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Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation ("HWLF") is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2020 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 has been extended to Friday, October 9, 2020.**

HWLF has made **additional funding available this cycle** for organizations impacted by COVID-19. We hope organizations serving our community will take advantage of this funding opportunity.

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:

- Women of Wai`anae
- Dress a Girl Around the World - West Hawaii
- Helping Hands Hawaii (HHH)
- Ku'ikahi Mediation Center
- West Hawai'i Mediation Center
- Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Oahu
- Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- The Legal Clinic

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. Submission of completed applications by email is greatly preferred. For further information, feel free to telephone Zale Okazaki at (808) 537-6119 or Dianne Brookins at (808) 524-1800.