Under clear summertime skies, we are once again reminded that the sun always rises, even in the darkest of times.

The tumultuous era from Spring 2020 to Summer 2021 will go down in the books as the Great HULI, the global awakening to the truths 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 light that connects us.

E OLA! E OLA! E OLA!

Aloha NUI, ‘ohana!!!

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Hawai‘i People’s Fund awarded a RECORD $180,240 in grants in this cycle!

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

HPF is the only organization in the world specifically addressing the needs of grassroots progressive movement builders in Hawai‘i by directing community-raised funds and progressive funding opportunities to those on the ground engaged in the work.

Our mission to support, fund, and amplify the work of Hawai‘i-based grassroots organizations challenging systems of oppression through a unique intersectional approach to social change manifested beautifully in this year’s grantee cohort, hitting injustice in Hawai‘i from all angles across 5 islands and multiple issue areas.

Join us in CELEBRATING community-based philanthropy in ACTION by learning more about our Spring 2021 grantees and their efforts to ensure a vibrant, just future in Hawai‘i nei!

FUND THE POWER!

‘Aha Wāhine Kūhinapapa gathers wahine to inspire, inquire, invest, and invigorate each other with ‘ike, 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 wahine, have environmentally friendly policies and
practices, and are fair and charitable within their communities. The hui will offer programming that will enrich and support wāhine through the next phases of recovery from the pandemic and transition into a "new normal" for Hawai‘i‘s families and communities.

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**Aloha Kuamo’o ‘Āina** - Kuamo‘o offers a critical and special place in Kona for ‘ōiwi youth and all families across our island to deepen their cultural and spiritual ties to the land. Since 2016, AKA has connected over 2,000 community members and Native youth to Kuamo‘o’s landscape and history through managed access, community restoration projects, and place-based cultural education. AKA seeks to expand the growth of their mission to promote aloha ‘āina—ecological and social justice—through the implementation of their Kuamo‘o Virtual Learning Program. This program was developed in 2020 to engage web audiences with thoughtful, high-quality online programs and content that teaches the story and core values of Kuamo‘o.

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**Hānai Kaiāulu** is a student-led non-profit organization dedicated to reducing food waste through bokashi composting, food recovery, and education. HK’s composting program engages and educates people in food systems, thinking, and community sustainability. It also provides solutions for individuals and businesses to capture organic waste and retain it as a community resource. Composting and managing food waste more efficiently diverts food waste from landfills, provides an alternative to chemical fertilizers, improves soil quality and carbon retention, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Through community outreach, HK will serve to educate, engage, and empower Hawai‘i’s communities to hānai kaiāulu (care for the community). The power to manifest global social change lies within.

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**Ho‘āhu Energy Cooperative Molokai** ("HECM") was born out of a grassroots community effort to shape Molokai’s energy future through community-developed and owned renewable energy projects. Their mission is to produce locally owned, affordable, renewable energy for the benefit of their members, the community, and the environment. Their vision is to have 100% of Molokai’s electricity needs met through renewable energy sources that are affordable, sustainable, culturally compatible, and environmentally friendly. Their objectives are sustainability, affordability, resiliency, and Energy Independence/Sovereignty through outreach campaigns for community-based renewable energy projects, workforce development training projects,
Honua Scholars empowers local students to pursue STEM careers and advanced degrees to be Hawai‘i’s STEM leaders. Formed in 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic and the perceived dissonance between culture and science, Honua Scholars supports STEM development alongside culture through an ecological social framework. Honua Scholars encourages civic engagement in the STEM community and advocates for reclaiming Hawai‘i’s technology sector to be run by Hawaiians for Hawaiians.

Hui o Kuapā, founded in 1989, educates local and global communities about Native Hawaiian biocultural resource management through the restoration, use and maintenance of Molokai’s loko i’a, traditional Hawaiian fishponds and their adjacent lands.

Through the creation of original art pieces, Nā Hulu Kūpuna Project seeks to ho‘ohanohano (uplift and honor) Molokai’ kūpuna to ensure the mo‘olelo - the stories - knowledge, and values they hold are passed on and perpetuated by future generations.

