaeyama minyo (folk music) to the people of Hawaii on November 2019.
 - Okinawan Festival "Bunkwa Nu Shima" and "Yuimaaru" rooms were filled to capacity with festival attendees watching short performances and demonstrations from our Okinawan visitors. Kimono dressing, musical performances and displays were part of this "Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha".

Hawaii's Okinawan Community is very proud of its heritage and shares Okinawan cultures and values through events like the Okinawan Festival. HUOA programs not only enhance the local community, but have contributed to the socio-economic betterment for the State of Hawaii.

HUOA is an integral part of the socio-economic fabric of the State of Hawaii. Upgrading the facilities of the Hawaii Okinawa Center will benefit residents, businesses, and non-profit organizations who regularly patronize the facility.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

Current needs that are of priority are projects related to the following:

Accessibility and public safety are critical for our members and users of the facilities. Allowing safe and unimpeded access throughout the facilities are paramount to public enjoyment. As the Hawaii Okinawa Center is 33 yrs. old, it is extremely important that each component within the facility is maintained properly and that facilities meet Federal and State safety/accessibility guidelines.

- Due to public safety concerns we need to replace twenty-one of our parking light poles. 3 of the light poles are leaning approximately 3 – 5 deg., which creates an immediate safety and liability concern. This issue is caused by the aluminum base cracking and oxidizing due to its age, 33 yrs. old, and being exposed to the elements. The “J” studs that are set in the concrete foundation to secure the light poles to the base are also corroded/rusted which also compromises the structural integrity of the light poles. We also inspected the remaining 18 light poles and they display serious deterioration of the “J” studs so the fasteners securing the poles to the concrete foundation are severely compromised.

We had the light poles inspected by three reputable electrical contractors, and they both recommended that the three leaning light poles be taken down immediately as it wouldn't take much for it fall. They also recommended replacing the remaining 18 poles as it wouldn't take long for those poles to also start to lean.

Due to these recommendations, we will remove the three affected light poles immediately to prevent any safety and liability concerns.

- The air conditioning system for the Legacy Ballroom has been a constant concern as we have experienced numerous failures to the system. As one could imagine, a ballroom filled with people (capacity is 1,000) with no air conditioning, or an environment that gets too cold, can be very uncomfortable to say the least. Due to its age, the copper condenser coils have deteriorated to the point that refrigerant leaks occur rendering the system inoperable until our contractors can repair the affected area(s).

To prevent ongoing issues, it's recommended that the 2 condenser coils be replaced as spot welding the affected area(s) is just a temporary fix.

The other area of concern is the temperature of the ballroom. Due to an inoperable thermostat control and actuators, the temperature in the ballroom is fixed at 55 deg. F. Patrons often complain about the ballroom being too cold so the whole system needs to be shut down to allow the temperature to rise to a more comfortable level. A properly operating thermostat will allow the cooling system actuators to regulate the flow of cold water flowing through the chiller. Regulating this flow will allow us to control the temperature in the ballroom without turning the whole system off.

- The partition in the ballroom is designed to separate the ballroom so two functions can be held simultaneously. On average this partition is opened and closed 3 to 4 a times a week. After 33 years of constant use, maintenance and safety have become major concerns. Because of its age, parts are obsolete which compels us to makeshift some of the repairs which we know is just a temporary fix. This is a very serious safety concern to those who operate the partitions and also to the general public.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

The Hawaii Okinawa Center (HOC) is one of the few facilities that serve the Leeward and Central Oahu regions that can accommodate stage performances and banquets simultaneously. HOC provides the surrounding communities a unique facility that can accommodate banquets, meetings, concerts and a stage for the performing arts community. HOC's facilities also host:

- Craft Fairs and Bazaars for local artisans.
- Senior Fairs for Hawaii's aging community.
- Children's Day Camp open to the general public for youths ages 8 - 13 yrs. old. This one week camp is intended to introduce the students to the culture of Okinawa through various games and food offerings.
- Health Fairs sponsored by HMSA and Kaiser Permanente.
- Estate Planning Seminars sponsored by Sterling & Tucker.
- Monthly State of Hawaii Dept. of Education workshops and seminars.

