



Re: Kīpahulu Community Association Budget Submission for April 6 hearing

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| Kīpahulu Community Association Budget Request:

Papaloa Bay Community Resource Cultural Center

Background

The Kīpahulu Community Association (KCA) was established in 1993 to support the needs and advance the collective well-being of the Kīpahulu community. In partnership with another local nonprofit organization, a community center was developed in the decade following KCA's founding through a combination of grant funding and extensive volunteer labor.

In recent years, however, changes in access and use have resulted in this facility no longer being available for KCA's gatherings and programming. As a result, KCA has relocated its meetings, community events, and celebrations to Kīpahulu Point County Park. While this has allowed continuity, it has also underscored the urgent need for a dedicated, permanent space—a true “home”—to support the full range of community-building activities envisioned for this rural and geographically isolated area.

Need for the Papaloa Bay Community Resource Center:

Over the past year, a grassroots group of more than 40 Kīpahulu residents and their keiki—including both long-standing Native Hawaiian families and other local residents—has gathered weekly on Saturday mornings. These gatherings, currently held in the parking lot of Palapala Ho'omau Church, focus on strengthening community relationships, deepening cultural and spiritual connection, and advancing local food security initiatives.

Despite the limitations of meeting in an improvised outdoor space, this group has already contributed significantly to the community through:

Roadside cleanup efforts

Harvesting bamboo for a traditional fishing boat launching structure

Volunteer work in lo'i restoration and maintenance

Cultural enrichment programs, including Hawaiian craft workshops

The acquisition and stewardship of dedicated KCA land would provide a stable and culturally appropriate gathering place in a Canoe Hale. It would also support the development of a community garden and food forest, creating a reliable source of fresh food for local distribution.

Planned features include essential community resources such as an automated external defibrillator (AED), a helicopter emergency landing site, produce distribution systems, and a plant nursery for propagation and sharing.

Land Acquisition Opportunity

KCA established a Land Search Committee to identify a suitable site for a permanent community resource center, and an ideal 2.64-acre parcel adjacent to the Palapala Ho'omau Church gathering area has been discovered.

This parcel is being offered to KCA at a reduced price of \$50,000, representing a rare and time-sensitive opportunity. Securing this land would provide a long-term foundation for community resilience, cultural revitalization, and food sovereignty in Kīpahulu.

To ensure the long-term protection of this resource, KCA will establish a legally recorded land covenant at the time of purchase. This covenant will guarantee that the land remains under KCA ownership and is used in perpetuity for community benefit, cultural practice, and resource development. It will safeguard the property from privatization, misuse, or transfer outside of its intended purpose.

Governance & Stewardship

KCA is committed to stewarding this land through both strong community governance and alignment with 'ike Hawai'i.

The organization operates through a Board of Directors and a membership-based structure, with regular public meetings that ensure transparency and accountability. Stewardship of the Resource Center will be guided by kūpuna and community leaders.

This work is grounded in core Hawaiian values:

Mālama 'Āina – caring for and restoring the land

Kuleana – shared responsibility across the community

Laulima – collective effort and cooperation

Aloha 'Āina – deep respect and love for the land

Together, these values create a framework where land stewardship is reciprocal, intergenerational, and community-led.

Project Overview

KCA's vision includes:

Purchase and protection of the 2.64-acre parcel

Installation of a safety fence along the coastal cliff

Removal of invasive vegetation and ecological restoration

Construction of a 20' x 30' traditional Canoe Hale

Development of a kalo patch and vegetable garden

Installation of a rainwater catchment system

This process will itself strengthen community bonds through shared labor and stewardship.

Budget Summary

Total Funding Requested: \$109,000

Total In-Kind Labor Contribution: \$117,500

Total budget: \$226,500

Detailed Budget

Phase 1: Land Acquisition

Purchase & closing costs: \$55,000

Legal services (in-kind): \$2,500

Phase 2: Safety & Clearing

Fence installation: \$7,500

Labor (in-kind): \$14,000

Phase 3: Canoe Hale Construction

Materials: \$30,000

Labor (in-kind): \$42,000

Phase 4: Land Restoration

Equipment: \$5,000

Labor (in-kind): \$42,000

Phase 5: Garden Development

Equipment/materials: \$2,000

Labor (in-kind): \$10,000

Phase 6: Water System

Tank & plumbing: \$10,000

Labor (in-kind): \$7,000

Closing Statement

This project represents a critical investment in the future of Kīpahulu. By securing and stewarding this land, KCA will establish a permanent, community-held space for cultural practice, food security, and connection.

