

Kohala Animal Relocation and Education Service (KARES) Summary

Mission: To rescue, care, and relocate animals and provide education and advocacy regarding humane animal population control.

Category: Animal Care & Rescue

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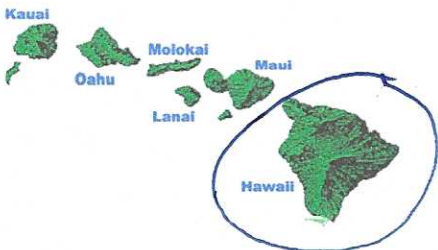
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Grant History: 2023: \$20,000
TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE: \$20,000

2024 Request:	\$25,000 for general operating support
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Notes:

- Serves the entire Big Island of Hawaii.
- Rescues abused, abandoned, and stray dogs and cats, provides low-cost medical care, and relocates to foster and permanent homes.
- Assists low-income pet owners in obtaining food and veterinarian services.
- No kill shelter. Emphasis on spay/neuter.
- Advocates and educates community on animal care. Reports dramatic decrease in stray dogs through spay/neuter education and services.
- All volunteers; no paid staff.
- 1500 animals treated annually.
- Pandemic resulted in many animals being abandoned as people lost housing or moved to mainland.





Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation Grant Application for 2024

Applicant: Kohala Animal Relocation and Education Service (KARES)

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KARES Mission Statement: A widespread interest to create an organization adhering to a “no kill” philosophy gave birth to the Kohala Animal Relocation and Education Service (KARES), which serves the entire Big Island of Hawaii. Since 2009, KARES has been dedicated to rescue and relocate abused, abandoned and stray domestic animals, to provide basic medical care for rescued and owned pets, to provide temporary housing through our foster care network and to facilitate adoptions into permanent homes. KARES focuses on assisting residents without financial resources to provide free pet medical care and spay and neuter surgeries, especially to pets of the elderly, veterans and economically-troubled residents.

Grant Request: \$25,000

The needs to be addressed: Poverty and structural inequality create obstacles to affordable pet care resources. Thousands of pets are living with families in poverty and the extreme lack of access to affordable pet care resources on Hawaii Island. This includes spay/neuter (S/N) procedures to reduce the undisputed overpopulation of dogs and cats in Hawaii County.

There is no agency under County of Hawaii jurisdiction to provide a social service to assist ill/Injured companion pets nor abandoned or abused dogs and cats with medical care, nor affordable or free pet S/N service. It has been primarily left to non-profit organizations such as KARES, with some but limited funding from the County. KARES continuing programs help to alleviate this financial burden for many low income residents and improve the quality of life for island companion animals.

How KARES is meeting the needs: KARES programs of veterinary care and spay/neuter (S/N) for companion dogs and cats assist vulnerable residents with limited financial resources. This program is one of compassion for animals and their people alike. The Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation funds will contribute to our entire yearly program in which at least 1,500 pets and their people will directly benefit. The goal is to help keep pets healthy and retained in loving homes, alleviate the financial burden of low income residents with free pet veterinary services, and help reduce pet overpopulation.

KARES expedites emergency care and surgeries as needed for seriously ill or injured pets. The program also provides basic wellness care including diagnostic testing (heartworm, FIV/FelV), vaccinations, deworming, flea and tick treatments, wound repairs, dental care, skin conditions, tumors, eye issues and pain management.

KARES arranges free pet S/N surgeries in our hosted clinics or with participating veterinarians offering negotiated lowest fee-for- service to KARES. This contributes to the humane control and reduction of the overpopulation of free-roaming dogs and cats on the island.

In summary:

- KARES free pet medical care and S/N programs alleviates the burden of low income residents without sufficient funds to care for ill/injured pets and prevent births of unwanted litters of pups/kittens they cannot afford.
- This help assures a bond between pets and owners, secures emotional support and the companionship of pets for veterans, the elderly or ill residents.

- KARES programs preserve community safety with pet population control often thwarted by stray intact pets causing property, livestock and watershed damage.

KARES' experience and animal data: Since 2009, KARES volunteers have understood the needs, cultural humility and reluctance of residents to ask for assistance. We have 15 years of successes on the Big Island of Hawaii having achieved 7,121 free pet sterilizations since inception of our S/N program in late 2011. In 2023 alone, KARES experienced team provided free S/N surgeries to 601 pets and hosted eight S/N and wellness community clinics. In 2023 our medical care efforts helped 1,500+ pets of low income residents with reduced or free services in cooperation with 6 veterinary clinics with which KARES has negotiated discounted fees. Yearly, KARES places approximately 300 homeless pets into foster care or adoption homes in the State of Hawaii and on the mainland.

