

## 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) Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate (If the Applicant is an Organization)
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Elias Nakahara, Founding Director

17 January 2025

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

DATE



## I. Certification

1. Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate
2. Declaration Statement
3. Public Purpose



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:** 'IMI OLA CANOE CLUB

**Issue Date:** 01/16/2025

**Status:** **Compliant**

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#: GE-1202144768-01

FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX9503

UI#: No record

DCCA FILE#: 294053

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:

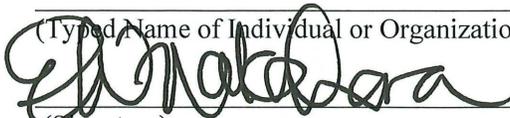
- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide 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.

**Imi Ola Canoe Club**

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)



(Signature)

**16 January 2025**

(Date)

**Eli Nakahara**

(Typed Name)

**Founding Director**

(Title)

## Declaration Statement that the Grant Will Be Used in Compliance with HRS §42F-103

**Imi Ola Canoe Club affirms and upholds that a grant received by the State of Hawaii will be used in compliance with Hawaii Revised Statutes §42F-103.**

**§42F-103 Standards for the award of grants.** (a) Grants shall be awarded only to individuals who, and organizations that:

- (1) Are 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; **YES**
- (2) Comply 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; **YES**
- (3) Agree not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and **YES**
- (4) Allow 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. **YES**

(b) In addition, a grant may be made to an organization only if the organization:

- (1) Is either:
  - (A) Incorporated under the laws of the State; or **YES**
  - (B) Spends at least ninety per cent of its operating budget in the State; and **YES**
  - (C) Registered with the department of commerce and consumer affairs and in possession of a valid certificate of vendor compliance issued by the State that documents the organization's compliance and good standing with the United States Internal Revenue Service, department of taxation, department of labor and industrial relations, and department of commerce and consumer affairs; and **YES**
- (2) 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. **YES**

(c) Further, a grant may be awarded to a nonprofit organization only if the organization:

- (1) Has been determined and designated to be a nonprofit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and **YES**
- (2) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation. **YES**

(d) If a grant is used by an organization 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. This restriction shall be registered, recorded, and

indexed in the bureau of conveyances or with the assistant registrar of the land court as an encumbrance on the property. Amounts received from the repayment of a grant under this subsection shall be deposited into the general fund. **n/a** [L 1997, c 190, pt of §3; am L 2007, c 184, §1; am L 2014, c 96, §7; am L 2022, c 26, §1]

**Public Purpose Verification that the Grant Shall Be Used for a Public Purpose  
as set forth in HRS §42F-102**

**Imi Ola Canoe Club affirms and upholds that a grant received by the State of Hawaii will be used for a public purpose in compliance with Hawaii Revised Statutes §42F-102.**

§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]

**(1) The name of the requesting organization:** Imi Ola Canoe Club

**(2) The public purpose for the grant:**

Imi Ola Canoe Club (IOCC) is dedicated to perpetuating the culture and traditions of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling by maintaining and preserving Hawaiian culture via Hawaiian watersports, particularly the State team sport of outrigger canoeing ([HRS §5-14](#)); provide equipment and facilities for canoe activities that develop and maintain healthy minds and bodies for all paddlers, keiki to kupuna; and provide opportunities for the interaction and communion of people for their mental and social wellbeing. IOCC also promotes outrigger canoe paddling through participation at national and international events and builds sister-club relationships with US mainland and international clubs.

As a youth-focused athletic team, we train to compete and win; however, as a young canoe club and nonprofit, we are building a club that honors native Hawaiian culture and instills the principles of inclusive teamwork and good sportsmanship. We want to build bridges with clubs from around the world and give our keiki and novice paddlers the opportunity to share our outrigger culture and learn cultural practices from other parts of the world.

Time together on the water builds critical connections to Hawaiian heritage, to place, to community, and to one's best self. These four connections characterize Pilinaha, an indigenous Hawaiian framework for health and wellness. IOCC's vision beyond athletics is to interweave programs such as ocean safety, art, cultural crafts, land management, forest stewardship, and community service collaboration with related stakeholders, in addition to athletic strength training and nutrition programs.

IOCC strives to give its 150+ paddlers, primarily youth and young adults, time in the canoe and on the water under the guidance of good coaches. Through practices several times a week and competitive racing, IOCC works to build strong paddlers who understand teamwork, respect for authority and one's peers, discipline, and sportsmanship. The club has set the high aspirational goal of representing Hawaii in the International Vaa Federation's Sprint Championships in Singapore in 2026. In the nearer term, the club plans to qualify and race at the 2025 Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association State Championship on Maui in August 2025, and long distance races throughout the State – Na Pali race on Kauai (August 2025), Liliuokalani Race in Kona (September 2025), Pailolo Challenge from Maui to Molokai (September 2025) – with the ultimate goal of representing the club in the Molokai Hoe race from Molokai to Oahu. IOCC is laying the groundwork by building strong and competitive crews for paddlers of all ages.

This Hawaii Grant-in-Aid (GIA) request supports building IOCC's capacity to regularly engage club members in paddling and racing through funding these key expenses: three canoes (one traditional "spec" OC6 and two Tahitian-style "unlimited" canoes). The "unlimited" style canoe is the current standard racing hull for international canoe racing and a traditional "spec" canoe is the standard racing hull style in Hawaii. A spec canoe can serve the club for 30 years or longer with proper maintenance, and an unlimited canoe should have a slightly shorter lifespan of 15-20 years due to its lighter construction and composition. An investment in canoes is an investment in the club.