The inclusion of a land covenant ensures that this resource remains protected in perpetuity. Combined with strong governance and deep community commitment, this effort will create a lasting legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,

Kipahulu Community Association Board

Addendum:

As described in the proposal, a grassroots group has been meeting weekly and building community among Kipahulu residents. Called "Na Koa Anuenue", it is a mutually supportive group with KCA, and its mission is well aligned with KCA's. This group will comprise many of the volunteers who will implement our proposed project.

They, in turn, will benefit from having a covered meeting space and a community garden for promoting food security.

Na Koa Anuenue Mission

Our mission is to nurture a community grounded in Hawaiian culture, philosophy and symbolism, where shared knowledge and collective practice strengthen our daily lives. We are committed to building a subsistence way of life that emphasizes cooperation, kinship and the well-being of all generations. Through open dialogue, cultural learning and the redistribution of resources, we cultivate social stability, emotional support, and respect for both youth and elders, ensuring that all are welcomed, valued and cared for.



Images courtesy of Na Koa Anuenue

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Aloha,

I'd like to share my story about how Maui Family Support Services has helped my family tremendously. As many of us know, childcare on Maui is extremely expensive. I'm a mom of 2-year-old twins, and the tuition for both of them is close to \$3,500 per month. For many families, including mine, that cost would be impossible to manage without support.

I'm incredibly grateful that we found Maui Family Support Services. Their assistance has made a huge difference for our family and allowed us to access the childcare our children need. Because of the impact it has had on families like mine, I strongly believe that continued funding for this program is essential.

Warm regards,
Magdalena ODonnell

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Good morning,

Please find my testimony in support of the Maui County Child Care Subsidy Program below:

Dear County Council,

My name is Jenna Yanos, and I am a participant in the Maui County Child Care Subsidy Program.

This program has helped my family immensely. When I became a mother, I was overwhelmed with stress about how I would financially support my family while also ensuring my child had the opportunity to grow and develop. Because of this program, I am able to work full time to support my family while knowing my child is in a safe, nurturing environment.

While I am at work, I have peace of mind knowing my child is being cared for by qualified professionals and is engaged in meaningful, developmentally appropriate activities. My child is happy, growing, and learning so much through his preschool experience. At the same time, I am able to continue working without carrying the full financial burden on my own.

I respectfully ask that you continue funding this vital program. It plays an essential role in supporting local families, fostering early childhood development, and allowing parents to remain in the workforce and thrive. This support is not only important for our children, but for the future of our entire community.

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Attached is my subsidy testimony.

