

# HUGS for Hawaii's Seriously Ill Children and Their Families Summary

**Mission:** To support families caring for seriously ill children.

**Category:** Health & Wellness

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**Grant History:** 2022: \$20,000  
**TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE: \$20,000**

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

## Notes:

- Help, Understanding & Group Support
  - HUGS created to support children facing life-threatening illnesses and their families by providing case management, financial assistance, respite services, support groups, hospital visits.
  - Created in 1982.
  - Serves entire State of Hawaii.
  - Children served from birth to age 21. Many have complex serious illnesses.
  - Provides support to entire family.
  - Serves 400 families each year.
  - All services provided to families free of charge.
  - 7 trained professionals on staff.
- 2024:** New executive director as of December. 2023 year of leadership turmoil.