Since IOCC's first GIA request last year, we have been blessed to have more interested persons join our club while retaining our previous membership. We believe the interest is largely because of our club culture of inclusivity and success in racing. Because IOCC has just three canoes (18 seats), this means that our practice days and times are staggered so that all members can receive enough time in the canoe to advance their skills. Given that families often have keiki of different ages and that our coaches volunteer their time, this poses numerous scheduling challenges for the club. Additional canoes will allow us to increase our training capacity, continue to retain our current paddlers, and recruit new paddlers.

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

IOCC will provide these services to the community with funding from the Hawaii GIA:

1. Engage youth ages 10-18 and young adults in canoe paddling practices two times per week, with 36 paddlers (6 canoes) on the water and receiving coaching at the same time.
2. Train all paddlers to learn to work together and compete. IOCC will participate in the Na Opio race season (keiki only), the Kanaka Ikaika race season (all ages), and other distance and regatta races and to prepare the paddlers for the Molokai Hoe distance championship in 2025.
3. Teach youth to care for the canoe site and the canoes and educate them about Hawaiian cultural values and traditions.

4. Have our youth paddlers compete in neighbor island distance races and U.S. mainland distance races, if possible and schedule permitting.

**(4) The target group:**

*Youth Paddlers:*

IOCC's youth paddlers come from across the Island of Oahu, with the largest numbers residing in Kapolei/Waianae, Waipahu, Ewa Beach, and Kakaako, Downtown Honolulu, Chinatown, Punchbowl, Papakolea, Pauoa Valley, Nuuanu, and Iwilei. The youth paddlers come from diverse economic backgrounds with some families able to afford club membership dues and fees (insurance and racing fees) and others needing assistance (IOCC provides scholarships).

The Na Opio Canoe Association races have four crew categories:

Novice B for youth in 6th grade and younger, Novice A for youth in 7th and 8th grades, Junior Varsity, for 9-10th grade youth and under, and Varsity, for 12th grade and under. Thus IOCC paddlers start as young as 10 years old.

*The entire club:*

IOCC paddlers range in age from 8 years old up to over 75 years old and include many families (ohana) that paddle together. Outrigger canoe paddling is a sport that is unique as it can be performed by all ages and all stages of a person's life.

IOCC keiki paddlers learn positive healthy habits of exercise, group socialization, cooperative teamwork, and leadership skills. Young adults and busy professionals often engage in paddling to nurture a better work-life balance. The ocean is often a salve for many after a stressful workday. Experienced kupuna mentor younger paddlers in the technique and practices of outrigger canoe paddling. Novice kupuna often serve as inspiration to their fellow paddlers for embarking on and enthusiastically embracing their new sport and activity in their senior years.

IOCC's masters program 40+ has seen growth over the past year. An energetic mix of parent paddlers, older novices, and kupuna paddlers seeking to revisit the sport of their youth, the masters are in particular need of seat time in the canoe as they are usually the first to give up their seat to a younger paddler.

Outrigger paddling promotes a healthy lifestyle through athletic training, including weight loss/management and healthy eating. Obesity and diabetes are a significant health concerns of Native Hawaiians, and a June 2023 study by UH Manoa researchers found that 20% of Hawaii residents have participated in outrigger paddling across race and ethnicity, gender, age, education and income level, and health status. Because paddling is widely enjoyed, that makes it a promising area for widespread community health promotion.

Report: <https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2023/06/20/canoe-paddling-native-hawaiians-pacificislanders-health-outcomes/>

Study: [https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2023/22\\_0412.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2023/22_0412.htm)

**(5) The cost of the grant and the budget:**

The annual operational budget for Imi Ola Canoe Club is approximately \$160,000. IOCC is requesting \$89,890 from the State of Hawaii via the GIA program.

## II. Background and Summary

1. A brief description of the applicant's background;
2. The goals and objectives related to the request;
3. The public purpose and need to be served;
4. Describe the target population to be served; and
5. Describe the geographic coverage.

## 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

In the Hawaiian language, Imi Ola means "to seek the best life." Founded in 2021, Imi Ola Canoe Club (IOCC) is a fully volunteer organization based on Sand Island (Mauiola) in Honolulu. The club has a clear mission: "to maintain and preserve Hawaiian culture via Hawaiian watersports, particularly the State team sport of outrigger canoeing; provide equipment and facilities for canoe activities that develop and maintain healthy minds and bodies; and provide opportunities for the interaction and communion of people for their mental and social well being."

IOCC currently has more than 100 youth paddlers, ages 10 to 18 years, and another 50+ adult paddlers, young adults to kupuna in their 60s and 70s. The program is youth-focused and committed to building competitive junior canoe racers. The club belongs to the Na Opio Canoe Racing Association, which hosts weekly OC6 and OC1 races for juniors from January through March each year. IOCC also enters paddlers into the Kanaka Ikaika Racing Association, which hosts OC1 races (some OC6 teams compete) throughout the calendar year. As of March 2024, IOCC is an affiliate member of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA), the State's premiere outrigger canoeing association. Acceptance and membership in OHCRA is a milestone goal of IOCC, and OHCRA provides IOCC with support and a like-minded community of canoe paddlers.

### 2. The goals and objectives related to the request

Goals:

- a. To build a highly competitive youth-focused paddling program that honors Hawaiian cultural values.
- b. To provide competitive racing opportunities for open (ages 19-39) and masters paddlers (age 40+).
- c. To nurture novice, first time never-before paddled, paddlers.
- d. For all members of the club, and in particular the junior paddlers, to compete in regatta and long distance races throughout the year with the goal of competing in the gender appropriate Molokai to Oahu race (Na Wahine O Ke Kai or Molokai Hoe). Crossing the Kaiwi Channel is still regarded as the Super Bowl and World Series of outrigger canoe paddling.