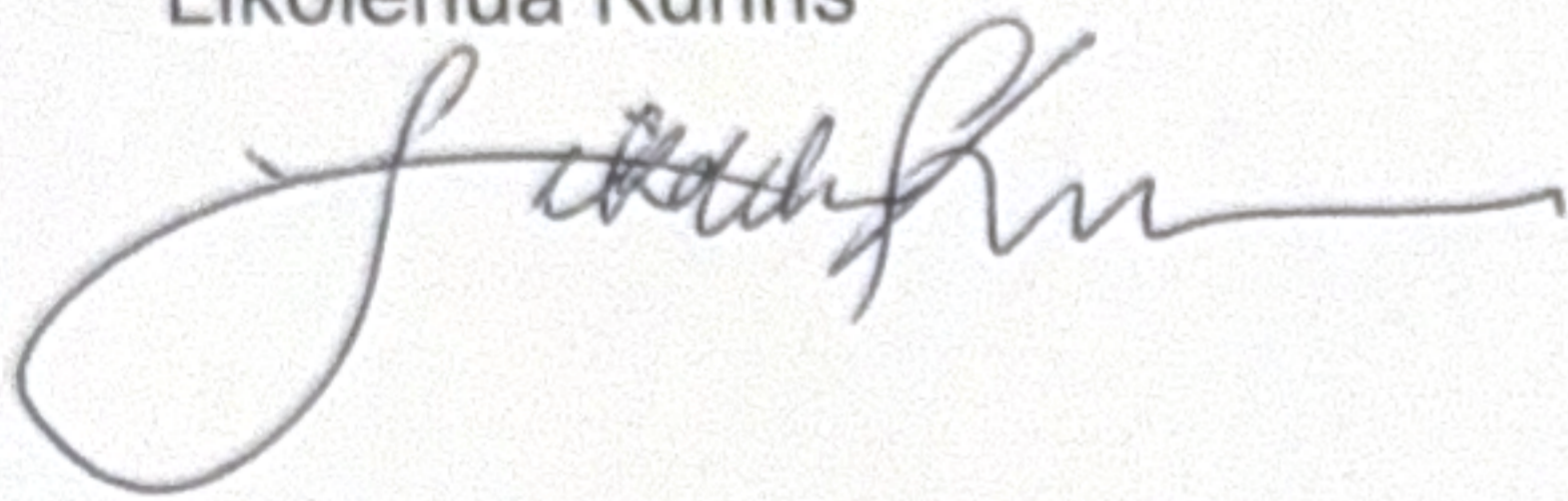
Thank you,

April 10, 2026

Dear County Council,

My name is Likolehua Kuhns and I am a participant in the Maui County Childcare Subsidy Program. This program has helped my family by covering my daughter's preschool tuition. Because of the Maui County Childcare Subsidy Program, my family has been able to continue going to work, providing for our family and made it possible for my child to attend preschool. Please continue funding this program so it can support more parents, children, and families across Maui County.

Thank you,
Likolehua Kuhns

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Likolehua Kuhns', written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Jennifer A. Yamashita

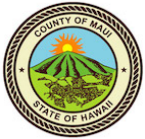
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Attachments: HP FY27 County Budget Proposal-Hooikaika Partnership 2026-04-08.pdf; Ho'oikaika Partnership's FY27 Budget Request

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Aloha BFED Committee,

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Mahalo,



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Aloha Chair Sugimura and Council Members,

As follow up to the community budget meeting in Pukalani on April 1, I am submitting Ho'oikaika Partnership's FY27 budget proposal as requested. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration! I plan to attend the council meeting on 4/16 along with other partners. Happy to answer any questions then or in advance. Ho'oikaika Partnership's Leadership Hui is also cc'd.

Mahalo for all your efforts to minimize storm impacts! Hopefully the weather will remain calm in the coming hours/days. We are still going forward with our annual 'Ohana Fest tomorrow at UHMC from 9-12. If you are in need of a break and would like to see our partners in action, please join us.

With gratitude,
Deb

Deb Marois, M.S.

Ho'oikaika Partnership Coordinator

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Working Together to Keep Our 'Ohana Healthy, Safe & Supported

Ho‘oikaika Partnership – FY27 County Budget Proposal

Fiscal Sponsor: Maui Family Support Services, Inc.
Responsible County Department: Human Concerns

Funding Request: \$199,202

Purpose and Countywide Relevance

Ho‘oikaika Partnership (HP) is a countywide coalition that brings together health and human service providers, community organizations, and public agencies to prevent child abuse and build a stronger, more coordinated system of support for ‘ohana across Maui County. Founded in 2008, HP is led by a 10-member Leadership Hui and engages more than 75 organizations annually. HP operates under a collective impact model, coordinating cross-sector collaboration, public education, workforce support, and direct family services under one umbrella.

In April 2025, this Council unanimously approved \$175,000 for HP’s work; the first time County funding was appropriated through a Council line item. That investment made a measurable difference and we are grateful for the Council’s support. In 2025, HP assisted 161 families through Navigation Services, reached 3,827 individuals through 13 community events, convened 190 providers at the annual conference, and delivered monthly Healing the Healers sessions to 54 child-serving professionals from 23 agencies. HP also expanded its public education campaign to Maui County buses, policymakers, and statewide media.

HP’s work aligns directly with County priorities for building a healthy, thriving, and livable community and with DHC strategies for capacity building, data-driven service delivery, and cross-sector collaboration. Nearly 1 in 5 adults in Maui County report having four or more Adverse Childhood Experiences before age 18 and that was a statistic measured before the 2023 wildfires. Two-plus years later, families are still struggling, providers are stretched thin, and federal funding is contracting. County investment in HP provides the stable, local foundation that keeps the system of care connected and functioning.

For FY27, HP humbly requests \$199,202. This is a modest increase of \$24,202 that reflects restored full-year program delivery, a dedicated concrete support line for at-risk families, and an evaluation investment that accurately reflects the scope of County-funded activities. This request is part of a larger program budget supported by other grants and contracts.

Key Activities: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027: HP Coordinator, Leadership Hui and other partners facilitate collaboration with 75+ agencies through meetings, committees, and shared projects.

