

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

Brian Goldstein, Executive Director 01/16/2025

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

DATE



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 MOBILE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE

Issue Date: 12/26/2024

Status: **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX1664

UI#: No record

DCCA FILE#: 328264

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.

HAWAII MOBILE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)


(Signature)

January 16, 2024
(Date)

Brian Goldstein Executive Director
(Typed Name) (Title)

Application for Grants

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

Public Purpose

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

Response: The grant from the State of Hawai'i will be used for a public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawai'i Revised Statutes

II. Background and Summary

1. Brief description of the applicant's background;

Response: The Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance (HMMOT) is a free traveling mobile education center ("MEC"), utilizing innovative technology and interactive lessons to bring a message of respect, acceptance, and tolerance directly to schools and communities across the state of Hawai'i. HMMOT is inspired by existing Mobile Museum of Tolerance (mmot.com) operating in Illinois and the Tour for Humanity operating in Toronto (fswc.ca/tour-for-humanity). These mobile education centers (MECs) are designed as innovative learning environments housed in converted RVs. They use interactive technology and lessons to teach about tolerance, human rights, and the history of events such as Japanese Internments Camps. The Tour for Humanity and Mobile Museum of Tolerance have reached thousands of students and community members, imparting lessons on historical and contemporary issues of racism, intolerance, and the importance of diversity and democracy.

HMMOT plans to initially offer two workshops:

1. **The Hawaii Experience** - In this workshop, participants explore pivotal moments in Hawai'i's history that illustrate the impact of prejudice, courage, and resilience. Topics include the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, the story of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the lynching of Joseph Kahahawai and the Massie Trial, and modern issues such as the discrimination faced by Micronesian communities. Through this historical lens, participants engage in discussions on contemporary challenges like bullying, hate crimes, and systemic intolerance, fostering a deeper understanding of the importance of equity and inclusion in today's world.

2. **Combat Hate** - Designed for students in grades 7–12, this 45-minute digital media literacy workshop equips participants with tools to identify and analyze potentially harmful media, combat hate online, and create a positive social media presence. Working in small groups and using tablet computers, students apply the Center for Media Literacy's Five Key Questions to evaluate carefully curated examples of online hate. The workshop also covers the concept of a digital footprint, strategies for reporting hate online, and fostering responsible digital behavior. Students conclude the session with a reflective exercise, considering actionable ways to make a positive difference.

2. **The goals and objectives related to the request**
Response: The goal of the \$200,000 GIA request is to help fund the fourth and final payment for the Hawai'i MEC, which has been ordered from Mobility Resource Associates, Inc. (MRA). The Hawai'i MEC was ordered in 2024 and is scheduled for delivery in Q3 2025. The total cost of the Hawai'i MEC is being funded through a combination of private donations and this requested Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funding. The payment structure for the Hawai'i MEC is as follows:
 - Deposit: \$250,000 (Paid via private donations)
 - Payment 2: \$174,870 (Pending, sourced from private donations)
 - Payment 3: \$265,000 (Pending, sourced from private donations)
 - Final Payment: \$249,571 (Pending, partially funded through GIA funding)

3. **The public purpose and need to be served**
Response: The public purpose served by this initiative is to provide accessible, interactive education on tolerance and human rights directly to communities across Hawai'i, which may otherwise have limited access to such resources. The need addressed is the increasing importance of fostering understanding and respect among diverse populations, combating intolerance, and equipping young people with knowledge and critical thinking skills to confront prejudice and hate.

4. **Population to be served**
Response: The target population includes students from elementary to high school levels, educators, and community leaders across Hawai'i. Special attention may be given to communities that are typically underserved by traditional educational resources, ensuring inclusivity and a broad impact.

5. **Geographic coverage.**
Response: The geographic coverage of HMMOT will span the entire state of Hawai'i. Given the archipelago's unique geography, the design will consider the logistical challenges of transporting the MEC between islands, ensuring that the reach includes not just the main urban centers but also the more remote and rural areas, thus providing equitable educational access state-wide.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

1. **Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities;**
Response: The Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance (HMMOT) project involves creating a traveling mobile education center (MEC) tailored to Hawai'i's unique needs and geography. The scope of work includes:
 - Partnering with Mobility Resource Associates, Inc. ("MRA") in Madison Heights, MI for the design and manufacturing of the MEC. The MEC was ordered in late 2024, with initial payments made. GIA funding will be used to make the final payments and take delivery of the MEC.

2. **Projected annual timeline for accomplishing the outcomes of the service;**
Response:
 - **Months 1-3:** Final payments made to MRA and taking delivery of MEC.

3. Quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request.

Response: Quality assurance and evaluation plans include, but are not limited to;

- Regular Communication: Establishing a routine of regular Zoom calls and on-site visits with MRA to ensure adherence to quality standards and project timelines.
- Continuous Evaluation: HMMOT staff will actively monitor the manufacturing process, making adjustments as necessary to align with project goals and timelines.
- Post-Delivery Evaluation: After delivery of the MEC, a comprehensive evaluation will be conducted to assess the vehicle's readiness and effectiveness before deployment to schools.

4. Measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency).

Response: Measures of effectiveness include, but are not limited to;

- Timely Completion: The successful manufacturing, and delivery of the MEC within the specified timeline.
- Quality Standards: Adherence to the agreed-upon design specifications and quality standards as set by HMMOT.
- Readiness for Deployment: The MEC's readiness to begin educational tours as per the scheduled timeline.

IV. Financial

1. Anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2025.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

2. Listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2025.

Response: HMMOT plans to raise approximately \$1.1M in private funding in fiscal year 2025-2026

4. Listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted

Response: NONE

5. 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.

Response: NONE

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2024.

Response: \$121,981

V. Experience and Capability

1. Necessary Skills and Experience

The Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance (HMMOT) is led by a team that brings a wealth of skills, abilities, knowledge, and experience to the project, ensuring its success and relevance.

- Brian Goldstein, as Executive Director and CEO – Brian brings over two decades of senior management experience, specializing in the growth of technology-based organizations. His diverse background, ranging from medical technology to consumer internet, and his leadership in deploying Hawai'i's largest EV charging network highlight his capacity for managing innovative projects with logistical and technological complexities. Additionally, his experience in raising venture capital and leading a company to an IPO demonstrates his ability to navigate the financial aspects critical to the HMMOT's success.
- Seymour Kazimirski, Chairman and Director - Seymour brings extensive business acumen to the role with over three decades of experience in Hawai'i. He has a strong entrepreneurial background, having founded and expanded companies in the retail and supply sectors, notably to the military. Seymour's expertise extends globally with his company, Global Consulting Company, which specializes in international acquisitions, mergers, and real estate development, including high-profile projects in Hawai'i. His commitment to community service is evident through his leadership in local causes, educational outreach, and his innovative program using music for healing called Make em Smile.
- Barron Guss, Director - Barron is renowned for his philanthropic initiatives and the establishment of the ALTRES Foundation. As the President and CEO of simplicityHR by ALTRES, he has been instrumental in transforming the company into a technology leader while maintaining a deep commitment to community service. His vision for the ALTRES Foundation is innovative, aiming to redefine philanthropic giving through leadership development and leveraging technology. Barron's dedication to various local and national boards reflects his engagement with critical issues such as education, public health, and economic development. His strategic approach to charity through the ALTRES Foundation emphasizes sustainable impact and the empowerment of community leaders.
- Melissa Ching Benjamin - Melissa has been a dedicated community volunteer since returning to Hawai'i in 1992 to raise her children. Her philanthropic efforts focus on women's issues, youth programs, conservation, and the visual arts. Melissa co-chaired the creation and launch of two signature initiatives for the Junior League of Honolulu: a women's conference that evolved into the Wahine Forum and a program for at-risk adolescent girls, which operated for 12 years before transitioning to the Domestic Violence Action Center. Melissa is a graduate of Punahou School. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English and American Literature from Brown University and her MBA from Harvard Business School. Her leadership and commitment have left a lasting impact on vital community programs.

2. Facilities

HMMOT intends to partner with Roberts Hawaii, a well-established tour bus operator, to utilize local infrastructure for the Mobile Education Center (MEC). This partnership will provide essential facilities for maintaining the MEC, along with skilled personnel, including drivers and service staff, to support its operation. Partnering with a local operator ensures the MEC is properly serviced and housed in facilities designed for its care. Additionally, this collaboration highlights HMMOT's commitment to community involvement and the strategic use of local resources.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

The Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance (HMMOT) staffing plan is crafted to ensure a high-quality, educational experience with a lean operational approach. The team will consist of an Executive Director with experience in leadership and fundraising, an Office and Logistics Manager adept in administrative and logistical coordination, and two Hawai'i-licensed educators with curriculum development expertise. The Executive Director, already onboard, will oversee all aspects of HMMOT, including coordination with the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, Illinois, and Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center in Toronto.

The Office and Logistics Manager, slated for part-time hire in Q2 2025 and transitioning to full-time by Q3 2025, will manage office functions and the scheduling logistics of the MEC. This role is critical for the seamless operation and movement of the MEC across Hawai'i.

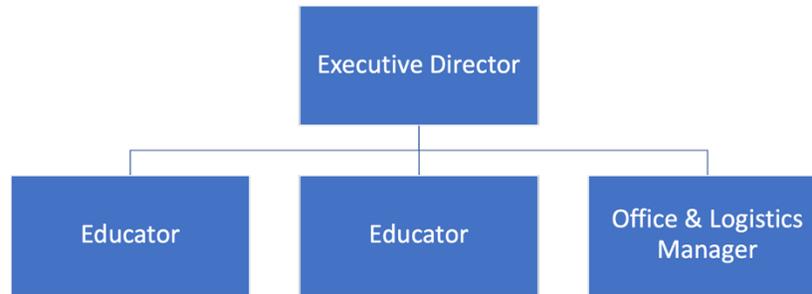
The licensed educators, to be recruited approximately four months prior to the MEC's arrival, will focus on curriculum development, customization, and delivery. Supervision and training will be hands-on, with direct reporting to the Executive Director, who will ensure that staff are supported, performance is monitored, and the educational objectives are met consistently.

