

Sewing Hui Summary

Mission: To create hand-sewn items for organizations in need.

Category: Community Support Services

Contact: Jennifer Oberg, Founder and Director

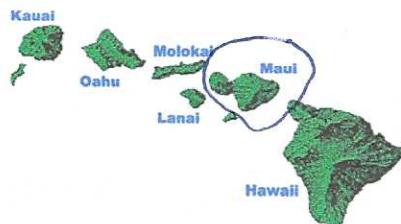
Address: 100 Uaoa Loop, Haiku, HI 96708

Grant History: N/A

2024 Request:	\$18,000 for general operating support
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Notes:

- 100+ volunteer “sewists” make hand-sewn items as needed by community.
- Face masks, pillowcases, costumes, medical-related accessories, etc., for homeless, schools, health care providers and patients, those impacted by Lahaina fire, community in general.
- Applying under fiscal sponsorship of Alexander Academy Performing Company while waiting for official 501(c)(3) determination.
- Works with 8 local schools to provide culturally-specific costumes for plays, celebrations, activities.
- Shoestring operation funded by grants from Atherton Family Foundation, Hawaii Community Foundation, and individual donors.
- Request is same amount as last year’s income.





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January 17, 2024

Aloha Tammy,

My name is Jennifer Oberg, and I am the Director and Founder of The Sewing Hui. I am writing to apply for a grant from the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation.

The Sewing Hui's mission is to help the Maui community by creating hand-sewn items for organizations in need. We are unique in our organization through our ability to readily adapt and meet the current and more urgent needs of the community. We can make almost any sewn item. Furthermore, the adaptive quality of our organization has allowed us to reach various demographics and geographic regions on the island of Maui. We hope that through our organization we can exemplify the power of community, generosity, and creating together.

The Sewing Hui (TSH) volunteers are a dedicated team of 100+ sewists and craftspersons, made up of residents and visitor-volunteers. There are visitors who regularly volunteer with us on their annual trips to Maui. We create projects for Maui County's healthcare providers, schools, community and nonprofit organizations. Our recipients include keiki, schools, healthcare providers, the unsheltered community, fire-displaced families, kūpuna, performing arts organizations, amongst others. TSH is a registered Hawaii non-profit corporation, fiscally-sponsored by Alexander Academy Performing Company, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are in the final stages of completing our 501(c)3 process and should hopefully receive it this year.

Since our inception 3.5 years ago, we've created over 30,000 handmade items for the Maui community and helped over 60 organizations. Items we've made include masks, curtains, lap blankets, clothing for the unsheltered, wheelchair and walker bags for kūpuna, May Day and Lei Day costumes for Maui schools, and costumes for performances. Most recently, we made and gathered over 3,500 handmade pillowcases from our group and other sewing groups all over the continental United States for residents displaced by the fire. We ran a sewing supply drive for Maui sewists and quilters who lost everything in the fire. We created and collected 550 Christmas stockings for keiki impacted by the fires. And this past December we worked with Alexander Academy Performing Company, creating costumes for their annual full-length ballet *The Nutcracker* which was held at the Castle Theater at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center.

Our current funding sources include Atherton Family Foundation, Hawai'i Community Foundation, and various individual donors. We have several other organizations we will be approaching for funding support in the coming months.

We are asking for a grant of \$18,000 to help cover the general operating costs of our organization to support a specific project of ours for 2024 - "Hawaiian Apparel for School Celebrations". The funds will be used to cover sewing supplies and materials, studio rental fee, administrative assistant fee, director fee, lunches for our volunteers, and a marketing fee. The need we are addressing is the lack of resources for local schools to create Hawaiian apparel and garments for their Hawaiian cultural events and celebrations. Our project offers sewing services to Maui schools to assist them with the creating and mending of their Hawaiian apparel and accessories for events such as May Day, Lei Day, Ho'ike Celebration, and Hawaiian Immersion Graduation. In addition, The Sewing Hui will be sharing educational content about these events and the garments created via our social media platforms and with our volunteers.

8 schools on Maui have requested our assistance creating hālau skirts, sashes, king apparel, queen apparel, attendants' apparel, pā'ū skirts, kīhei, and keiki-sized chief's 'ahu'ula and mahi'ole. We anticipate working on 2,000 apparel items. TSH will consult with cultural advisors at the schools to ensure authentic and accurate representation of Hawaiian culture for the apparel we work on. We provide a more environmentally sustainable approach to apparel by mending and repairing existing apparel, and by creating high-quality apparel from scratch made to last. We will utilize our social media platforms as a means to provide educational information to our followers as we engage in this program. We will share information about the Hawaiian cultural events and celebrations we are making apparel for, the Hawaiian names for each type of apparel we are working on, the meaning behind the apparel, and more.