Demographics and economy in our Hawaii Island community: US census 2023 reports 14.7% of Hawaii County households are living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). A 2021 report indicates 12% at FPL, another 30% earned above the FPL but not enough to afford the basics in the communities where they live (www.unitedforalice.org/state-overview/hawaii).

KARES realizes that the high poverty level in Hawaii affects children in low income families not getting adequate health care or food, but also similarly affects family pets. Many Hawaiian families have more than one dog, often up to 6, and it is typical for hunters and ranchers to have many more. Cats are extremely abundant, whether owned or free-roaming. A high percentage of island pets have never, nor will they ever, be seen by a veterinarian. The humane care of these pets whether surrendered to KARES by owners, rescued and now in foster care, or those transitioning from health into old-age with anticipated health issues is needed. KARES abides by the "no kill" philosophy and will do whatever is needed to mitigate suffering and return a pet to an improved quality of life.

The economic downturn over the last several years has resulted in families losing their homes and some moving to the mainland for employment opportunities. Currently Hawaii Island has no open-intake, municipal shelter. As a consequence we now have increased numbers of stray dogs (and cats), and as well, abandonment of dogs — those released into the wild or left chained in yards. KARES currently provides at least 250 one-pound packets of pet food weekly

to residences coming to a drive-by Community Food Bank in Ocean View. During the pandemic years our distributions were up to 600 pounds of pet food per week. Although KARES focuses on providing services to low income families who cannot afford care for their companion pets, in reality we have never turned away anyone who seeks our assistance.

Number of island families and their pets served by our programs: The Laurence H. Dorcy

Hawaiian Foundation investment will contribute to KARES's entire veterinary assistance

program in 2024. In 2023, approximately 74% (\$158,000 of \$213,000) of KARES yearly budget

was directly spent on pass-through veterinary fees and medications. A Foundation grant of

\$20,000 to \$25,000 will contribute ~13% to 16% of our anticipated 2024 veterinary care

expenses (estimated at \$160,000). With the grant we will be able to assist at least 150 or more

island families and their pets. This number will comprise at least 85-90 dogs or cats for spay and

neuter procedures plus basic wellness care (treatment for external and internal parasites,

vaccinations, heart worm tests and treatments) provided at the time of the procedure. Other

owned companion pets, or pets that are foster care to adoption candidates, will receive acute

medical attention or extensive medical/surgical, or dental care, and in some cases behavioral

training.

Geographic region served: KARES has been and will continue to provide services throughout

the County of Hawaii, Big Island of Hawaii. Our organization, comprised of all volunteers and no

paid staff, has dedicated and tireless individuals in all parts of the island involved in rescue, pet

transport to vet offices and S/N clinics and providing foster care for homeless pets awaiting

adoption. KARES is available by phone 24/7 to answer the concerns of pet owners and to

arrange for the pet care needed.

How Foundation grant money would make a difference to KARES and KARES benefactors:

KARES is often the only island resource available to low income residents who need pet health

care assistance; basic or emergency care. A Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation investment

will help KARES improve the quality of life or save the lives of rescued, surrendered, stray or

abandoned dogs and cats. This will include the medical/ surgical and/or dental care pets may

require in preparation for their adoption, and as well, provide medical care to enable retention

of pets at home with their owners. Canine and feline S/N surgeries are crucial in our program,

as a necessity prior to adoptions, but also imperative to humanely control and reduce the overpopulation of dogs and cats on the island. The L.H. Dorcy Foundation grant will contribute towards KARES's overall 2024 goal to achieve the anticipated adoption of at least 165 or more pets, towards the medical/surgical care and rehabilitation of at least 100 or more owned or homeless pets, and towards the anticipated sterilization of at least 600 or more companion animals in a 12-month period.

Primary funding sources: KARES efforts for sustainability of our programs involve 1) continued submission of grant applications to the County of Hawaii, and to corporate and private foundations that support animal welfare advocacy, and as well, through receipt of private donations, and 2) supplementing the cost of excessive pet medical expenses with social media appeals (KARES Facebook page) and requests for assistance from "Animal Angels".

