As we enter the Hawaiian lunar month of Kaʻaona, fishing is productive and coral spawning begins. The dry weather signals we are in the midst of the summer months, the beginning of the hurricane and tropical storm season in Hawaiʻi (Kalei Nukūhiwa)

Under clear summertime skies, we are once again reminded that the sun always rises, even in the darkest of times. The tumultuous Spring 2020 will go down in the books as the Great HULI, the global awakening to the truth this ‘ohana has always known, and reaffirmation that we have been, and continue to be, on the pono path of lifting up a new way of living, loving, and breathing in this amazing world. The strength of our networks, the passions that move us, and our shared commitment to justice is the beacon that will see us through.

E OLA! E OLA! E OLA!
Aloha NUI, ‘ohana!!

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Hawai‘i People’s Fund awarded a RECORD $102,030 in grants in our Spring 2020 cycle

This collective success is a powerful reflection of YOUR support for progressive movement work in Hawaiʻi, and we couldn’t do it without you!

Since 1972, Hawai‘i People’s Fund has given all of us an opportunity to be a part of something bigger than ourselves ~ to connect to a growing community plugged directly into a shared vision of a just and equitable Hawai‘i. Through a unique intersectional approach to social change, this ‘ohana has been hitting injustice in Hawaiʻi from all angles for nearly 50 years. HPF is the only organization in Hawaiʻi specifically addressing the needs of grassroots progressive movement builders by directing community-raised funds and progressive funding opportunities to those on the ground engaged in the work.

Join us in celebrating community-based philanthropy in ACTION by learning more about our Spring 2020 grantees and their efforts to ensure a vibrant, just future in Hawaiʻi nei

‘Aha Kāne’s mission is to strengthen the Native Hawaiian community through nurturing and perpetuating the traditional male roles and responsibilities that contribute to the physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being of Native Hawaiian males, their families, and communities to increase awareness and empower Native Hawaiian males to
fulfill their roles and responsibilities amongst each other, as well as within our families and respective communities. They nurture a healthier Native Hawaiian male population by eliminating psychosocial, health, and educational disparities through activities founded on traditional cultural practices that build sustainability in the community.

ʻAha Wāhine Kūhinapapa gathers wahine to inspire, inquire, invest, and invigorate each other with ʻike, aloha, and kuleana. Formed in 2011 in response to numerous inquiries from Hawaiian women seeking knowledge and opportunities for personal and professional development, they partner with indigenous businesses and organizations that elevate the status of wāhine, have environmentally friendly policies and practices, and are fair and charitable within their communities. Having held two large successful gatherings, ‘Aha Wahine Kūhinapapa is nurturing the momentum of movement-building, growing mana that can be defined, tracked, and measured to influence policy, programs, and services that strengthen wāhine and families.

Hālau o Huluena conducts a lā’au lapa’au Master Class that restores authentic traditional herbal healing practice in the community by creating and implementing a structure for active learning and immersing students in a tradition-based process of obtaining cultural competency. The hui engages in nāʻau-based, ʻāina-based curriculum and approaches that convey traditional knowledge in the context of the present-day. In the current global health crisis, a return to traditional healing practices has proven especially relevant, underscoring the urgency in disseminating valuable ʻike kūpuna (ancestral knowledge) as a means to heal and uplift community.

Hawai‘i Women in Filmmaking is a feminist nonprofit organization committed to achieving intersectional gender equity in filmmaking. They are a creative and safe space where film and media-makers connect, create, mentor, and inspire current and future generations of women to explore and pursue careers in the field of filmmaking. Making Media That Matters is a filmmaking program for young women to develop filmmaking and critical-thinking skills by examining issues in their communities. Making Media That Matters is filmmaking for civic engagement and social justice. The program provides a platform for young women to tell their stories and be agents of social change through film.

Hawai‘i Workers Center aims to assist and organize non-union low-income workers through one-on-one counseling sessions and
referrals, conducting workshops on workers' rights to build contacts, and mobilizing these workers to address their identified needs and issues. The initiative develops leaders and the formation of workers' associations and committees that become conscious of their rights and their power to organize in concert with community partners in order to win their most urgent needs and demands.

