

Hawaii Association of the Blind Summary

Mission: To promote and support blind individuals in advocacy, orientation, mobility, and general daily living skills.

Category: Community support services

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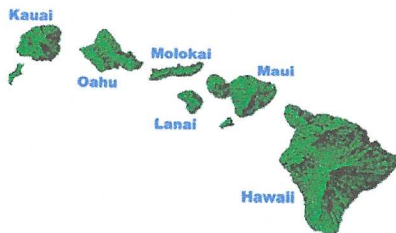
Address: 91-1727 Bond Street, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Grant History: N/A

2022 Request:	\$25,000 for general operating support
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Notes:

- Provides college scholarships and supplies learning activities and equipment to grade schools.
- Parents and Youth Committee (PAY) works with advocacy on behalf of blind students to ensure their educational rights are met.
- Provides adaptive equipment and training to low-income blind individuals.
- Schools do not have enough BrailleNote computers. These are either braille or QWERTY keyboards with speech synthesizers to help vision impaired students complete their lessons.
- Provides expanded orientation and mobility skills training.
- Social activities and school excursions designed to meet needs of blind students.
- In 2021, served 83 of 502 Hawaiian blind youth. Wishes to expand this to meet needs of all blind students.



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Date: January 30, 2022

Re: Grant Application Request

Dear Ms. Tammy Davis Cownie and the Laurence H. Dorcy Board of Directors,

We are the Hawai'i Association of the Blind, (HAB) a 501c.(3) nonprofit organization. HAB's mission is to promote and support blind individuals in areas of advocacy, orientation, mobility, and general daily living skills. Our goals also seek to enlighten, educate, and inform the general public on social etiquette when interacting with blind and low-vision persons. We also work to encourage blind individuals who are shut-ins and/or those with minimal social skills to become more active within the community.

In addition, HAB supports blind and low-vision students by offering college scholarships, as well as assisting grade-school students by sponsoring a multitude of learning activities, equipment, and other invaluable services.

HAB understands the importance of having a voice to ensure the needs of the blind are heard. Thus, as a community, we strive to make their voice heard in legislation that will support the blind.

Therefore, on behalf of the Parents and Youth Committee, (PAY) we are writing to graciously request the amount of \$25,000.

PAY's four areas of need have been identified as advocacy, technology aids & training, orientation and mobility, (O&M) and social activities. One important key we have found is sharing vital information with the parents and youths of the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) Section 504 and the Every Student Succeeds Act, (ESSA) and contact resources such as Hawai'i Disability Rights Center, (HDRC) Legal Aid, and Volunteer Legal Services (VLS) Program. These methods have proved extremely beneficial to our causes.

Also important is our collaboration with parents when writing letters to the Department of Education and other school officials when student's needs are overlooked or have not been addressed. The following are examples how PAY is assisting with advocacy goals. In our first scenario, we have a parent shadowing their child in his resource classroom. During this visit, it is noticed that the child is not using the BrailleNote Apex, an adaptive piece of technology for the Blind, to work on his assignments. Instead, a sighted classmate is using the device. Upon questioning the resource teacher, the parent is informed that the sighted child had arrived early to class and requested to use the BrailleNote first. Thus, from that time forward, the parent made multiple attempts for her child to arrive to class earlier than the sighted classmate. However, the parent eventually became frustrated with this situation and finally turned to a member of HAB's PAY committee for help. A letter was sent to the public school superintendent to advocate for special accommodation under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015,

EXTENDED TO MARCH 15, 2021
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

Open to Public Inspection

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning **MAY 1, 2019** and ending **APR 30, 2020**

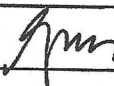
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 91-1727 BOND STREET City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code EWA BEACH, HI 96706 F Name and address of principal officer: ELIZABETH FLORMATA 91-1727 BOND STREET, EWA BEACH, HI 96706	D Employer identification number 99-6015046 E Telephone number 8085216213 G Gross receipts \$ 139,800. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ▶ WWW.ACB.ORG/HAWAII		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1967 M State of legal domicile: HI

Part I Summary

	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE BLIND AND SPONSOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED THERETO		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
Activities & Governance	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b	0.
	Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 110,610.
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0.	0.
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		5.	5.
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		5,419.	4,558.
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		116,034.	136,920.
Expenses		13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	28,235.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.	0.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	69,253.	75,329.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	97,488.	99,679.
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	18,546.	37,241.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 41,480.	End of Year 78,721.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0.	0.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	41,480.	78,721.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer ELIZABETH FLORMATA, TREASURER Type or print name and title	Date
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name ALAN E. KOBAYASHI Firm's name ▶ KDL CPAS, LLC Firm's address ▶ 745 FORT STREET, SUITE 1415 HONOLULU, HI 96813	Preparer's signature  Date 10/2/20 Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTIN P00370602 Firm's EIN ▶ 85-1810423 Phone no. (808) 784-3757

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ...	18,120.	18,120.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	6,230.	6,230.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	12,339.		12,339.	
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	2,141.		2,141.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	46,209.	46,209.		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	648.		648.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	8,337.		8,337.	
b OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,046.		2,046.	
c STORAGE	1,833.		1,833.	
d WEBSITE	1,149.		1,149.	
e All other expenses	627.		627.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	99,679.	70,559.	29,120.	0.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here If following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	26,787.	1	64,023.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	12,746.	2	12,751.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 19,716.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 17,769.	1,947.	10c 1,947.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		41,480.	16	78,721.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		0.	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0.	29	0.
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0.	30	0.
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	41,480.	31	78,721.
32 Total net assets or fund balances	41,480.	32	78,721.	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	41,480.	33	78,721.	