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Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation ("HWLF") is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2019 grant program from organizations and projects that help to improve the legal status and welfare of women and children in Hawaii. HWLF considers grant applications twice a year in April and October. **The deadline for receipt of grant applications for consideration this cycle is Friday April 5, 2019.**

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. HWLF has recently awarded grants to:

- Malama Pono Health Services
- Institute of Violence, Abuse and Trauma/Ho`omaluhia
- The Children's Law Project of Hawai`i
- Pacific Survivor Center
- Volunteer Legal Services Hawai`i

Grant applications are available online at www.hwlf.org/grants or by e-mail to Dianne Brookins, Esq. at dianne.brookins@dentons.com or to Zale Okazaki, Esq. at zale.okazaki@hawadvocate.com or. For further information, feel free to telephone Zale Okazaki at (808) 537-6119 or Dianne Brookins at (808) 524-1800.