

FUNDING GUIDELINES

and

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Foundation Information

Hawai'i People's Fund: funding progressive social change since 1972

Hawai'i People's Fund is a publicly supported community fund chartered in 1972. Our Board of Directors and Staff raise money to provide support and funding through grants to progressive grassroots groups committed to a more equitable distribution of power, resources and wealth. We believe it is critical to address the causes underlying inequality, injustice and poverty. Hawai'i People's Fund works in solidarity with grantees by providing more than monetary support, we provide consistent technical assistance, consultation, referrals and offering a variety of training, networking and collaborative opportunities. In order for an organization to receive funding, it must meet the criteria and general guidelines set forth in this brochure. We encourage start-up projects to apply.

Mission Statement

Hawai'i People's Fund is a partnership of activists and donors who share a vision of a just, equitable and sustainable society. We fund groups challenging institutions and attitudes which foster economic, social, racial and gender inequalities. Funds are raised from progressive donors and distributed through a democratic, activist-empowered process.

Hawai'i People's Fund provides grants, technical assistance and unique networking opportunities to grassroots organizations working for social change throughout Hawai'i. We strive to serve as a model for progressive, informed philanthropy.

Funding Partnership

For several years, the Hawai'i Community Foundation operated the mo' Bettah Together Grant Making Program to foster social networks within and among communities as a way of promoting positive community change. The Hawai'i Community Foundation and Hawai'i People's Fund have created a funding partnership to co-fund projects that support progressive social change. The Hawai'i Community Foundation believes that together we will be able to do more to promote community-based social change.

The Hawai'i Community Foundation: 90 years of inspiring the spirit of giving

The Hawai'i Community Foundation is a public, statewide, charitable services and grantmaking organization supported by donor contributions for the benefit of Hawai'i's people. The Foundation's mission is to help people make a difference by inspiring the spirit of giving and by investing in people and solutions to benefit every island community.

Change, Not Charity™

Charity is short-term. • Change is long-term.

Charity is often reactive. • Change is often pro-active.

Charity treats the symptoms of injustice. • Change addresses the causes of injustice.

Charity is based on individual giving. • Change involves collective response.

Examples of social service vs social change:

Offering Direct Social Services	Directing Social Change
Toys for tots at the holidays	Work for a living wage so that parents can buy the toys themselves
A telethon raising \$ for people with a particular disability	A disability rights organization working for greater access
Donations to cancer research	Support for a group working to change environmental policies regarding cancer-causing toxics
Annual make-a-difference day clean-up at a community park	Community organizing to prevent evictions for the gentrification of a neighborhood

Yes, there are organizations that provide both direct services and actively work for social change.

Such groups are eligible for Hawai'i People's Fund support.

A social change organization:

- Is explicit regarding issues of equity
- Focuses on communities affected by inequity
- Ensures that its constituents are involved in setting the agenda
- Recognizes unequal dynamics of racial and economic power
- Holds those responsible for maintaining inequities accountable
- Works to make change at the roots and interconnections of systems, institutions and people
- Offers bold paradigm shifts and alternatives that replace current structures of inequity and disproportionate power
- As part of something larger than itself, the social change organization works collaboratively in building a collective movement

Social Justice

- Inequitable allocation of resources and access to power is at the root of many social problems
- Social justice work recognizes and exposes areas of inequality and develops equitable solutions towards a better world
- Social justice work is done with, often by, not for, marginalized groups
- Social justice work creates or delivers to those most disempowered the skills and tools needed to positively alter this social context

Categories of Work

Broad categories of work considered for grant awards include:

Cultural Activism	Human and Civil Rights	Environmental Justice
Economic Justice	Political Organizing	Peace and International Solidarity
Youth Organizing	Workers' Rights	Indigenous Rights
Reproductive Justice		

Strategies for Action

Strong proposals will reflect all or many of the following:

- Organizing, mobilization, education, direct action, and/or advocacy
- Challenge and work to change systems and institutions that create, accommodate and perpetuate social inequalities and injustices
- Address the root causes of injustice
- Work to eliminate barriers to full participation in society (i.e. racism, sexism, classism, ableism, homophobia, ageism)
- Collaboration with other groups
- Opportunities for public participation and community involvement
- Promote leadership development
- Realistic goals
- Clear plans for achieving and evaluating efforts
- Accountability to constituency
- Considered fundraising plan
- Realistic budget