Objectives:

- a. To build the capacity of IOCC to enable all club members, especially our keiki ages 10-18 to practice regularly in OC6 canoes.
- b. To support inclusivity and equity by creating opportunities for paddlers of all backgrounds to participate.
- c. To build mental and physical health in all club member paddlers through practice and competition.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

IOCC is dedicated to perpetuating the culture and traditions of Hawaiian canoe paddling by giving youth from across Oahu opportunities to practice together, compete, and win races. Time together on the water builds critical connections to Hawaiian heritage, to place, to community, and to one's best self. These four connections characterize Pilihana, an indigenous Hawaiian framework for health and wellness. IOCC's vision beyond athletics is to interweave programs such as ocean safety, art, cultural crafts, land management, forest stewardship, community service collaboration with related stakeholders, in addition to athletic strength training and nutrition programs.

IOCC strives to give more than 100 youth and 50+ adults time in the canoe and on the water under the guidance of good coaches. Through weekly practices and competitive racing, IOCC works to build strong junior paddlers who understand teamwork, respect for authority and one's peers, discipline, and sportsmanship. The club's FY2026 goal is to compete in a Molokai to Oahu race – Na Wahine O Ke Kai and/or Molokai Hoe. IOCC is laying the groundwork by building strong and competitive crews for boys and girls of all ages.

The need for meaningful youth sports activities is strong in Hawaii, especially given the high level of adults with diabetes, obesity, and hypertension. A June 2023 study by University of Hawaii researchers found that 20% of Hawaii residents have participated in Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling. Paddling has particularly high popularity among Native Hawaiians where 42% have joined in this activity. The study also found the next ethnic group with the greatest participation was Pacific Islanders; 31% have paddled in their lifetime (data published by the Center for Disease Control). These findings are important because they suggest that promoting paddling and other activities that are physically demanding as well as culturally relevant, could be a meaningful way to improve physical activity rates in Hawaii, according to the researchers from the UH Office of Public Health Studies, the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) and the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

*UH Report:* <https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2023/06/20/canoe-paddling-native-hawaiians-pacific-islanders-health-outcomes/>

*CDC Study:* [https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2023/22\\_0412.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2023/22_0412.htm)

This Hawaii Grant-in-Aid request supports building IOCC’s capacity to regularly engage youth in paddling and racing through funding the key expense of three canoes (one OC6 and two Tahitian “unlimited” canoes). IOCC seeks to purchase unlimited canoes, which are the standard racing hull style for international and U.S. mainland canoe races and is evolving to be a racing option in Hawaii, and a traditional “spec” canoe, which is the long-standing standard racing hull style in Hawaii. An investment in canoes is an investment in the club.

At present, IOCC has just three canoes (18 seats), which means that our practice days and times are staggered so that all members receive enough time in the canoe to advance their skills. Given that families often have keiki of different ages and that our coaches volunteer their time, this poses numerous scheduling challenges for the club. Additional canoes will allow us to double our training capacity, continue to retain our current paddlers, and recruit new paddlers.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

IOCC’s paddlers come from across the Island of Oahu, with the largest numbers residing in Kapolei, Waianae, Waipahu, Ewa Beach, Kakaako-Downtown Honolulu-Chinatown, Punchbowl, Papakolea, Pauoa Valley, Nuuanu, and Iwilei.

Our members come from diverse economic backgrounds with some families able to afford club membership dues and fees (paying for insurance and races) and others needing assistance (IOCC provides scholarships). We are sensitive to members who attend Title I schools to make sure any economic disparity does not negatively impact participation.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

Imi Ola Canoe Club is based out of Sand Island on the Island of Oahu. Paddlers and coaches come from around the island in roughly this breakdown:

2% Central Honolulu

4% Pearl City

8% Palolo, Manoa Valley, Nuuanu, Aina Haina, Diamond Head, Waikiki

4% Kalihi

17% Wahiawa

12% East Honolulu

28% Kapolei/ Waianae

24% Waipahu, Ewa Beach

### III. Service Summary and Outcomes

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

**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.

<b>Scope of Work</b>	<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
Engage members in outrigger canoe paddling practices, especially youth and novice paddlers.	Purchase three additional OC6 canoes to build capacity. Expand practice sessions to accommodate more paddlers, including youth and kupuna.	IOCC Board IOCC Coaches
Enter youth crews in Hawaiian outrigger races.	Provide regular training, education regarding nutrition, sportsmanship, and teamwork.  Register and support crews at regatta races and other outrigger competitions.	IOCC Board IOCC Coaches Paddler families
Manage and steward the club’s practice site and educate youth about Hawaiian cultural values associated with the location, the canoe, and traditions that are associated with this.	Host club workdays to care for the club’s practice site and equipment.  Host talk story sessions with veteran and elder paddlers to build knowledge among the youth and novices.  Share meals and non-paddling team-building events to build community and relationships.	IOCC Board IOCC Coaches Paddler families

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

Services	Results/Outcomes	Timeline
Equipment (canoe) purchases	A total of 36 youth paddlers are able to practice at the same time, doubling the club's capacity.	Q1-Q4 (July 2025-June 2026)
Participation in outrigger races on Oahu	<p>Na Opio Race participation</p> <p>Regatta races</p> <p>Distance races with changes Pre-regatta Iron distance races</p> <p>Kanaka Ikaika and PAA races</p>	<p>Q3 (Jan 2026-Mar 2026)</p> <p>Q4 of FY25 and Q1 (Jul 2025-Sept 2025)</p> <p>Q2 (Oct 2025-Dec 2025) and Q4 (Apr 2026-June 2026)</p> <p>Q1-Q4 (July 2025-June 2026)</p>
Participation in outrigger races on neighbor islands and U.S. mainland	<p>HCRA State Championship in Maui</p> <p>Na Pali Challenge (Kauai distance)</p> <p>Queen Liliuokalani Race (Kona distance)</p> <p>Pailolo Challenge (Maui to Molokai distance)</p> <p>Na Wahine O Ke Kai (Molokai to Oahu, female)</p> <p>Molokai Hoe (Molokai to Oahu, male)</p>	<p>Q1 (Aug 2025)</p> <p>Q1 (Aug 2025)</p> <p>Q1 (Sept 2025)</p> <p>Q1 (Sept 2025)</p> <p>Q1 (Sept 2025)</p> <p>Q2 (Oct 2025)</p>
Service learning	In conjunction with non-Oahu events, IOCC plans to initiate sister-club relationships with neighbor island and mainland clubs as	See above

Services	Results/Outcomes	Timeline
	well as learning that area’s cultural values. Time permitting, IOCC will participate in a community service event.	