I ka wā ma mua, ka wā ma hope
the future is found in the past

Jr. Ko‘olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club/ Hui Sivila ‘Ōpiopio o Ko‘olaupoko is a civic youth organization centered in the Moku of Ko‘olaupoko. Their project brings the names of kūpuna from Ko‘olaupoko who signed the kūʻē petitions home, honoring their bravery and recognizing them as heroes. The hui intends to supplement their efforts by creating educational programming to inspire and remind ‘ōpio and community members of these kūpuna’s actions, and promote the legacy of kūʻē no ka ‘āina (stand in protection of the land).

Kalauokekahuli supports Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander birthing people by providing culturally based prenatal, birth, and postpartum support and education. They seek to directly address NHPI disparities in birth outcomes by creating free, accessible, and culturally competent informational resources to the community. By sharing information, videos, and art that center NHPI cultural identities, they hope to educate and empower the birthing community to reclaim traditional practices surrounding birth, and ultimately reclaim birth sovereignty and bodily autonomy.
Ka Pā o Lonopūhā is a traditional Hawaiian healing school that was founded in 2009 to train the next generation of lomilomi practitioners. They are dedicated to reviving the practice of Lomi A’e by taking a holistic approach to health. Rooted in Mauli Ola, their goal is to raise the consciousness of traditional Hawaiian healing practices.

Ke Ea Hawaiʻi is an inter-scholastic student council composed of elected student leaders from Hawaiian-focused charter schools. Their project, the Hawaiian Kingdom Weekly, amplifies student and community voices by developing a channel for new minds to choose what news is amplified and whose voices amplify it, and by developing a new generation of leaders who have experience in mass media production and critical literacy.

Ke Kulanui o Waimānalo strives to inspire youth to look to our past to build a vibrant future and a thriving community to take pride in. Koʻolele, a film and cultural exploration program, focuses on connecting youth to their culture, wahi pana, self-identity, and overall well-being, pushing back on colonial injustice, and reigniting cultural pride through film.

Utilizing video production, directing, and editing skills learned through the program, participants are tasked with documenting the manaʻo, moʻolelo, and mele (perspectives, stories, and songs) from esteemed leaders and kūpuna in the Waimānalo community.

Keliʻi William Ioane Legacy Foundation was created in 2020 to honor and perpetuate the legacy of Keliʻi William Ioane Jr., the Mālama Ka ‘Aina Hana Ka ‘Aina Association (M.A.H.A), the Keaukaha Makahiki Ceremony, and the promotion of Hawaiian Nationalism through his music. The effort underscores the social inequities of Hawaiʻi’s people, and celebrates its resilience through the moʻolelo of King’s Landing and the formation of M.A.H.A. The development of a website will serve as a platform to share the strengths and frustrations of the alternative subsistence living of M.A.H.A within the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, as well as share the livelihood of the villagers and their role in Hawaiʻi’s historical efforts towards rehabilitation of the Hawaiian people through the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Kipuka Kuleana believes that keeping Hawaiian and long time local families in their communities, whether through sustained land ownership or other pathways that allow them to continue to serve as caretakers, is vital to the
Kū-A-Kanaka, a native Hawaiian women owned and operated social enterprise headquartered in Hilo on Hawai‘i Island, will design, test and launch ʻĪpuka EA, an innovative, culture-based Indigenous Learner Management System, which manages learners attending EA Ecoversity, a tuition-free native Hawaiian higher education and career training program, fiscally sponsored by Kū-A-Kanaka. ʻĪpuka EA also serves those interested in receiving diverse culture-based micro-credentials, verified in a digital e-portfolio and certificated by esteemed native Hawaiian language, culture, and industry experts. ʻĪpuka EA is designed from a wholistic Indigenous worldview, making earning culture-based micro-credentials that will increase individual job and career preparation and employability seamless and non-threatening to kanaka without post-secondary degrees.

"When Natives thrive, everyone benefits"

Kuhialoko, located at Waiaua Kai, O‘ahu, 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 Waiaua Kai Native & Cultural Wetland Revitalization Project, the hui sees this shift in mindset to a more open and interconnected relationship with ʻāina and ʻohana 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.

Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea Honolulu’s mission is to provide safe spaces to celebrate Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea through educational, cultural, and community networking events, focusing on Hawaiian independence, social justice, and open dialogue. Activating and nourishing communities around multi-faceted practices of EA (life, breath, rising, sovereignty) throughout July 2021, the hui will host both online and in-person events, using COVID-safe protocols. Their annual month-long community engagement series includes film, poetry, curriculum development, community dialogues, and ceremony lifting up Hawaiian Independence. This year, they continue to expand
the intersections of their work by purposefully holding space for Kanaka-Black-Micronesian solidarity-building.

**Lālākea Foundation** is committed to protecting natural resources including Mauna Kea and other wahi pana throughout the pae ʻāina. Their mission is to perpetuate the ancient art form of hula and other traditional cultural practices, including the inherent right to practice traditional spirituality and life ways, and also to ensure that decisions affecting Hawaiʻi’s future are based on foundational principles of ʻĀina Aloha, ʻŌpū Aliʻi, ʻImi Oi Kelakela, and Hoʻokipa. The hui is developing a project demonstrating through written literature, hula, and chant that Mauna Kea remains our most sacred wahi pana and must be protected from further desecration.

**Language Acquisition & Immersion for the New Generation (LAING)** utilizes heritage language learning as a tool for social and political education. Their programming provides opportunities for cultural reclamation of ancestral knowledge as they work towards collective liberation and radical futures. LAING’s current programming includes Ilokano and Visayan-Cebuano language courses; Wellbeing Workshops to support health and wellness in our community during the COVID crisis; Tungtungan Sessions language partner exchange in collaboration with Unite Here! Local 5; and Kasaritaan Storyteller’s Corner, where skills and stories are shared by collaborators in their native language.

**Le Fetuao Samoan Language Center** is a community-based service program designed to provide young Samoan children with an opportunity to learn their heritage language and culture utilizing interactive, hands-on, and culturally relevant strategies. Their Aoga Samoa provides Samoan language classes at the preschool, elementary, high school, and adult levels for children and families in their community. Samoan language and cultural education is the core focus, a relevant vessel for youth empowerment and intergenerational infused activities. Their vision is to empower our youth to be productive and contributing citizens with a strong self-image and knowledge of their Samoan heritage.

**Maʻi Movement Hawaiʻi** is a locally grown organization committed to ending period poverty in Hawaiʻi through service, advocacy, and education. Their mission is to provide and distribute free menstrual products to menstruators in need, while advocating for systemic change in the government, schools, and community, and bringing down the barriers of stigma and access. Their program and services serve all islands and people of Hawaiʻi regardless of age, race, background, or identity, and they envision a reality where women and people who menstruate live full,
productive lives and menstruation is accepted as completely normal.

Makahanaloa Fishing Association seeks to grow and protect their community's rights to provide food for their families and maintain the generational bonds to the treasured shoreline areas of Hilo Palikū. The Association is currently trying to establish permanent and protected access to the shoreline of Pepe'ekeo on Hawai'i Island through the Public Open Lands and Natural Resources Conservation Commission. Education, outreach, and activation of this community-focused stewardship effort is the primary goal of the Association as they fight to stop the continual degradation of access to the 'āina that nourishes their bodies and spirit.

Mālama Kakanilua is presently engaged in direct action resistance/protection of 'iwi kūpuna, and aims to stop the Grand Wailea Resort from constructing 151 hotel units, swimming pools, new wings, and injection wells in known Kanaka Maoli burial grounds. The hui stands with other Kanaka Maoli groups pursuing this case to ensure that 'iwi kūpuna are protected, safe, and at peace, and halt the Grand Wailea's hotel expansion efforts due to numerous environmental violations and dismissal of Kanaka Maoli claims to defend the 'iwi and traditional and customary practices.

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 O'ahu's west side through continuous community access and engagement, establishing constant presence and practice in a place that has been occupied by the U.S. army since World War II. The hui hosts free cultural accesses to ancient and culturally-vital sites in sacred Mākua twice each month, and addresses the cultural, social, and legal issues associated with the use of Mākua Valley, especially the environmental impact to the land and sea and to Native Hawaiians and other people.