The Sewing Hui partnered with Maui schools during the pandemic to provide face masks for students, staff, and teachers. Our relationship has extended to assisting schools with these Hawaiian cultural events. In 2022, we created 460 items, including pā'ū tops, tunics, kīhei, and holoku dresses for Ha'ikū Elementary and Carden Academy. Other schools who have expressed interest in partnering with The Sewing Hui include Kamehameha Schools, Kahului Baptist Preschool, Kīhei Elementary, King Kekaulike High School, Pukalani Elementary School, Seabury Hall, and Kula Elementary. Our geographic region covers all of Maui. We are open to working with schools all over the island. The demographics reflect the diversity of Maui County and include the students of these schools and our volunteers who are majority 55+. The number of individuals served by the project will be approximately 2,000.

Stats via Greatschools.org for several of the schools we will partner with:

- Kīhei Elementary - Hispanic 26%, Asian/Pacific Islander 24%, Native Hawaiian 19%, Two or more races 15%, White 15%, Black <1%.
- Kamehameha Schools - Native Hawaiian 100%
- King Kekaulike High School - Native Hawaiian 32%, White 28%, Hispanic 15%, Asian/Pacific Islander 14%, Two or more races 10%, Native American 1%, Black 1%
- Pukalani Elementary School - Two or more races 30%, Native Hawaiian 24%, Hispanic 23%, White 12%, Asian/Pacific Islander 11%, Native American <1%

- Kula Elementary - Two or more races 31%, Native Hawaiian 23%, White 22%, Hispanic 21%, Asian/Pacific Islander 3%, Black <1%

The grant money would significantly make a difference to both our organization, the numerous local schools we will partner with, and the general public who may be curious to learn more about these unique cultural events in Hawai'i. Through your financial support, we will be able to provide the sewing materials for the garments. Many of the schools do not have a budget for the clothing for their cultural events and celebrations. With this support, we will be able to place our focus in providing quality garments for schools to honor these special events. Furthermore, we will have the resources to create educational content to share in depth to the general public about the various garments, their meaning, and the cultural events.

We would be humbled to be supported by the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation, and be the conduit to help our local schools and keiki. We believe your foundation very much aligns with our mission and values of helping others and making a difference in the community. The Sewing Hui contributes to health, education, and arts, as we are able to provide handsewn items to these groups. We would be honored to receive a grant to support the work we are doing for Maui County.

Thank you for considering our request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mahalo,



Jennifer Oberg
Director & Founder

RETROACTIVE REINSTATEMENT

Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

B Check if applicable: [] Address change [] Name change [] Initial return [] Final return/terminated [] Amended return [x] Application pending
C Name of organization: The Sewing Hui
D Employer identification number: 85-3544459
E Telephone number: 808-757-5915
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: [] Cash [x] Accrual Other (specify):
H Check [x] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

I Website: https://www.thesewinghui.com
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - [x] 501(c)(3) [] 501(c) () (insert no.) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Form of organization: [x] Corporation [] Trust [] Association [] Other:

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 19,638

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I [x]

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Revenue section (lines 1-9) includes contributions, program service revenue, membership dues, investment income, gaming and fundraising events, and total revenue of 19,638. Expenses section (lines 10-17) includes grants, benefits, salaries, professional fees, occupancy, printing, and other expenses, totaling 32,788. Net Assets section (lines 18-21) shows a deficit of 13,150 for the year and ending net assets of 2,265.

Donated Sewing Supplies

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	12,885	22 0
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	12,885	25 0
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O, Statement 5	0	26 2,265
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	12,885	27 -2,265

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Schedule O, Statement 6

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 Our main program is developing sewing initiatives for the Maui community which take various shapes and forms. Past sewing initiatives include 1. creating face masks for schools, organizations, and healthcare (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 7) (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	19,061
29 _____ (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 _____ (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	0
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	19,061

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Jennifer Oberg President	20.00	0		
Craig Mullins Vice President	1.00	0		
Yasmine Lindskog Secretary	16.00	0		
Gena Gallgeos Director	1.00	0		
Caroline Crumlish Director	1.00	0		

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")			6,457	19,178	17,937	43,572
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0	0	6,457	19,178	17,937	43,572
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						43,572

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	0	0	6,457	19,178	17,937	43,572
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)			3,010	1,405	0	4,415
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						47,987
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2022. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Schedule O, Statement 3

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The Sewing Hui

EIN: 85-3544459

Part I, Line 16

Other Expenses Structured Explanation

Description	Amount
Bank Charges	240
Business Expenses	2,506
Operations	25
Other Costs	35
Lunch	13,296
Cookbook Fundriser	190
Total:	16,292