2. Organization Chart

The organization chart for HMMOT is straightforward, reflecting its streamlined operation:

- Executive Director
- Office and Logistics Manager
- Licensed Educators (2)

Each team member reports directly to the Executive Director, who provides supervision and direction.



3. Compensation

HMMOT offers competitive salaries to attract and retain qualified professionals. The annual salary range for the three highest-paid positions are:

- Executive Director: \$138,000
- Office and Logistics Manager: \$50,000 (part-time to full-time transition noted)
- Licensed Educators: \$65,000 to \$85,000

These figures reflect the commitment to maintaining a high standard of educational programming and operational excellence.

VII. Other

1. Litigation

There is no pending litigation to which HMMOT is a party.

2. Licensure or Accreditation

There are no special qualifications, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation that the applicant possesses relevant to this request.

3. Private Educational Institutions

The grant will not be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution.

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance (HMMOT) has a comprehensive and sustainable plan to ensure its continued operation beyond the fiscal year 2024-25, even in the absence of subsequent Grant-in-Aid funding. This plan includes several key components:

Leadership and Community Commitment: The HMMOT board of directors and a Steering Committee, consisting of notable individuals from Hawai'i, are dedicated to securing the necessary funding for long-term operations. This commitment from local leaders is fundamental to the financial stability and ongoing support of HMMOT.

Initial and Ongoing Support from the Weinberg Foundation and McNerny Foundation: The Weinberg Foundation and the McNerny Foundation each provided initial grants of \$100,000, with the potential for additional funding in the future.

Funding from the Weinberg Family Foundation: The Weinberg Family Foundation plans to provide multi-year support to HMMOT, granting \$250,000 annually over four years, for a total contribution of \$1 million.

Board & Leadership Financial Contributions: The HMMOT Board of Directors and Steering Committee have already committed a significant amount of \$600,000 to the project, demonstrating strong internal support and confidence in the viability and importance of HMMOT.

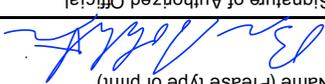
Fundraising from High Net Worth Individuals: The Board has established connections with high net worth individuals who have second homes in Hawai'i. It is anticipated that these individuals will contribute significantly to HMMOT, bolstering its funding sources.

Reduced Dependence on GIA Funding: A pivotal aspect of HMMOT's strategy is to minimize reliance on Grant-in-Aid funding for future long-term operations. This approach is critical for fostering financial independence and resilience.

By combining leadership support, strategic fundraising, substantial initial and ongoing grants, and a commitment to financial self-sufficiency, HMMOT is well-positioned for sustainable operations beyond the 2025-26 fiscal year.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

BUDGET CATEGORIES				
A. PERSONNEL COST				
Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)	
0	0	0	0	1. Salaries
0	0	0	0	2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments
0	0	0	0	3. Fringe Benefits
0	0	0	0	TOTAL PERSONNEL COST
0	0	0	0	B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES
0	0	0	0	1. Legal & Professional;
0	0	0	0	2. Insurance
0	0	0	0	3. Travel
0	0	0	0	4. Office rent
0	0	0	0	5. Office supplies & equipment
0	0	0	0	6. Software & Services
0	0	0	0	7. Outreach & Communications
0	0	0	0	8. Misc overhead
0	0	0	0	9
0	0	0	0	10
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0	0	0	0	TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES
0	0	0	0	C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES
200,000	0	0	0	D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES
0	0	0	0	E. CAPITAL
200,000	0	0	0	TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)
200,000	0	0	0	SOURCES OF FUNDING
200,000	0	0	0	(a) Total State Funds Requested
0	0	0	0	(b) Total Federal Funds Requested
0	0	0	0	(c) Total County Funds Requested
1,100,000	0	0	0	(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested
1,300,000	0	0	0	TOTAL BUDGET
Budget Prepared By: Brian Goldstein Brian Goldstein, Executive Director Signature of Authorized Official:  Name (Please type or print): Brian Goldstein Phone: 808-234-4658 Date: 01/16/2025				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance

POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	ANNUAL SALARY A	% OF TIME ALLOCATED TO GRANT REQUEST B	TOTAL STATE FUNDS REQUESTED (A x B)
N/A				\$ -
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TOTAL:				
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: No funds are being requested for personnel salaries and wages				

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:			\$ -	

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Upfitted and specialized RV that is converted into a	1.00	\$939,441.00	\$ 939,441.00	200000
traveling mobile education center			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
TOTAL:	1		\$ 939,441.00	200,000

JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: Requesting \$200,000 in GIA funding to cover the fourth and final payment for the acquisition of an upfitted and converted RV, which will serve as a free, traveling mobile education center.

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance

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:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028
PLANS	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A
LAND ACQUISITION	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A
DESIGN	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A
EQUIPMENT	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A
TOTAL:	N/A				N/A	N/A
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS No funding requested for above items						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Hawai'i Mobile Museum of Tolerance

Contracts Total: -

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	None		N/A	N/A	
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