The mission of Maunakea Education & Awareness is to educate and raise the awareness of communities in Hawai'i and beyond on the spiritual, historical, cultural, environmental, and political significance of Mauna Kea and ALL sacred places, and provide cultural access to them.
learning opportunities to everyone from keiki to kūpuna, residents, visitors, and others concerned about indigenous rights and responsibilities 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.

**Micronesian Health Advisory Committee** As the newest wave of immigrants, many fleeing their island nations due to environmental and economic pressures, our Micronesian communities are subject to misconceptions, discrimination, racial profiling, and educational disparities. Masters of the Currents is a play that addresses the tension and strife that has arisen around the arrival of Micronesians to Hawai‘i. By remounting this community-based work as part of the National Asian American Theater Conference and Festival at UH Mānoa, the issues faced by the Micronesian community will gain national recognition. These performances, panels, and surrounding events will also provide a place for our community to dialogue with artists, educators, law enforcement, social workers, community organizers and activists, and others to create mutual understanding. Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition and TeAda Productions’ intention is that these performances and activities will bring greater insight to the issues behind the story, internally for the Micronesian community, and externally for the public audiences. It sets in motion a process of understanding, healing, reconciliation, and create dialogue that results in real solutions.

**Nā Mahi‘ai o Keʻanae** improves the socio-economic conditions of the Keʻanae community, farmers, youth and families by providing Keʻanae farmers, youth, and community with support, training, and sustainable economic development opportunities. The hui engages with Keʻanae 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.

The Keʻanae Community Capacity Building project seeks to determine the feasibility and resources and support needed for the Keʻanae community to assume stewardship of Camp Keʻanae, helping community members make informed and unified decisions moving forward.

**Nā Moku Aupuni o Koʻolau Hui**’s mission is to perpetuate the Kanaka Maoli traditional and customary lifestyle of Keʻanae-
Wailuanui. Encompassing nearly 400 acres of lo‘i, it was renowned for taro farming until commercial stream diversions completely dewatered the area. In 2018, the community’s 30-year legal struggle resulted in the largest stream restoration in Hawai‘i’s history. This enabled families to return to farming and mālama the watershed and the network of streams, tributaries, and springs that are part of a vast ‘auwai system. The hui offers place-based cultural programs and projects for all ages. They also regularly host large groups of volunteers for community projects.

Nā Moku is seeking to make the most of an opportunity to acquire a long-term lease of Camp Ke‘anae, to caretake the property, and develop a plan for future long-term management.

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**Nā Waʻa Mauō**’s Honuaiākea Voyaging Program (HVP) immerses at-risk high school students from East Hawai‘i Island in an experience that strengthens their academics, STEM skills, and personal well being as they transition into adulthood. During the Honuaiākea program experience, students learn how to conduct marine stewardship research using an integrated methodology that blends institutional and indigenous sciences. Their research projects focus on the effects of climate change on the marine environment and ways to increase community resilience to climate change. The open ocean readiness piece trains students in ocean safety to attain their lifeguard certifications, and the college to career success component prepares students for college through undergraduate mentorships and STEM research experiences. Collectively, the Honuaiākea Voyaging Program aims to perpetuate the practice of our kūpuna, strengthen the next generation of marine stewards, and sustain the cultural identity of Hawai‘i Nei.

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**Pōhāhā i ka Lani** builds upon nearly two decades of the organization’s land stewardship and revitalization efforts in Waipi‘o Valley, helping to ensure that the wahi pana thrives with native plants and deepens the relationship between residents and visitors helping to mālama ‘āina.

The hui hosts 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 Waipi‘o.

The Liko No Ka Lama Project seeks to connect families, individuals, and other organizations with ‘āina stewardship and cultural education to increase the social and emotional competence of ‘ohana and keiki.