- State of Hawaii public schools' special events such as graduation parties encompassing all grade levels.
- Private school graduation parties.
- Monthly Leeward District Realtors Association meetings.
- State of Hawaii Fire Fighters Association Graduation Ceremony.
- State of Hawaii Sheriff's Graduation Ceremony.
- Miss Hawaii Volunteer Pageant

4. Describe the target population to be served;

The target population is multifold but not limited to the following;

- The Okinawan community in Hawaii.
- Central and Leeward Oahu residents.
- All Hawaii residents who want to explore and learn the Okinawan Culture and Arts.
- Worldwide visitors to our islands that share in the culture programs of HOC, such as the Okinawan Festival and International Concerts.
- People of Okinawan descent or Okinawans-at-heart, community members, individuals and families who desire to promote, preserve and perpetuate their culture through classes and events, and the sharing of knowledge from seniors are the primary population of our programs.
- Patrons and guest(s) who reserve and attend catered events at HOC.

Additionally, these programs and cultural awareness classes have also been shared at the Okinawan Festival to Hawaii residents and visitors from other destinations.

HUOA has been fortunate that it has been able to assist and work with other community and cultural groups within the State and Internationally, thus allowing us to directly target not only our intended population, but to continue to serve groups outside of our primary population.

Groups that continuously utilize the facilities include, but not limited to; residents, businesses, organizations and schools of Central, Leeward, and recently the Honolulu district.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Hawaii Okinawa Center provides geographic coverage that extends beyond the boundaries of the island of Oahu and HUOA's membership. Membership of over 10,000 households reside not only in Hawaii, but the mainland U.S. and Internationally. The fifty HUOA Member Associations are located on Oahu, the Big Island of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai. International groups from government entities, performing arts, or education sectors choose HOC as a facility to hold events.

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 Hawaii Okinawa Center Renovation Project Phase III will ensure equal and safe access throughout the property. The renovations will address long term needs and will fulfill the original programs planned for the building. All work will be performed by local contractors licensed in the State of Hawaii. Work will consist of:

- Replace twenty-one parking lot light fixtures and rebuild concrete foundation. For the present and future safety of the general public these light poles need immediate attention.
- Replace air conditioner condenser coils, thermostat controls, and actuators to allow for reliable cost-effective operation.
- Replace existing partition to enable a safe and cost-effective remedy. Compounding the less than desirable operation of this partition is the fact that replacement parts are obsolete. When needed, any future repairs will severely hinder the operation and safety of personnel operating the partition.

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

Scheduling of renovation projects will be coordinated with the contractors and availability of the banquet hall, to ensure uninterrupted service of scheduled events. Anticipated timeline is from October 2024 – June 2025, for all projects to be completed.

1st Qtr. (July – Sept. 2024)

- Procure all necessary materials to commence repairs starting Oct. 2024.

2nd Qtr.(Oct. – Dec. 2024)

- Replace A/C condenser coils, thermostat controls, and cooling system actuators.

3rd Qtr. (Jan. – Mar. 2025)

- Replace twenty-one parking lot light poles.

4th Qtr. (Apr. – Jun. 2025)

- Replace banquet hall partition

Please note: The parking lot light poles and partition have a 6 - 8 mon. manufacturing and shipping timeline.

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

Evaluation will be overseen by the Facilities Committee of HUOA. Members of the committee include professionals with expertise and background in the field of Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Property Management. This will ensure effective quality assurance and evaluation of proposals submitted by the licensed contractors. Daily onsite monitoring will be conducted by the HOC's Facilities Manager and Executive Director. Inspections and evaluations will be conducted for each separate project. All project(s) will include a warranty explicitly outlined by each contractor in writing. Any, and all, imperfections will be addressed and remedied by said contractor(s).

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.

- Quarterly reports will be submitted to the respective agency to monitor the progress of projects.

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 2025.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$0	\$135,000	\$200,000	\$130,309	\$465,309

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2025.

HUOA will continue to seek and apply for additional funds from other private foundations, corporations, individuals, and other government subsidized grants. \$100,000 is available in cash reserve fund for renovations.

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.

No tax credits were received for 2021, 2022, 2023.

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 2025 for program funding.

- 2021 - SFCA Biennium: \$12,000 (State)
- 2021 - SHARP – HI Humanities: \$20,000 (Federal)
- 2022 - HTA Grant: \$25,000 (Okinawan Festival @ Convention Ctr.)
- 2022 - HI State GIA: \$400,000 (CIP Projects)
- 2023 - John R. Halligan Charitable Fund \$3,000
- 2023 - HTA Community Enrichment Program \$50,000

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2023.

- Liquid unrestricted assets: \$3,700,000
- Investment account balance: \$922,000

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.

HUOA's Facilities Committee Members are experienced in the fields of Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Property Management, have the required knowledge and skill set to manage the renovation project. Advisors and current committee members were involved in the original fundraising efforts and construction of Hawaii Okinawa Center. This successful campaign raised funds to construct HOC in 1990. Within the past three years HUOA was awarded, and since executed, major capital improvement projects made possible by the State of Hawaii GIA Program. These improvement projects included stage lighting, sound, acoustic panel and partition replacement which greatly improved the functionality of the banquet hall.

