

Press Release: CARES Act Funds Distributed in Hawai'i by SFCA
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HONOLULU – The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), Hawai'i's state government arts agency, is distributing \$427,500 to Hawai'i arts organizations impacted by COVID-19. These funds, provided by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), are intended to help save jobs in the arts sector and keep the doors open to organizations that add value to our economy and creative life of our communities.

36 nonprofit organizations in Hawai'i will receive much needed funding through the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts' one-time CARES Act Relief Fund grant. These organizations are based on O'ahu, Hawai'i Island, Maui, Kaua'i, and Lana'i. Some of these organizations, including the Honolulu Theatre for Youth and the Hawai'i Youth Symphony Association, have statewide programming for children.

Nonprofit arts and culture organizations are members of the business community – employing people locally, purchasing goods and services within the community, and involved in the marketing and promotion of their cities. The arts are an economic driver in their communities, supporting jobs and generating government revenue.

Grant amounts range from \$5,000 - \$15,000. Applications were reviewed by a panel and scored based on the demonstrated need of the organization and the requested funding. Monetary value was assigned to a point in the score and available funding was divided by the weighted points to achieve a dollar allocation per weighted point value.

Grant recipients by island, with award amount:

Lana'i (2)

Lana'i Academy of Performing Arts Inc. (\$11,660)
Lana'i Arts and Culture Center (\$10,645)

Kaua'i (2)

Garden Island Arts Council (\$8,812)
The Kaua'i Chorale (\$5,000)

Maui (6)

Ebb & Flow Arts (\$5,000)
Hana Arts (\$13,759)
Hui No'eau (\$14,382)

Maui Academy of Performing Arts (\$13,732)
Maui Arts & Cultural Center (\$11,904)
Portuguese Association of Maui (\$5,000)

Hawai'i Island (7)

Aloha Performing Arts Company, dba Aloha Theatre (\$14,301)
Friends of the Palace Theatre (\$14,789)
Holualoa Foundation for Arts & Culture dba Donkey Mill Art Center (\$11,457)
Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra Society (\$10,279)
Society for Kona's Education & Art (\$8,613)
Volcano Art Center (\$13,976)
West Hawaii Dance Theatre (\$8,424)

O'ahu (19)

Alliance for Drama Education (\$13,434)
Ballet Hawaii (\$13,759)
Chamber Music Hawai'i (\$9,137)
Diamond Head Theatre (\$13,434)
Hawai'i Craftsmen (\$9,209)
Hawai'i Performing Arts Company, Ltd. dba Manoa Valley Theatre (\$12,947)
Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra (\$13,434)
Hawaii United Okinawa Association (\$12,459)
Hawai'i Youth Opera Chorus (\$14,734)
Hawai'i Youth Symphony Association (\$13,434)
Honolulu Theatre for Youth (\$15,000)
Honolulu Academy of Arts dba Honolulu Museum of Art (\$14,423)
Kumu Kahua Theatre (\$14,423)
Moanalua Gardens Foundation, Inc. (\$14,789)
Nova Arts Foundation (\$14,342)
Oahu Choral Society (\$7,042)
PA'I Foundation (\$15,000)
Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. (\$12,351)
Young of Heart Workshop dba Pu'uohonua Society (\$10,848)

Below are quotes from four Hawai'i CARES Act recipients in response to the questions "why does CARES Act funding matter?" and "how does CARES Act funding support the mission of this organization?"

Moanalua Gardens Foundation

Why does CARES Act funding matter? For Moanalua Gardens Foundation, CARES Act funding is a lifeline to help us continue the important work we have been doing in the community for the past 50 years. Part of building a resilient community is having a resilient organization that can weather the difficult times and thrive. This award will help us adapt and carry on.

How does it support the mission? This funding helps us to fulfill our cultural mission to perpetuate Hawai'i's cultural traditions through the Prince Lot Hula Festival, a

community celebration for the past 42 years. This year, especially during the pandemic, raising funds to support our virtual television festival in the Fall has been very challenging. SFCA funds are critical to help us maintain our operations and keep our staff employed.

