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**Women's Fund of Hawai'i Welcomes Two New Board Members:
Meredith Artley, President and CEO of Hawai'i Public Radio, and Julie
Yunker, Senior Director of Sustainability, Government & Community
Relations at Hawai'i Gas**



HONOLULU, HAWAI'I —

Women's Fund of Hawai'i (WFH) is pleased to welcome two new board members, Meredith Artley and Julie Yunker. They will join board members Stephanie Shipton, Chair, Sharon Lovejoy, Vice Chair, Gwen Pacarro, Treasurer, Judy Bishop, Secretary, Karen Mukai, and Elaine Rossi DeLeon.

Meredith is the President and CEO of Hawai'i Public Radio, a 100% community-backed public service that informs the people of Hawai'i with essential news, inspires through the power of music and the arts, and connects through conversations. Meredith leads HPR's expanding portfolio of digital products and community events that bring people together across the islands. She comes with a wealth of experience leading prominent organizations including as the former Editor in Chief and SVP of CNN Digital. She and her husband, Naka Nathaniel, and teenage son, Kai, moved to Hawai'i in 2022 and live in Waimea on Hawai'i Island. She served as the Interim Executive Director and Executive in Residence of the Doris Duke Foundation's Shangri La Museum.

Julie Yunker is the Senior Director of Sustainability, Government & Community Relations at Hawai'i Gas, where she leads the company's sustainability strategy and statewide community engagement efforts. With more than two decades of experience in energy, public affairs, and community relations, she is dedicated to strengthening Hawai'i's communities through collaboration, equity, and long-term resilience. Julie leads the company's community investment and volunteerism program, which supports nonprofits and local organizations across the islands. Prior to joining Hawai'i Gas, Julie served as Strategy Officer for the Hawai'i State



Energy Office, where she oversaw strategic communications and supported the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy. Hawai'i Gas is a multi-year sponsor of WFH's annual flagship fundraiser "Tea & Champagne."

"We are so pleased to have further State-wide representation on our board," said Executive Director, Elisabeth Case, "which leads to a greater understanding of our community needs."

"Every board seat is an opportunity to bring in a new perspective on how we serve women and girls in Hawai'i. Meredith and Julie's deep experience and community leadership bring exactly the expertise we need as we build upon the impact of our first 25 years. We're fortunate to have leaders of this caliber choosing to invest their time in the Women's Fund of Hawai'i and I look forward to what we will accomplish together."

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THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN OUR GRANTS PERIODS.

Our Summer Grants Period opens Jul 15 and closes on Aug 15 at midnight.

Our Winter Grants Period opens Jan 1 and closes on Jan 31 at midnight.

Women's Fund of Hawai'i issues Requests for Proposals twice a year, in the summer and in the winter, with awards given in April and October. Before applying for a grant online during an open grant period, please consult our [Grant Guidelines](#) to be sure you and your program are eligible.

See our [Grant Guidelines](#) to access our online application portal. See a list of our Spring, 2026 grant awards [HERE](#).

Please contact us at grants@womensfundhawaii.org with any questions.

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About Women's Fund of Hawai'i

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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