**Hui o Kuapā** serves Molokai’s K-12 students with Hawaiian cultural content-based educational activities and experiences. With concern over the global pandemic resulting in the closure of all schools on Molokai, Hui o Kuapā’s Educational Specialists pivoted to create 'āina-relevant, quality teaching material for web-based delivery to the students of Molokai and beyond. Through the *Mana’e Community Aloha ‘Āina Resources Restoration and Training Project*, cultivation, development, and community outreach focusing on the area of Kūmimi on Molokai’s East end will breathe life back into this once fertile loko i‘a, and continue the hui’s resolve to revitalize indigenous food systems island wide.

**Kāʻū Women’s Health Collective** was founded in 2019 by a hui of moms to address reproductive justice issues impacting the health of Pāhala residents, from teen pregnancy to childbirth trauma to high rates of cancer and diabetes. Their mission to empower the women of Kaʻū to improve the health of their community by holding space for active listening, knowledge exchange, and collective action begins with *Pilina*, the first of a 3-tiered effort to restore the power of women - the childbearers, the caregivers, and the workhorses - as a first step in realizing reproductive justice in their community.

**Ke Ea Hawai‘i** is an inter-scholastic ‘aha (council) composed of one elected student representative from each of 15 Hawaiian-focused public charter schools. Begun in the summer of 2013 through a Hawaiʻi Peoples Fund start-up grant, the hui’s vision is to make a positive impact on Hawai‘i’s youth through perpetuation, unification, and creating change by giving a voice to the unheard. After seven years of trial and error with social media engagement, Ke Ea Hawaiʻi began *The Hawaiian Kingdom Weekly* and *Ke Aupuni Hawai‘i* to highlight summaries of each week in the Kingdom and encourage dialogue about current events as was seen in the Hawaiian nūpepa era.

**Koʻolau Cooperative Community Hub,** empowered by farmers market farmers, believes that FOOD IS MEDICINE, and that communities are strengthened in well being,
health, and prosperity. Over the course of a year, the hui reimagined what sustainability means for the Koʻolau community through their stewardship of the weekly farmers' market at Ben Parker Elementary School, featuring produce grown by and for Koʻolau residents, fresh fish offered from the fishers themselves, and locally sourced and milled poi. In the current crisis, KCCH has taken their vision "on the road," bringing fresh food and products normally sold at the market to multiple locations and hubs around Oʻahu on a weekly basis.

**Kuhialoko**, located at Waiawa Kai, Oʻahu, educates and works to restore the land and the species connected to its health while bringing families together to strengthen their relationships with each other, their community, and the surrounding environment. Through the *Waiawa Kai Native & Cultural Wetland Revitalization Project*, the hui sees this shift in mindset to a more open and interconnected relationship with ‘āina and ‘ohana as the first step in restoring abundance and a sense of community ownership and kuleana to Pu’u’ula, an area riddled by a long history of military occupation and displacement.

**Kūkulu Kumuhana o Anahola**'s genesis sprang forth from the collective grief over a number of youth/young adult suicides and suicide attempts in the Hawaiian Homelands community of Anahola. KKOA works to assist our children in developing life skills that will strengthen their identity through Hawaiian values, build self-esteem, and offer support in successfully managing their futures as a community.

**Lā Hoʻihoʻi Ea Honolulu**'s mission is to provide safe spaces to celebrate Lā Hoʻihoʻi Ea through educational, cultural, and community networking events, focusing on Hawaiian independence, social justice and open dialogue. Activating and nourishing communities around a cohesive spirit of Ea (*self-determination*), the hui will be conducting their usual month-long celebration and community education and engagement through *Lā Hoʻihoʻi Ea 2020 Online Series for Independence*, expanding their reach to those typically unable to engage in person.

**Language Acquisition & Immersion for the New Generation (LAING)**'s mission is to perpetuate, promote, preserve, and introduce the various heritage languages and cultures of the immigrant population of Hawai‘i and the United States, and to use them as vehicles for community empowerment, heritage education, social services, and language and cultural access. Starting with the many languages of the
Philippines, their goal is to expand to include classes in languages of the Pacific.