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PA'I Foundation

The CARES Act Relief grant from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts comes at a time when we all need support to survive this pandemic. This year will be a time of great change, funding for the arts will help our communities survive this pandemic and the economic challenges we will be facing. - Vicky Holt Takamine, Executive Director

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Honolulu Theatre for Youth

How does CARES Act funding support the HTY mission? The COVID-19 pandemic forced Honolulu Theatre for Youth to change the way we deliver arts content. As we can no longer perform for live audiences, we shifted our focus to creating digital content to be used both by teachers in classrooms and families at home. The SFCA CARES Act Grant funds will provide much needed support for staff salaries as the organization adjusts to this new business model.

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Hawai'i Youth Symphony Orchestra

Why does CARES Act funding matter? Children who make music embody commitment, teamwork and persistence—all proven to be vital to success in school and to joy in life. The funding from the CARES Act is essential to our keeping access to the musical arts open to all young people across the state of Hawai'i, and importantly to our rural and under-resourced communities. Music is an uplifting force in the face of challenging times, and now more than ever we need to ensure our creative communities continue to thrive.

How does it support the mission? With a mission to help youth develop to their fullest potential through orchestral music in the setting of our Island's unique culture, Hawaii Youth Symphony inspires hundreds of young musicians to pursue their goals and share in the universal joy of music. The CARES Act and its investment in the sustainability of the arts, enables us to continue to serve our more than 700 students ages 7-18 through music-making programs spanning general music, string and band classes, jazz, symphony orchestras, summer intensives, and neighbor island

initiatives. Our vision, with the help of this generous support, is to continue making music a right, not a privilege—so that all young people can experience the creativity and character building that can come from learning and appreciating music.

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About CARES Act funds for the arts

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act included \$75 million in COVID-19 relief funds to be distributed through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Congress requires that 40% of the NEA's grant budget goes to state arts agencies and regional arts organizations; this also applies to CARES Act resources. Each state's approach to regranting the CARES Act funding has been unique. Examples of other state's approaches can be found in this post on the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) website: *Washington, Texas, South Carolina, Vermont: State CARES Act Arts Programs* (<https://nasaa-arts.org/newsletter/2020-nasaa-notes-issues/may-2020-nasaa-notes/washington-texas-south-carolina-vermont-state-cares-act-arts-programs/>).

Arts and the Economy

"The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that arts and cultural production accounts for **\$2,606,035,292** and **22.9%** of the **Hawai'i** economy, contributing **2,186 jobs**." National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA), *Creative Economy State Profiles (Hawai'i)*, https://nasaa-arts.org/nasaa_research/creative-economy-state-profiles/

"Performing arts companies and independent artists, writers, and entertainers added a combined total of **\$52.2 billion** to the U.S. economy in 2017." National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA), *Facts and Figures on the Creative Economy* (https://nasaa-arts.org/nasaa_research/facts-figures-on-the-creative-economy/).

"Arts and culture are a key component of the U.S. economy that contribute \$877.8 billion, or 4.5 percent, to the nation's gross domestic product in 2017 and employ over 5 million wage-and-salary workers who collectively earned \$405 billion. This funding will help support those jobs and those nonprofit organizations during this time of great need so that arts and culture will persevere as a significant contributor to the American economy." – National Endowment for the Arts, *National Endowment for the Arts Approves Arts Organizations CARES Act Funding* (<https://www.arts.gov/news/2020/national-endowment-arts-approves-arts-organizations-cares-act-funding>).

About the SFCA

The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) was founded in 1965 as the official arts agency of the State of Hawai'i. The mission of the SFCA is to promote, perpetuate, and preserve culture and the arts in Hawai'i. SFCA funding is provided by the State of Hawai'i and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The SFCA is administratively attached to the **Department of Accounting and General Services (Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 9)**.

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