1. Navigation Services and Community Engagement

- “Guide by the side” Navigation Services and concrete support for 15–20 families/month, including referrals and concrete support such as diapers, hygiene kits, and other essentials
- Coordinate ‘Ohana Fest and participate in 5–7 community outreach events, including Hāna, Moloka‘i, and Lāna‘i

Impact: Families increase awareness of protective factors, access services more easily, and build stronger connections to community resources.

2. Public Education and Policy Advocacy

- Develop, print, and distribute public education materials including Kalo Boy books, activity cards, and protective factors resources
- Continue the Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing campaign with partners; expand protective factor messaging through social media, website, and other channels

Ho‘oikaika Partnership – FY27 County Budget Proposal

- Educate families, providers, and policymakers about preventing ACEs, available community resources, and policies impacting children and families

Impact: Families, providers, and decision-makers expand awareness of protective factors, resources that reduce stress and strengthen resilience, and policies that help prevent child abuse and neglect.

3. Cross-Sector Collaboration and Workforce Support

- Host monthly partner meetings and convene standing committees, engaging approximately 75 providers annually for networking, collaborative projects, information sharing, and training
- Offer annual conference for up to 200 health and human service professionals
- Continue Healing the Healers monthly peer support sessions for child-serving providers
- Maintain website, newsletter, and partner communications

Impact: Providers gain tools, support, and partnerships to apply trauma-informed, culturally relevant practices and reduce burnout.

Proposed Budget: This request is part of a larger program budget supported by other grants and contracts. FY26 figures reflect the original approved annual budget. For comparison purposes, Public Education and Outreach Materials combines printing/program materials and outreach event supplies.

Category	FY26 Approved	FY27 Requested	Key Changes from FY26 to FY27
Personnel			Navigator (75% County, down from 100%): A 3% cost-of-living adjustment is applied. The County covered 100% of this position in FY26; FY27 shares the cost with other funders at 75%.
Family Navigator – Salary and Benefits	\$63,967	\$50,934	
Direct Family Services			Concrete Support for Families (new): Dedicated funding for ~150 families. This line was absent from the FY26 original County budget.
Concrete Support for Families	—	\$15,000	
Program Delivery			Healing the Healers (+\$5,200): Moved to a flat monthly fee of \$2,100 covering all facilitation, supplies, facility, travel, and GET.
Healing the Healers	\$20,000	\$25,200	
Public Education and Outreach Materials	\$18,708	\$21,000	Evaluation (+\$5,362): County share increased from 25% to 67%, correcting a prior undercount.
Coordination and Infrastructure			
Coalition Coordination	\$40,000	\$41,389	Coordination (+\$1,389): County share increased slightly from ~38.5% to ~40% of the annual contract. Coordination remains the highest-priority line item for HP’s Leadership Hui
Communications	\$12,000	\$11,286	
Evaluation	\$3,000	\$8,362	Administrative Overhead
Travel (client services) and Telephone	\$1,033	\$2,127	
Administration (MFSS, 12% of total)	\$16,292	\$23,904	
Total County Request	\$175,000	\$199,202	

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Aloha,

Mahalo for bringing the meeting to Pā'ia last week. I truly appreciated the time and opportunity to speak and testify with all of you. It was also really inspiring to hear from the community — especially the voices of our youth and the many positive efforts happening across our area.

I wanted to follow up with a quick recap of what we are requesting on behalf of Mālama Hāmākualoa Maui:

- **An increase in County funding from \$40,000 (already in budget) to \$80,000** annually to support the basic maintenance of the Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve
- In addition to: the opportunity to explore becoming a County contractor for ongoing maintenance, rather than relying on multiple grants for essential operations
- Recognition that trash removal, mowing, and basic site maintenance are core County responsibilities, and should be supported through stable funding rather than competitive grants

As shared, we are currently managing multiple County grants just to maintain the space, while also leveraging State funding and private funds to fill gaps — including raising over \$10,000 this year for trash removal alone. At the same time, our community continues to step up in meaningful ways, with volunteers actively helping to mālama this area.

Our goal is to continue this work in partnership with the County in a way that is sustainable, efficient, and allows us to focus more time on the land and less on administrative processes.

Mahalo again for your time, your listening, and your continued consideration of the needs of our side of the island. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to connect further.

With appreciation,
Maile Davis
Mālama Hāmākualoa Maui

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