**Mālama Mākua** is a Kanaka Maoli-led non-profit organization whose mission is to bring about the return of sacred Mākua for culturally appropriate use. They preserve and protect this wahi pana on Oʻahu's west side through continuous community access and engagement (twice monthly), establishing constant presence and practice in a place that has been occupied by the U.S. army since World War II.

The mission of **Maunakea Education & Awareness** is to educate and raise the awareness of communities in Hawaiʻi and beyond on the spiritual, historical, cultural, environmental, and political significance of Mauna Kea and ALL sacred places, and provide cultural learning opportunities to everyone from keiki to kūpuna, residents, visitors and others concerned about indigenous rights and responsibilities in order to create a platform for protection of sacred places and for social justice and positive change. Summer 2019 through March 2020 positioned MKEA’s critical role in leadership and frontline non-violent ceremonial stance on the mauna, and the hui remains pivotal as a pillar and piko for the lāhui, dedicated to keeping the movement grounded in ceremony and ritual by utilizing the ‘Aha and the kapu aloha guidelines to ground supporters here and around the world in continued protocol.

**Nā Mahiʻai o Keanae** improves the socio-economic conditions of the Keanae community, farmers, youth and families by providing Keanae farmers, youth, and community with support, training, and sustainable economic development opportunities. The hui engages with Keanae youth, community members, visitors, and businesses through cultural and educational programming and a safe space to learn and practice culture through hands-on learning experiences, classes, workshops, and events to increase knowledge about the rich history of the area.
**Native Stories** is a non-profit audio content platform and production house focused on providing access to authentic stories and experiences — of its people, place, perspective, history and culture — in service to those that came before us and the understanding of life that should be passed down through generations and around the world. It provides access to outside and in-house produced content through a mobile app and website.

**Pōhāhā i ka Lani** builds upon nearly two decades of the organization’s land stewardship and revitalization efforts in Waipiʻo Valley, helping to ensure that the wahi pana will thrive with native plants and deepen the relationship between residents and visitors helping to mālama ʻāina. The hui is currently developing a culturally-based community stewardship program to address and mālama the culturally rich Mahiki area, where trespassing into fragile ecosystems, illegal dumping, and illicit activities threaten the delicate balance in Waipiʻo. Proactively addressing the root causes of the situation, Pōhāhā i ka Lani is taking a holistic and collaborative approach through a long-term, community-focused stewardship effort by collaborating with the County of Hawaiʻi, building local support and participation (which will deter some of the illegal dumping, dangerous activity, and trespassing), and by installing signage to physically deter trespassers and set the tone of the sacred area.

**The Pōpolo Project** engages the community through education, public presentations, and panel discussions, all key opportunities for exchange of viewpoints among experts and community members. Their work places emphasis on developing forums that address issues of interest to the Black community in Hawaiʻi, and educates the larger community about the diverse cultures and experiences of Black communities of the African diaspora and the indigenous island communities of the Pacific region, providing sustained engagement with the community, presenting new learning opportunities, and challenging our island community to think about connections between Black diasporas and the diverse communities of Hawaiʻi in new ways.

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**Mahalo NUI LOA to the HPF ʻohana who made these grant awards possible!**  
*Your aloha has supported nearly 50 years of community power ~ community giving IS community doing!*

Your generosity has blessed this sacred process with abundance, arming our activist-led Grantmaking committee with precious resources to fuel the winds of change and collectively uphold an enduring progressive movement in Hawaiʻi that benefits all, for generations to come.

Your love has reaffirmed the HPF ʻohana’s standing in our community as a partner, a viable resource, and a hui of value to assist grassroots organizations in delivering real impact through bold paradigm shifts and alternatives that work to replace current structures of inequity and disproportionate power in Hawaiʻi.

We are changing Hawaiʻi TOGETHER, family ~ mahalo for your continued support of community
Check out who YOU funded from 1973-2019!

I love community power

Hawai‘i Aloha: The People’s Response is dedicated to seeding HPF’s Urgent Action Grants program, and since March 2020, over $56,000 of community-raised aloha has been directed to grassroots initiatives pressing on amidst the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Hawai‘i People’s Fund stands in solidarity and full support with those individuals and organizations who have been working to upend and heal systems of oppression for nearly 50 years. We believe the work of our grantees present VIABLE SOLUTIONS to the current crisis, and despite the challenges that COVID-19 has presented, we choose to embrace the opportunity to usher in a new way of living, loving, and being a part of something bigger than ourselves.