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

IOCC assures quality program activities through regular meetings of the Board of Directors and through participation in competitive outrigger leagues such as Na Opio, OHCRA, HCRA, and Kanaka Ikaika. The volunteer board works with the volunteer coaches to establish policies and best practices. The racing associations have software that tracks demographics such as participant age, ethnicity, gender, and current or former military service. IOCC uses Spond software to track participation in practices and club activities. IOCC can track the number of seat hours of practice and instruction provided to members.

The Board maintains control over expenditures and monitors equipment and the canoe site to ensure the club runs smoothly, paddlers are safe in the canoe and the water, and the club is a good steward.

The coaches evaluate the youth paddlers on a twice-weekly practice schedule. They regularly communicate with parents and caretakers. Race results and other metrics such as attendance to practices helps the coaches to evaluate the success of the program. IOCC may conduct periodic surveys to be completed by parents (of younger paddlers) and high school student paddlers to obtain feedback about the program.

IOCC also engages with other ocean stakeholders such as the Hawaii Ocean Safety Team (HOST) ([www.hosthawaii.org](http://www.hosthawaii.org)) to train and educate our paddlers on ways to best share the ocean with commercial vessels and larger recreational craft, be situationally aware, and be safe.

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.

- a. Total number of youth (unduplicated) who participate in the Na Opio, OHCRA, and HCRA races and practices.
- b. Ages and demographics of youth paddlers participating in practices and races.

- c. Total number of crews and paddlers entered in Kanaka Ikaika races.
- d. Total number of crews that IOCC enters in other major race events in FY26.
- e. Total number of seat hours by club members.

The club's selected athletic resume is attached.

IMI OLA CANOE CLUB ATHLETIC RESUME

2025	Event -- Team Imi Ola Participants	Craft
January 5, 2025	<b>KIRA Race #1 Nico's Makalua 5.5 Miles</b>	
	Dylan Cook (15) Reese Lau (15)	12th Overall Short Course 4th Place Open Men OC-2
	Zaiston Devela (12) Zairie Devela (17)	19th Overall Short Course 7th Place Open Men OC-2
	Heather Murakami	Race Event Staff
	Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff
	Gerricka Pang	Race Event Staff
2024	Event -- Team Imi Ola Participants	Craft
December 15, 2024	<b>KIRA Race #12 Lanikai Cold Pack Classic</b>	
	<b>Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle (15)</b>	<b>1st place Overall Junior Girl</b>
	Gabriel Iaea (17)	7th Place 18 and Under Boys
	Dylan Cook(15)	8th Place 16 and Under Boys
	Reese Lau (15)	10th Place 16 and Under Boys
	Caleb Cook (12) & Zaiston Devela (13)	7th Place Open Men OC-2
	Heather Murakami	Race Event Staff
	Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff
2024	<b>PA'A WINTER SERIES</b>	
	<b>Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle (15)</b>	<b>1st Place 14-16 Female</b>
	Gabriel Iaea (17)	5th Place 17-18 Male
December 1, 2024	<b>Pa'a Hawaii Toys for Tots</b>	
	Gabriel Iaea (17)	89th Overall
	Kiloaulani Ka'awa-Gonzales (28)	106th Overall
November 3, 2024	<b>Pa'a Hawaii Thanksgiving Food Drive</b>	
	Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle (15)	OC-1
	Gabriel Iaea (17)	OC-1
October 20, 2024	<b>KIRA Race #11 Na Wahine Ikaika- Hawaii Kai to Kaimana 8 Miles</b>	
	<b>Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle</b>	<b>1st Place 16 and Under 43rd Overall</b>
	Nikki Katahara-Tom, Kawehi Woo, Jodie Fujimoto, Melody Maon, Sandie Freitas, Crystal Saena	7th Place Open Women 57th Overall
	Heather Murakami	Race Event Staff
	Amadeus Kikila Debibar	Race Event Staff
	Jordan Woo	Race Event Staff
	<b>Molokai Hoe: Junior Boys 18 and Under</b>	
	Logan Ledesma, Jahsiah Sabanal, Brandon Christian Nicolas, Kamahele "Kama" Akana-Phillips, Kemanie "Koa" Arroyo, Zairie "Irie" Devela, Ryu Kalua, Kolten Maon, Kai Naus	Molokai- Oahu
October 13, 2024	<b>9 Jahsiah Sabanal</b>	
September 15, 2024	<b>Henry Ayau: Junior Boys 2 crews Open Men 1 Crew</b>	OC-6
September 8, 2024	<b>E Lau Hoe: Junior Girls 18 and Under</b>	OC-6
August 14-23, 2024	<b>IVF World Sprints</b>	Hilo V1 and V6
August 3, 2024	<b>HCRA State Championship Regatta</b>	Keeki Lagoon
	-- Mixed 18 Boys and Girls	
	<b>Hi'iaka Aipia White Eagle, Koa Arroyo, Dan Jean-Baptiste, Logan Ledesma, Lexy Saena, Kiki Tamashiro</b>	<b>1st Place Gold Medal</b>
June-July	<b>Hui Waa Regattas G/B/Mx 12 thru G/B/Mx 18</b>	various
March - June	<b>Hui Waa Iron Distance Races</b>	various
	<b>OHCRA Iron Distance Races</b>	various
April 7, 2024	<b>KIRA Race #9 Outrigger Zone State Championship Hawaii Kai to Mauiola 15 Miles</b>	
	Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle	2nd Place 16 and Under Girls 45th Overall
	Dylan Cook (14) and Reese Lau (14)	3rd Place Open Men OC-2 46th Overall
	Heather Murakami	Race Event Staff
	Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff
March 30, 2024	<b>KIRA Race #8 Oahu Coastal Relay</b>	
	<b>Dan Jean Batise (17) &amp; Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle (14)</b>	<b>1st Place Mixed Open OC-1 7th Overall</b>
	<b>Dylan Cook (14) and Reese Lau (14)</b>	<b>1st Place OC-2 Male (Solo)</b>
	Heather Murakami	Race Event Staff
	Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff
March 23, 2024	<b>KIRA Race #7 Haleiwa Joe's North Shore Race- Sunset to Haleiwa Beach 12 Miles</b>	
	<b>Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle</b>	<b>1st Place Overall Junior Female 12th Overall Female Long Course</b>
	OC-2 Dylan Cook (14) and Reese Lau (14)	2nd Place OC-2 Open Men 18th Place Over All Short Course
	Heather Murakami	Race Event Staff
	Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff
March 3, 2024	<b>KIRA Race #6 Kona Brewing Hawaii's South Shore Smash- Makai Pier to Kaimana 16 miles</b>	