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.

Opened on June 1990, The Hawaii Okinawa Center sits on a 2.5-acre parcel bordered by Kamehameha Hwy., Uke'e St. and Ka Uka Blvd. in Waipio, HI. The property consists of two buildings, two gardens, a koi pond and storage.

Both buildings were designed by Maurice H. Yamasato, past President of HUOA, and principal architect of YFH Architects. Almost every feature of HOC reflects the culture and heritage of our ancestors. For example, the center's two turtle shaped buildings symbolize longevity in Okinawan Culture.

Commonly known as the Teruya Building, the Albert T. and Wallace T. Teruya Pavillion, named for the founders of Times Supermarket Ltd., is a multifunction auditorium/theatre and banquet hall featuring a theatre stage and professional lighting and sound system.

Commonly known as the Higa Building, the Yeiko and Kameko Higa Building, named in memory of Zippy's Restaurant founders, Charles and Francis Higa's parents, houses the administrative office of HUOA. A Cultural Gallery and Library is also shared within these spaces with artifacts from Okinawa and Hawaii.

At first glance, the public sees a beautifully maintained property. Thanks to our volunteers, the property has been well maintained. However, upon closer inspection thirty-three years of wear and tear has taken its toll, and in some areas accessible to the public, can be considered a public safety hazard as most of the fixtures and equipment are original. Additional necessary facility improvements include:

Issues with an intermittent non-operable air conditioning system in the banquet hall is of utmost concern for the comfort and safety of all guest(s). Having to continuously repair the condenser coils is futile to say the least as total system failure could occur. Also, not being able to regulate the temperature in the ballroom has resulted in numerous complaints about the facility being too cold. In an effort to temporarily remedy this situation, the system is shut down when comments arise that the ballroom is too cold. In some instances, doors are left open to exhaust some of the cold air but then issues arise regarding condensation build-up within the A/C ducts. This condensation exists through the A/C vents on the ceiling and starts to drip on the guest(s).

The requested GIA funds will address our needs to provide a safe and secure facility for the general public. The banquet hall partition in the banquet hall, which divides the hall so separate functions can be held simultaneously, has been advantageous, not to mention efficient, in utilizing the hall for its intended purpose. Numerous attempts have been made over the years to prolong the useful life of the partition but it has come to our attention that parts for these thirty-three year-old partition are obsolete. Due to the design of this partition, it has become a hazard for the employees, and the general public, to operate this partition. The cables, which allow for the operation of the bottom seal plates, have become frayed and are exposed which is a tripping hazard. Components inside of the partitions are obsolete so we cannot responsibly address any repairs without jeopardizing the integrity of the partition itself.

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.

Facilities committee members combined expertise enable HUOA to make sound decisions based on experience and knowledge.

- Jon Itomura Executive Director, HUOA
- Caro Higa Administrative Asst., HUOA
- Clayton Uza Facilities Mgr., HUOA
- Brandon Nakasone Metropolitan Police Lt.
- Maurice Yamasato Principal, YFH Architects
- Lloyd Higa Principal, YFH Architects
- Mark Higa Principal, WCIT Architecture
- Chris Shimabukuro Development Director, Iolani School
- Cyrus Tamashiro President, Tamashiro Market
- Norman Nakasone Retired, Sr. Vice President & Mgr.,
Central Pacific Bank

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.

- See attached

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.

- Salary range - \$19,000 - \$70,000
- Executive Director, Administrative Asst., Facilities Mgr.

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.

No pending litigation or outstanding judgements.

2. Licensure or Accreditation

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

Not Applicable.

3. Private Educational Institutions

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

Not Applicable.

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2024-25 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