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The **Chuuk Language and Cultural Association of Hawai‘i, Inc.** (Chuukmenessor) was founded in January 2016 by parents in the O‘ahu Chuukese community. The group sought to establish a school where their children can learn Chuukese indigenous culture and skills at the Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant Resource Center, and built an “utteirek,” a meeting place for the community at the Hawai‘i’s Plantation Village. Project partners help to repair
the utteirek’s thatched roof, made of weaved coconut leaves. The students and teachers intend to repair and re-build the structure to be used for community gatherings and school. Through this process, students will learn how to build an utteirek and be immersed in the Chuukese language, values, and skills.

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 once again 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 DOING, and your commitment to progressive social change that benefits everyone blessed to call Hawaiʻi home!

Check out who YOU funded from 1973-2021!

Hawaiʻi Aloha: The People’s Response is dedicated to seeding HPF’s Urgent Action Grants program, and since March 2020, over $110,000 of community-raised aloha has been directed to 27 grassroots initiatives pressing on amidst the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Hawaiʻi 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 hull days.
Welina mai kākou

On the dawn of HPF’s 49th year serving Hawai‘i, and with deep aloha and so much mahalo for everyone in our HPF ‘ohana, we are once again celebrating the incredible mana of commUNITY GIVING = commUNITY DOING, the deep blessings of pilina - connection - and a proud legacy of community-led and informed transformation that uplifts and works to protect our beloved Hawai‘i. Now 5 years in, I am continually humbled to serve my lāhui alongside a loving and generous community, the most amazing Board of Directors EVER, a powerhouse hui of community partners, and a potent legacy of collectively transforming Hawai‘i.

As HPF (and the rest of the world) adjusted to the new realities and challenges presented by the pandemic, new opportunities emerged, innovation blossomed, and as has been this ‘ohana’s charge since 1972, looking within our own communities for viable solutions once again proved to be the pono path forward. Blessed by a long and powerful history of being in community with and supporting work that centers on addressing inequities and challenging the systems that uphold them, we found ourselves uniquely positioned to respond to the unprecedented need. Our community did what we’ve always done – we came together and lifted each other up, we persevered despite uncertainty, and together, we delivered hope and relief in the midst of crisis with joy and conviction. Together, we got laser focused on what matters most to our ‘ohanas and met the moment with tenacity and grace. We strategized and reprioritized, and found clarity in combining the roots of our beginnings with the innovations of a new world. We forged alliances with new ‘ohana and philanthropic partners across the globe, and shared our stories farther than ever before. The timely launch of our Urgent Action Grants program reached deep into community and supported them where they identified the greatest need. Through the launch of our inaugural Giving Project, we embarked on a brand new adventure in lifting up the power of collective giving and doing, centering the incredible work our grassroots changemakers are doing in community everyday, and engaged in deep and meaningful reflection on our roles as individuals to impact our beloved Hawai‘i in positive ways. HPF’s Spring 2020 Grantee cohort blazed through the year delivering their mission-driven magic, fueled by community aloha. And the unexpected side effect of all this increased community awareness and engagement resulted in the highest number of awarded grantees and the most community funds mobilized in a single grant cycle this Spring.
During the weirdest wā ever, in the most uncertain of times, and thankfully in the most beautiful spot on the planet, the HPF ‘ohana came together around our shared goals of peace and justice, and went NEXT LEVEL on what it’s always done when we needed each other the most. This is the gift of sweet pilina ~ the connection we enjoy with each other, connection to this place, and to its people has once again proven invaluable in our shared resolve for a just and equitable Hawai‘i. Mahalo mau a mau, family ~ we ARE changing Hawai‘i ~ and the world ~ TOGETHER!

me ke aloha,

Micky Huihui  
Executive Director

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**E Hāpai Pū ~ 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.

*community GIVING = community DOING*

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 2021 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.*

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Mahalo for your kōkua in lifting up and investing in Hawai‘i’s FUTURE!
Are you ready to take impact to the next level?

With the RAGING SUCCESS of the 2021 Giving Project, we’re ramping up to launch our 2nd sail in January 2022!

If you're interested in transforming Hawai‘i, building pilina with like-minded individuals, and plugging into the work of our community partners, contact Micky at peoples@lava.net for more information.

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