We invite you to learn more about the courageous initiatives that have blossomed, and EMPOWER our grassroots community by helping to fuel the important social change momentum that rages on, even during these heavy huli days.

With your kōkua, we can continue to move critical resources to past, present, and future grantees committed to seeing our beloved community through this storm.

Hawai‘i Aloha: The People’s Response

‘Āina Aloha Economic Futures
building economic resilience through ʻāina aloha

Hālau o Huluenä
transmitting ancestral knowledge
Hawaiʻi Workers Center
empowering workers to organize

Hui Aloha 808: Bathroom Brigades
mobilizing our most vulnerable

Hui Mauli ʻOla
empowering health & wellbeing

Kalaukekahuli
birthing a nation

Hui o Kuapā
educating for a sustainable future

Ke Kulanui o Waimānalo
feeding our communities

Koʻolau Cooperative Community Hub
reviving the ʻono for ʻai pono
Welina mai kākou

With deep aloha and mahalo for everyone in our HPF ‘ohana, we are once again celebrating the incredible mana of community. GIVING = community DOING that uplifts our beloved community. I continue to be humbled to serve in my capacity as Executive Director alongside a dedicated Board of Directors, a powerhouse hui of grantees, a loving and generous community of donors, and a potent legacy of transforming Hawai‘i through peace and justice for
Closing in on 4 years with HPF, I am incredibly honored to be able to serve the lāhui in this way.

We recently completed our Spring 2020 Grantmaking process ~ SO EXCITING! Our Grantmaking Committee engaged in HPF's first ever virtual deliberations ~ our GMC co-chairs designed a brilliant multi-day process across 3 sessions to thoughtfully deliberate the proposals that came in. Their STELLAR leadership in this critical "what-we-do" piece of the delicious pie we bake up together resulted in infusing critical resources to 19 grassroots organizations and extending the reach of social change activism across four islands.

It's truly our favorite time of year ~ learning about the awesome work folks across Hawai‘i are doing, even in the midst of extreme health and social crises, to ensure a just, equitable future for us all is so inspiring. Mobilizing community-raised resources to support busting through systems of oppression, breaking up the roots of injustice, and celebrating our unique hui of activists and donors making it happen is what we're here for.

YOU make this magic possible. Mahalo to everyone in the HPF ‘ohana for your mana, your generous giving of time and resources, and your continued aloha for this house the People built. We are changing Hawai‘i ~ and the world ~ TOGETHER!

me ke aloha,

Micky Huihui
Executive Director

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E Hapai Pu ~ It Takes A Crowd!

Be a part of creating lasting change in Hawai‘i by donating today!

Hawai‘i People's Fund is a unique partnership of activists and donors who share a vision of a just and equitable Hawai‘i. As the only social justice-focused public foundation in Hawai‘i, we truly DO believe we change the world each time we are able to connect community philanthropy with organizations committed to ensuring a vibrant, just future for generations to come.

Truly the "People's Fund," this cross-class, cross-issue, intersectional approach to organizing, supported by a community who values the critical importance of viewing the big and small pictures of social justice in Hawai‘i as one and the same, has sustained our grantmaking program and our operations for nearly 50 years.

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As a social-change philanthropy, the act of giving is an action equally as powerful as the work itself. Fundraising provides capital for our programs, and building our donor base is equally about growing a movement for progressive change and social justice. The 2020 Spring Grant Awards were only possible because of the generosity and aloha of the HPF ‘ohana. Your choice to contribute a one-time donation or become a monthly donor is a commitment to the vision of a more equitable and just Hawai‘i just as much as is the work of grassroots organizations receiving grants. Your aloha is an important part of our collective stories of change.

It Takes A Crowd.
your entire donation is tax deductible & socially responsible – join us!

*Become a recurring donor today, and check out other ways you can support the work!*

Mahalo for your kōkua in lifting up and investing in Hawaiʻi’s FUTURE!

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