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HANO's grant program secures \$4.1M in federal funding for nonprofits

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The Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, or HANO, recently announced its Grants Technical Assistance Services program helped local nonprofits secure \$4,095,179 in federal grants.

HANO started the program in March 2021 in partnership with Maui-based Skog Rasmussen LLC, which provides grant-writing support from experienced professionals and related services to nonprofits.

The funds will support vulnerable families, diversification of Maui's tourism industry, digital equity in culture and the arts, Hawaiian cultural practitioners, and cross-sector collaborations in food waste management in Chinatown, according to a statement from HANO.



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HANO's Grants Technical Assistance Services program, which was launched in 2021, helped Bishop Museum receive a \$470,179 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to fund an integration of databases and digital assets.

“We achieved proof of concept that if we help nonprofits strengthen their federal grant applications to be more competitive, we increase the potential to receive more federal dollars coming into the state to serve communities,” said Lisa Maruyama, HANO president and CEO, in a statement. “This is a good investment by HANO and our philanthropic partners.”

As a result of the Grants Technical Assistance Services program, the Maui Academy of Performing Arts won a \$3.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, toward its new performing arts campus renovation. EDA said this grant will contribute to "the diversification of Maui's tourism economy outside of the traditional hotel and food service sectors."

The program also helped Bishop Museum receive a \$470,179 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to fund an integration of databases and digital assets; Hana Arts garnered \$35,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts for Hawaiian cultural art, theater and music teachers; and a partnership between the City & County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change Sustainability and Resiliency, the Department of Environmental Services and Aloha Harvest won approximately \$90,000 to work with Chinatown food businesses through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Composting and Food Waste Reduction program.

For nonprofits looking for funding opportunities, including the HANO's Grants Technical Assistance Services program, [click here](#).

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