



HAWAII WOMEN'S LEGAL FOUNDATION

Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation Awards \$35,000 to Seven Local Nonprofit Organizations Fall Applications Due October 11

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(HONOLULU, Hawaii) The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation (HWLF) is pleased to announce that it awarded \$35,000 in grants to seven nonprofit organizations as part of its Spring 2021 grant cycle. Awardees are:

- Dress a Girl West Hawaii
- Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Oahu
- Helping Hands
- Nest for Families
- Surfing the Nations
- Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii
- Women of Wai'anae

HWLF considers grant applications twice a year in April and October. Grants are funded with proceeds from HWLF's annual fundraisers. Priority is given to applicants with projects that improve the legal status and welfare of women and children in Hawaii. Neighbor island applications are encouraged.

Applications are available on the HWLF website at www.hwlf.org/grants and due October 11.

"With the Covid-19 pandemic creating unprecedented circumstances, HWLF is honored to continue supporting projects to improve the lives of women and children in our local community, especially in these times of critical need," said Lauren Sharkey, HWLF President.

HWLF typically awards “micro” grants in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. HWLF prefers not to award funds for operational expenses, and instead prefers to make awards on a project-by-project basis or as a means to “jump-start” an organization’s funding sources. HWLF’s primary criteria in considering funding applications include: (1) improving women and children’s access to the legal system; (2) reducing child abuse; (3) reducing domestic violence; (4) reducing sexual abuse; (5) increasing financial independence; and (6) improving women and children’s health, education and welfare.

ABOUT HAWAII WOMEN’S LEGAL FOUNDATION:

Hawaii Women’s Legal Foundation, formerly known as the Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1982. HWLF is dedicated to programs and projects that benefit women and children in need and promote the advancement of qualified women in all areas of the legal profession.

HWLF through its fundraising activities and events provides grants to worthy Hawaii organizations who meet its mission.

For more information, visit www.hwlf.org.

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