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	Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle	1st Place Overall Junior Female 16th Overall Female Long Course	OC-1
February 24, 2024	<b>KIRA Race #5 Anchor Systems Hawaii- Hawaii Kai to Magic Island</b>		
	Hi'iaka Aipia White Eagle	2nd Overall Junior Female Long Course 40th Overall Female- Long Course	OC-1
	Heather Murakami Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff Race Event Staff	
2024	<b>Na Opio Canoe Racing Association EKAHI award winners</b>		
	Varsity Boys (Dayson Li'I, Jahsia Sabanal, Kai Naus, Koa Arroyo, Izraiah Salazar, Ezra Saena)		
	OC-1 Girls Varsity Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)		
February 17, 2024	<b>Na Opio Canoe Racing Association Regatta #6 CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	1st Place Overall Single A	
	OC-1 Boys JV	12th	
	OC-1 Boys Varsity	5th	
	OC-6 Mixed Novice B	11th	
	OC-6 Mixed Novice A	15th	
	OC-6 Girls Novice A	8th	
	OC-6 Girls Varsity	9th	
	OC-6 Boys Varsity	3rd	
	OC-6 Mixed Varsity	11th	
February 17, 2024	<b>KIRA Race #4 Puakea Makapuu Jam- Makai Pier to Hawaii Kai 10 Miles</b>		
	Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle (14)	2nd Overall Junior Girl; 27th Overall female	F Jr OC-1
February 3, 2024	<b>Na Opio Canoe Racing Association Regatta #5</b>	2nd Place Over All Single A Division	
	OC-1 Boys Nov B	10th	
	OC-1 Girls Nov A	6th	
	OC-1 Girls JV - Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)	1st	
	OC-1 Boys JV	6th	
	OC-1 Girls Varsity - Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)	1st	
	OC-1 Boys Varsity	10th	
	OC-6 Girls Novice A	9th	
	OC-6 Girls Varsity	8th	
	OC-6 Boys Varsity	2nd	
	OC-6 Mixed Varsity	8th	
	OC-6 Mixed JV	7th	
January 28, 2024	<b>KIRA #3 The Kai Waa Race -- Magic Island to Hawaii Kai (10 miles)</b>		
	Hiiaka Aipia White Eagle (14)	2nd Overall Junior Girl; 28th Overall female	F Jr OC-1
	Imi Ola Canoe Club- Juniors: Dayson Li'I (17), Koa Arroyo (17), Kai Naus (17), Dylan Cook (14), Jahsia Sabanal (17), Ezra Saena (17)	2nd OPEN Men, 105th Place Overall male	Mopen OC-6
	Dan Jeanbaptise (17)	6th Place 18 and Under Boys; 80th Overall Male	M Jr OC-1
	Kamahele K Akana-Phillips (16)	12th Place 16 and Under; 139th Overall male	M Jr OC-1
	Freddy Pang (19) & Kolten Maon (14)	2nd Place OC-2 Open Men; 145th Overall male	M Open OC-2
	Ryu Kalua (16) Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff Race Event Staff	
January 27, 2024	<b>Na Opio Canoe Racing Association Regatta #4</b>	1st Place Over All Single A Division	
	OC-6 Mixed Novice B	7th	
	OC-6 Mixed JV	11th	
	OC-6 Girls Novice A	9th	
	OC-6 Girls Varsity	8th	
	OC-6 Boys Varsity	1st	
	OC-6 Mixed Varsity	7th	
January 21, 2024	<b>KIRA #2 Kialoa to Kaimana -- Hawaii Kai to Kaimana Beach Park</b>		
	Hiiaki Aipia White Eagle (14)	2nd Overall Junior Girl; 28th Overall female	F Jr OC-1
	Kamahele K Akana-Phillips (16)	7th Place 16 and Under; 106th Overall male	M Jr OC-1
	Ryu Kalua (16) Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff Race Event Staff	
January 20, 2024	<b>Na Opio Canoe Racing Association Regatta #3</b>	2nd Place Over All Single A Division	
	OC-1 Girls Nov B	11th	
	OC-1 Boys Nov B	10th	
	OC-1 Girls Nov A	7th	