Grants for KARES programs in 2023 were received from the County of Hawaii's non-profit grant program, Grey Muzzle Organization (medical/dental care of dogs ≥ 7 years of age), Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation, Marion & Richard Graham Foundation, West Hawaii Humane Society, First Hawaiian Bank Foundation, Hawaii Community Foundation – Shimizu-Wong Canine Fund and Atherton Family Fund (both of these were unsolicited donations in recognition of KARES work on the island).

This application is respectfully submitted for consideration by the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation. With thanks.

01.24.2024

KARES
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23	Dec 31, 22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
First Hawaiian Bank	23,278.80	11,688.65
Total Checking/Savings	23,278.80	11,688.65
Total Current Assets	23,278.80	11,688.65
Fixed Assets		
Equipment		
Accumulated Depreciation	-14,558.00	-13,918.00
Dental Equipment	1,829.79	1,829.79
Washing Machine	1,224.09	1,224.09
Equipment - Other	14,344.65	14,344.65
Total Equipment	2,840.53	3,480.53
Vehicles		
Accumulated Depreciation	-15,555.00	-9,722.00
Nissan Animal Transport Van	35,000.00	35,000.00
Total Vehicles	19,445.00	25,278.00
Total Fixed Assets	22,285.53	28,758.53
Other Assets		
Schwab Investment Account	5,309.40	1,805.10
Total Other Assets	5,309.40	1,805.10
TOTAL ASSETS	50,873.73	42,252.28
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	19,881.94	19,881.94
Unrestricted Net Assets	22,370.34	39,900.82
Net Income	8,621.45	-17,530.48
Total Equity	50,873.73	42,252.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	50,873.73	42,252.28

KARES
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Direct Public Support		
Corporate/Foundation Grants	91,650.00	59,990.00
Gifts in Kind - Goods	673.65	0.00
Government Grants	37,500.00	23,750.00
Individ, Business Contributions	83,105.41	102,619.32
Total Direct Public Support	212,929.06	186,359.32
Spay & Neuter Reimbursements		
County of Hawaii	0.00	600.00
Total Spay & Neuter Reimbursements	0.00	600.00
Total Income	212,929.06	186,959.32
Expense		
Advertising		
T-Shirts	0.00	1,029.00
Advertising - Other	281.26	0.00
Total Advertising	281.26	1,029.00
Business Expenses		
Insurance	2,704.28	2,538.43
Total Business Expenses	2,704.28	2,538.43
Fund Raising Expense		
Service Fee	841.19	789.67
Total Fund Raising Expense	841.19	789.67
Office Expenses		
Bank Fees	54.00	30.00
Postage, Mailing Service	311.63	379.65
Supplies	37.56	586.21
Total Office Expenses	403.19	995.86
Program Expenses		
Animal Boarding	2,808.35	528.02
Animal Rescue	500.00	0.00
Animal Transport	2,982.31	5,456.72
Charity Donation	9,473.25	900.00
Contract Services	0.00	3,245.21
Dues	207.00	112.00
Fees	173.10	0.00
Kennel Fencing	1,170.87	0.00
Legal Fees for Animal Advocacy	0.00	1,226.70
Pet Grooming	62.66	52.22
Repairs and Maintenance	923.60	191.59
Supplies		
Microchips	1,097.68	2,209.76
Other Supplies	0.00	629.65
Pet Food - Community Outreach	6,211.61	6,563.00
Pet Supplies	1,815.05	3,604.61
Total Supplies	9,124.34	13,007.02
Telephone, Utilities	1,200.00	1,200.00
Van Transport Expenses	10,377.48	9,551.89

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 January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
Veterinary Expenses		
Spay and Neuter	62,210.71	56,717.33
Veterinary Expenses - Other	95,895.32	96,836.99
Total Veterinary Expenses	<u>158,106.03</u>	<u>153,554.32</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>197,108.99</u>	<u>189,025.69</u>
Total Expense	<u>201,338.91</u>	<u>194,378.65</u>
Net Ordinary Income	11,590.15	-7,419.33
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Stock		
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	3,504.30	-3,240.15
Total Gain (Loss) on Sale of Stock	<u>3,504.30</u>	<u>-3,240.15</u>
Total Other Income	3,504.30	-3,240.15
Other Expense		
Depreciation Expense		
Program Expense	6,473.00	6,871.00
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>6,473.00</u>	<u>6,871.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>6,473.00</u>	<u>6,871.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-2,968.70</u>	<u>-10,111.15</u>
Net Income	<u><u>8,621.45</u></u>	<u><u>-17,530.48</u></u>