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Women's Fund of Hawaii Awards Nine Grants totaling \$75,000 to Non-Profits Empowering Women And Girls

HONOLULU, HAWAII —

Women's Fund of Hawaii (WFH) has announced its Spring 2025 grant awards, totaling \$75,000 in support of nine nonprofit programs uplifting and empowering women and girls in Hawai'i. WFH conducts two competitive grant cycles annually – one in Spring and the other in Fall – to identify and fund innovative programs creating meaningful impact in local communities.

“*Women's Fund of Hawaii* has a legacy of giving specifically to women and girls: It's our mission and our top priority. Our Grants Committee, representing expertise across our Hawai'i community, looks for targeted, creative programs that may not easily obtain grant funding,” Said Ellen Ng, Board Member and Chair of the Grants Committee for the Spring cycle.

“There are many unique and effective programs addressing critical issues for women and girls, and our grants provide the opportunities to introduce new solutions. We are grateful for the generosity of our supporters, both individuals and corporate, who understand that women and girls need our special support. To date, WFH has awarded over two million dollars to programs across the state,” shared Stephanie Shipton, Board Member and Chair of the Grants Committee for the Fall cycle.

The Spring 2025 Hawai'i Grant Recipients:

- Diapers & Hope: Essential Care for Women in Need – \$5,000 – The Pantry provides diapers not covered under federal assistance programs to vulnerable mothers.
- Girls Talk Back – \$5,000 – A summer leadership course for high school girls that challenges stereotypes, explores feminism through a Hawaiian lens and guides participants in creating community action projects. Through mentorship, curriculum and hands-on leadership development, the program cultivates confidence and social impact.
- Immigrant Women's Domestic Violence Fund – \$5,000 – The Pacific Survivor Centers Human Rights Provider Network offers free medical care for non-citizen immigrant women who have been victims of intimate partner violence while residing in Hawai'i.
- Kōkua 4 a Cause – \$10,000 – Maui Health Foundation provides financial assistance for uninsured and underinsured women on Maui and Lāna'i, covering the cost of mammograms and biopsies to ensure access to critical breast health screenings.
- Naiwa Wahine Watershed Stewardship – \$10,000 – Led by Moloka'i Affordable Housing Alliance, this project supports women, youth and indigenous Native Hawaiian homesteaders in the Naiwa Agricultural Subdivision. The initiative utilizes rain catchment initiatives for farming and water storage in preparation for drought and wildfires in this remote area.
- 'Ohana Services & Emergency Family Shelter – \$10,000 – The 'Ohana Resilience Center's Hale Ku Ola through Hale Kipa provides essential services and support to young mothers



by providing six months of safe, emergency shelter and housing, workforce development opportunities, parenting classes and community events.

- Seams Wonderful – \$10,000 – Through Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, Pacific Islander women, many of whom are recent immigrants, receive sewing and small business training, develop leadership skills and build supportive networks for economic independence.
- Sex Assault Support Services – \$10,000 – YWCA of Hawai'i Island provides essential support and advocacy for victims of sexual violence with services encompassing face-to-face intervention, safety planning, resource provision and therapeutic services.
- WIN Bridge to Success – \$10,000 – Women In Need supports incarcerated women and domestic abuse survivors transitioning through the Transitional Housing Program to safe, stable permanent housing.

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About Women's Fund of Hawaii

Women's Fund of Hawai'i (WFH) is the only grantmaking foundation dedicated to exclusively funding programs supporting women and girls in Hawai'i. WFH is focused on social change around a wide range of issues such as self-sufficiency, safety, health and wellness, substance abuse, homelessness, trafficking, incarceration, sexual orientation, inadequate childcare and sports inequalities, and creates positive impact statewide by giving grants to innovative, robust, grassroots programs that empower women and girls. WFH takes particular interest, all things being equal, in programs that serve Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women and girls, because these two groups fare disproportionately worse than others on many measures.

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