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OC-1 Girls JV - Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)	1st
OC-1 Boys JV	7th
OC-1 Girls Varsity - Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)	1st
OC-1 Boys Varsity	8th
OC-6 Mixed Novice B	7th
OC-6 Mixed Novice A	15th
OC-6 Girls Novice A	9th
OC-6 Girls Varsity	6th
OC-6 Boys Varsity	1st
OC-6 Mixed Varsity	9th

January 13, 2024

Na Opio Canoe Racing Association Regatta #2

OC-1 Boys Nov B	8th
OC-1 Girls Nov A	11th
OC-1 Girls JV - Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)	1st
OC-1 Boys JV	7th
OC-1 Girls Varsity - Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)	1st
OC-1 Boys Varsity	9th
OC-6 Mixed Novice B	7th
OC-6 Mixed Novice A	12th
OC-6 Girls Novice A	9th
OC-6 Girls Varsity	7th
OC-6 Boys Varsity	
OC-6 Mixed Varsity	9th

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KIRA #1 Makailua Windward -- Long Course Makai Pier to Kailua Beach Park; Short Course Waimanalo Beach Park to Kailua Beach Park

Kiki Tamashiro (16); Short Course	5th 16 and Under OC-1 Female; 78th overall	F Jr OC-1
Hiiaki Aipia White Eagle (14); Long Course	1st OC-1 Junior Female Overall; 161st overall	F Jr OC-1
Kamahele K Akana-Phillips (16) & K Sataraka; Long Course	2nd OC-2 Mixed; 69th overall	Mix OC-2
Ryu Kalua (16)	Race Event Staff	
Eli Nakahara	Race Event Staff	

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Na Opio Canoe Racing Association Regatta #1

OC-1 Girls Nov B -	9th place
OC-1 Boys Nov B	10th place
OC-1 Girls Nov A	10th place
OC-1 Girls JV - Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)	1st Place
OC-1 Boys JV	12th place
OC-1 Girls Varsity - Hiiaka Aipia-White Eagle (14)	1st Place
OC-1 Boys Varsity	9th place
OC-6 Mixed Novice B	DQ
OC-6 Mixed Novice A	15th place
OC-6 Girls Novice A	10 place
OC-6 Girls Varsity	7th place
OC-6 Boys Varsity	4th place
OC-6 Mixed Varsity	4th place



2023	Event		Craft
December	KIRA #13 (H White Eagle (14), D Jean-Baptiste (17); K Akana-Phillips & N Esguerra)	Lanikai	OC-1, OC-2
October	Maui Strong (OHCRA)	Honolulu	OC-6
September	Queen Liliuokalani Races	Kona	OC-6
August	Na Pali Challenge		OC-6
August 5, 2023	HCRA State Championship Regatta	Hilo	OC-6
	-- Mixed 18 Boys and Girls		
	Koa Arroyo, Dan Jean-Baptiste, Bryceson Pang, Gerricka Pang, Lexy Saena, Kiki Tamashiro	3rd Place Bronze Medal	
June-July	Hui Waa Regattas G/B/Mx 12 thru G/B/Mx 18	various	OC-6
March – June	Hui Waa Iron Distance Races	various	OC-6
May	KIRA #10 (D Jean-Baptiste, B Pang, K Akana-Phillips, K Tamashiro, D Lii, H White Eagle, D Partin, D Cook)	Molokai	OC-2
May	KIRA #9 Relay (D Jean-Baptiste & B Pang; K Akana-Phillips, K Tamashiro, D Lii, H White Eagle, D Partin, D Cook)	Hawaii Yacht Club	OC-1, OC-2
April	KIRA #8 (C Ledesma (19), K Akana-Phillips (15) Team Imi Ola)	Ewa Puuloa	OC-1, OC-6
March	Prince Kuhio Race	Kauai	OC-6
March	KIRA #7 (D Jean-Baptiste (16), B Pang (18), K Akana-Phillips (15), Team Imi Ola)	Lanikai	OC-1, OC-6
March	KIRA #6 (Team Imi Ola)	Haleiwa	OC-6
February	KIRA #5 (D Jean-Baptiste (16), B Pang (18), B.Nicolas & K Akana-Phillips)	Hawaii Kai	OC-1, OC-2
February	KIRA #4 (D Jean-Baptiste (16))	Makai Pier	OC-1
January	KIRA #3 (D Jean-Baptiste (16), F Pang (19), B Pang (18))	Hawaii Kai	OC-1, V-1
January	KIRA #2 (D Jean-Baptiste (16))	Kaimana	OC-1

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January KIRA #1 (F Pang (19), B Pang (18)) Kailua OC-1, V-1

2022	Event		Craft
September	Queen Liliuokalani Races	Kona	OC-6
August	IVF World Sprints	London England	OC-6
August	HCRA State Championship Regatta	Keehi Lagoon, Honolulu	OC-6
	-- Mixed 18 Boys and Girls		
	Joseph Akeo, Bryceson Pang, Lexy Saena, Kiki Tamashiro, Cade Tanaka, Jodi Yamane	1st Place Gold Medal	
June-July	Hui Waa Regattas G/B/Mx 12 thru G/B/Mx 18	various	OC-6
March – June	Hui Waa Iron Distance Races	various	OC-6

## IV. Financial

### Budget

#### 1. Budget

- a. Budget request by source of funds (Link)
- b. Personnel salaries and wages (Link)
- c. Equipment and motor vehicles (Link)
- d. Capital project details (Link)
- e. Government contracts, grants, and grants in aid (Link)

#### 2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2026.

Quarter 1

Quarter 2

Quarter 3

Quarter 4

Total Grant

3. A listing of all other sources of funding sought for fiscal year 2026.
4. 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.
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 2026 for program funding.
6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2024.

## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Imi Ola Canoe Club

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	0			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	0			
3. Fringe Benefits	0			
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Insurance				
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
4. Lease/Rental of Space				
5. Staff Training				
6. Supplies			10	
7. Telecommunication				
8. Utilities				
9. Professional and Contractual Services			7,990	
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>			<b>8,000</b>	
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>	<b>89,890</b>		<b>2,000</b>	
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>E. CAPITAL</b>				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>89,890</b>		<b>10,000</b>	
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	89,890	Eli Nakahara (808) 546-9969		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested	10,000	<i>Eli Nakahara</i> 1/16/2025		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official Date		
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>99,890</b>	Eli Nakahara Founding Director Name and Title (Please type or print)		

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Imi Ola Canoe Club

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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<b>TOTAL:</b>				
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>				

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Imi Ola Canoe Club

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
Unlimited canoe (Hydra Pro or similar) FOB Oahu	2	\$26,178.00	\$ 52,356.00	52356
--travel covers	2	\$2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	4000
Spec canoe (Tiger or similar)	1	\$31,937.16	\$ 31,937.16	31937.16
--shipping 5% on Spec	1	\$1,596.86	\$ 1,596.86	1596.86
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	6		\$ 89,890.02	89,890

**JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:** IOCC is requesting funding for these canoes since the unlimited canoe is the standard race canoe for international and mainland competition, and is evolving to be the canoe of choice in local distance races. The Traditional Spec canoe is the standard Hawaiian racing canoe. See quotes for price justification.

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
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			\$ -	
			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>				

**JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:**



## FOTI BROS. HAWAII

Canoe purchase proposal for:

Imi Ola Canoe Club

Eli Nakahara

January 14, 2025

Products are all manufactured by Outrigger Zone (Ozone) with a double carbon, foam core construction. Canoes are vacuum bagged and baked in an autoclave (pressurized oven).

All prices are delivered on Oahu.

1. Hydra OC6 Unlimited:

- Standard = \$22,000.00. Plus tax = \$23,036.64
- Pro = \$25,000.00. Plus tax = \$26,178.00

Price is inclusive of ama, iakos and spray canvas, but not travel covers. Price also includes up to 2 colors and basic patterns and/or color layout. Additional colors and customizations may add cost. Custom designs are welcome.

Lead time: 3 – 4 months.

Terms: \$5,000.00 paid when order is placed. Balance due upon receipt.

Mahalo,

Jim Foti

Foti Bros. Hawaii

Db. Tonga Trading Co., Ltd.

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**ESTIMATE**

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www.tigercanoe.com



**Bill to**  
Imi Ola Canoe Club

**Estimate details**

Estimate no.: 1278  
Estimate date: 01/14/2025

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		<b>OC6(1)</b>	Vacuum infusion OC6 canoe with ama and iakos.	1	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
2.		<b>OC6 Cover</b>	Canoe, ama and iako covers	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
3.		<b>OC6 Skirts</b>	OC6 racing covers	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
4.		<b>Lamination Upgrade</b>	Koa veneer ama upgrade.	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
					Subtotal	\$30,500.00
					Sales tax	\$1,437.16
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,937.16</b>

Accepted date

Accepted by

# BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Imi Ola Canoe Club

<b>FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED <span style="color: red;">N/A</span></b>						
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	n/a	n/a
LAND ACQUISITION	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
DESIGN	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CONSTRUCTION	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
EQUIPMENT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>TOTAL:</b>	n/a	n/a		n/a		
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>						

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

Applicant: Imi Ola Canoe Club

Contracts Total: 10,000

	<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	Grant-in-Aid Tier I (CT-DCS-2500034)	01/1/2025-12/31/2025	Department of Community Services	City and County of Honolulu	10,000
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**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 2026.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
10,000	15,000	32,445	32,445	89,890

- 3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2026.

IOCC has sought funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the City and County of Honolulu’s grants in aid program. Preliminary notice of award (or non-award) be made in early March; however, final award is subject to approval by the Honolulu City Council and will not be finalized until June.

IOCC continues to seek grants and fiscal support from private foundations and corporate sponsorships throughout the year. At this time, no other grant sources have been identified or made for FY 2026. IOCC hopes to successfully petition for \$25,000 in private foundation grants.

IOCC will fundraise through traditional sources such as bake sales and chili sales. Historically, this type of fundraising should realize \$10,000 in revenue.

- 4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.

Not applicable.

- 5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2026 for program funding.

City and County of Honolulu Grant-in-Aid Tier I (CT-DCS-2500034) for FY25.

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

\$35,000

## V. Experience and Capability

1. Necessary Skills and Experience
2. Facilities

## **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.

IOCC is a young canoe club with 2022 as its first full year of operations as a club under its own identity. IOCC is organized by volunteers and coaches with extensive experience in the Hawaiian paddling community. The coaches and board are respected paddlers with over 100 years of combined coaching experience.

Financial bookkeeping is done by Treasurer Val Chun, who works together with President Steve Meyer. Accounting for taxes and regulatory compliance will be outsourced to a CPA. The Board meets at least quarterly and is often at IOCC practices, races, and fundraising events. Head Coach Randy Chun supervises the practice sessions and ensures IOCC equipment is well-cared for a seaworthy. He will enlist and train the youth and novice paddlers in canoe maintenance so they learn the value of caring for club property and to make sure our canoes are in optimal practice and racing condition.