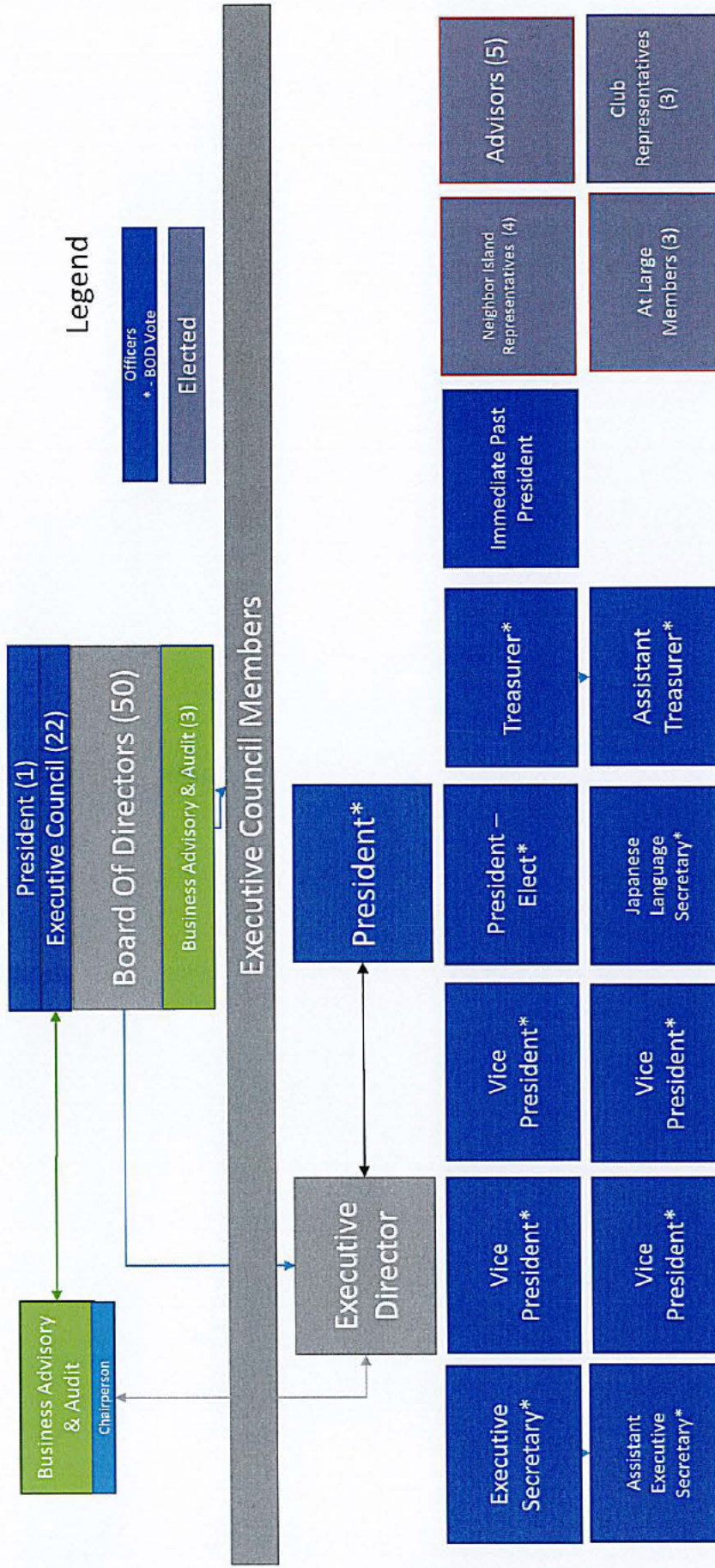
- (a) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2024-25.

Receiving this GIA will ensure that immediate safety and long term maintenance needs are addressed for the general public, and HUOA members.

- (b) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

HUOA has focused on measures for long-term sustainability of the organization, its mission and programs. Current annual income is reliant on donors, fundraising, and benefit events. Our recently completed commercial plaza (Hawaii Okinawa Plaza), will eventually provide needed relief from over-burdened donors and members. This will allow us to seek support for the sustainment of HUOA programs focused on fulfilling our mission, versus emergency capital improvement needs.

Hawaii United Okinawa Association Organization Chart



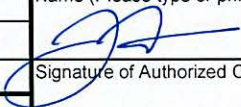
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- Officers
+ - BOD Vote
- Elected

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Hawaii United Okinawa Association_465309_CIP.pdf

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				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST				
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies				
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES				
E. CAPITAL				
1. Replace parking lot light poles	200,000			
2. Replace A/C cond. coils, thermostat & actuators	135,000			
3. Replace partition	130,309			
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	465,309			
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	465,309	Courtney Takara 808-676-5400		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested				
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET	465,309	Jon Itomura, Executive Director		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Applicant: Hawaii United Okinawa Association_465309_CIP.pdf

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
Not Applicable				\$ -
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TOTAL:				\$ 0.00
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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

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

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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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: 2022-2023	FY: 2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN						
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT	400000	0	465309	0	200000	200000
TOTAL:	400000	0	465,309	0	200,000	200,000
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: 2024-2025 GIA funding needs based on immediate public safety concerns. Future funding based on 2024-2025 GIA allocation and donations/revenues generated based on economic climate.						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

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Contracts Total: -

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	Not Applicable				
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