Brief resumes of IOCC's Governing Board and key personnel follow:

**President:** Steven "Steve" Meyer. Mr. Meyer has been a parent supporter of paddling for many years, making sure his children had the best paddling experience they could by supporting their club and school crews. An avid fan of technology, he brings an innovative mindset to the board and juggles the myriad responsibilities a young club encounters. Mr. Meyer can be found at nearly every club event, including practices, races, fundraisers, club work days, community service events, and more.

**Vice President:** Amadeus "Ama" Kikila-Debibar. Mr. Kikila-Debibar has been a paddler and steersperson since childhood with over 15 years of paddling experience. He is an elite-level competitor who coaches IOCC's teen youth and competitive adult programs. He is the Head Coach at Moanalua High School for the entire program – boys and girls junior varsity and varsity paddlers. The Vice President of the Board since the inception of IOCC, Mr. Kikila-Debibar represents the future of IOCC. This is his first foray into board administration and management.

**Secretary:** Sandie Freitas. Mrs. Freitas brings a natural organizational talent and problem solving mindset to the position, having served as the board secretary for the Na Ohana O Na Hui Waa (NOONHW) canoe racing association. A social worker with the Department of Education, she brings her professional skillset to IOCC to often advocate for social justice and policy changes to

improve our paddlers' well-being. She is invested in perpetuating the art of Hawaiian Canoe Racing by coaching and mentoring young paddlers to be good citizens and leaders.

Treasurer: Valerie "Val" Chun. Mrs. Chun has been a paddler for over 25 years and a coach for over 20 years. With Mr. Chun, she coached the novice program at Ka Mamalahoe Canoe Club before taking a brief hiatus from paddling. Upon her return to paddling, she emerged as the team leader of the master women's program and crew at IOCC. The first and only treasurer of IOCC, she is uniquely qualified to manage the cash and resources of IOCC since her retirement from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard as a Business Line Manager. Mrs. Chun has also served on the board of the Ewa Oceanside Association.

Head Coach and Director: Randal "Randy" Chun. Mr. Chun has been a paddler and coach for over 25 years. At IOCC, he coaches the masters/kupuna program. Additionally, he is an exceptional coach of novices, the never before paddled adult paddler, as his patience and ebullient personality draw out the best of a new competitor. He is an assistant coach at Moanalua High School. He is a retired US Army Corps of Engineers Construction Inspector, which makes him exceptionally well suited to handle the many logistical needs of the club from equipment maintenance to practice site management.

Director: Ursula "Ursie" Costorio-Meyer. Mrs. Meyer was an active paddler in her youth and young adulthood who passed along her love and passion for the sport to her five now-adult children, several of whom paddler for IOCC. A born organizer and leader of people, she is the quintessential boots on the ground support for club fundraisers and events. She makes sure there is enough manpower and personnel to get any job done efficiently.

Founding Director: Elias "Eli" Nakahara. Mr. Nakahara began paddling as an eight-year-old keiki and boasts exceptional skill as a paddler and steersman at an elite level. IOCC has been his vision since he was a youth paddler. A proven winning coach with over 20 years of coaching experience, he is also well-versed in all aspects of running a club, from paddler recruitment, fundraising, equipment maintenance, budget forecasting, and coaching. He is in his fourth year coaching at Iolani School and is this year's varsity boys Head Coach. Mr. Nakahara previously coached at Pearl City High School. Mr. Nakahara currently serves as the voting delegate for NOONHW at the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (HCRA), having previously served as the NOONHW President for a total of six years and the Treasurer of Na Opio Canoe Racing Association (NOCRA). Over the years, he has served on many committees for NOCRA, NOONHW, and HCRA, as well as pinch-hitting as a land and water official when necessary.

Keiki Coach: Elizabeth Ann "Lisa" Bento. Ms. Bento has coached the youngest keiki paddlers for over 20 years at Ka Mamalahoe Canoe Club and Lokahi Canoe Club before bringing her talents to IOCC. In addition, she serves as a Director of Lokahi Canoe Club and recently completed a two-year term as a Director with the Na Ohana O Na Hui Waa (NOONHW) canoe racing

association. She is invested in perpetuating the art of Hawaiian Canoe Racing by coaching and mentoring young paddlers to be good citizens and leaders.

Mr. Nakahara and Mr. Kikila-Debibar coached IOCC's first ever junior men's crew across the Molokai Channel in the Molokai Hoe race this past October 2024. It was an achievement and accomplishment for the nine young men in the crew racing their very first channel together. The crew finished a respectable 6<sup>th</sup> in their division and formed a bond of brotherhood that such a first-time endurance race creates. The club couldn't be prouder!

IOCC successfully participated in the Na Opio OC6 and OC1 races from 2022 to present. The club also raced in the 2022-2024 summer regatta season under the patronage of Lokahi Canoe Club. The club's athletic resume is attached om Section III.

## 2. Facilities

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IOCC operates from a canoe site at Sand Island (Maui Ola) on DLNR land. IOCC has executed a special use permit and an adopt-a-park memorandum of agreement for stewardship of the practice site. The club does not own any buildings or structures as these are not permitted on the beach site. IOCC has improved the site by relocating/removing large rocks, removing invasive long-thorn kiawe plants, and planting grass.



Getting rid of long-thorn kiawe



Planting grass



The grass is growing

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IOCC has no paid staff. The organization is led by a volunteer board.

See board resumes in Section V.

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Not applicable

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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.

Not applicable

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Not applicable.

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IOCC's request for equipment is a finite request, which is to say three canoes will last for many years. In the future, the club will need to expend funds on maintenance and repair, but these costs are nominal compared to the initial outlay for the equipment.

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*See attached.*

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, 2024.

#### **2. Declaration Statement** *See attached.*

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

#### **3. Public Purpose** *See attached.*

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** *See attached.*

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:

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2. The goals and objectives related to the request;
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Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
10,000	15,000	32,445	32,445	89,890

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