

Hawaii Food Bank Summary

Mission: To combat hunger by gathering and distributing food to those in need.

Category: Health & Wellness

Contact: Dave Washburn, Director of Foundation Relations

Address: 2611 Kilihau Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

Grant History:

2014:	\$10,000
2015:	\$10,000
2016:	\$10,000
2017:	\$10,000
2019:	\$15,000
2020:	\$15,000
2021:	\$15,000
2022:	\$15,000
2023:	\$20,000
TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE: \$120,000	

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

- 1 in 5 Hawaii residents struggling with hunger.
- Food distributed via 200 charitable partner agencies.
- 16.7 million pounds of food distributed on Oahu and 1.6 million pounds on Kauai.
- Ohana Produce Plus Program provides fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Food 4 Keiki program distributes food via schools.
- Mapunapuna distribution food warehouse.

2022: Served ~170,000 people/month and more than 27 million meals since 2020.

- Purchases \$500,000 in food each month for distribution.

2023: Increasing emphasis on nutrition, locally grown produce, and overcoming barriers to food sourcing.

- Building a SNAP outreach program. 30% recipients eligible for food assistance but do not receive support.

**** Board note: try to hold grants to \$20,000 for several years.**

2024: Partners with Hawaii Farm Bureau and farmers to purchase locally-grown produce.

Food, Water, and Other Supplies Working Group to address disaster situations.





January 30, 2024

Tammy Davis Cownie, JD, MACL, Administrator
Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation
81 East Seventh Street, Suite 125
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Ms. Cownie,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a grant request on behalf of Hawai'i Foodbank. We are grateful for the support that the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation has provided over the years. Hawai'i Foodbank respectfully requests consideration of continued funding with a grant of **\$25,000 for general operations**.

For over 40 years, Hawai'i Foodbank has provided daily and emergency food assistance to needy individuals through economic downturns, the global pandemic, and natural disasters, including the Maui wildfires. As the state's leading hunger-relief organization, we partner with a network of more than 200 agencies to help the approximately 1 in 6 people in Hawai'i who are at risk of hunger. Together, we distribute food directly to those in need through food pantries, homeless and domestic abuse shelters, residential programs, soup kitchens, and more. Last year, Hawai'i Foodbank distributed 17.7 million pounds of food, including more than 5 million pounds of produce, resulting in 14.7 million meals provided to the food insecure. Each month, we serve an average of more than 120,000 people, including keiki and kūpuna. This number of people served measures frequency of service usage. We recognize that beneficiaries may utilize our services multiple times each month.

Hawai'i Foodbank's organizational model enables nearly 92% of all expenses to be used directly for program support. Organization data is shared with the community annually through Hawai'i Foodbank's website, social media platforms, and annual report. For the 14th consecutive year, Hawai'i Foodbank has attained Charity Navigator's coveted 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. This is Charity Navigator's highest possible rating and indicates Hawai'i Foodbank exceeds industry standards.

Hawai'i Foodbank requests funding to support the purchase of perishable and non-perishable food items to help individuals and families achieve long-term food security. Food is distributed through our network of more than 200 agency partners on O'ahu and Kaua'i.

Our objective is to strengthen community resiliency by increasing the local food supply in the face of increasing cost and demand. We work with the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and individual farmers to purchase produce for distribution to help support both healthy eating and a robust economy. Creating a consistent market for local food producers is important in strengthening our community food systems, creating a healthier, more resilient Hawai'i. More than a quarter of all food we distributed in 2023 was fresh, healthy produce.

Emergency preparedness is also top of mind as we confront the aftermath of the devastating Maui wildfires and hurricane seasons that are predicted to increase in frequency and intensity in our islands. One of the four pillars



named in Hawai'i Foodbank's FY22-27 Strategic Plan is to be a proactive leader and supportive partner in disaster preparedness and response, formalizing our historical work in this area. We understand that the ability to support our communities in times of crisis is a vital part of our broader mission to nourish our 'ohana today and end hunger tomorrow.

Hawai'i Foodbank provides daily and emergency food assistance to needy individuals throughout Hawai'i. On December 28, 2023, Hawaii News Now reported two devastating facts. First, food insecurity on our island has increased by 40% since 2021. They additionally reported that 15% of our children do not have sufficient access to food.

Previously, Hawai'i has been cited as having the second highest rate of childhood hunger in the nation, second only to Louisiana. When experiencing hunger and/or food insecurity, children can face an increased risk of cognitive issues, aggression, anxiety, behavioral problems, depression, and suicide ideation.

Furthermore, 44% of households in the City and County of Honolulu are considered ALICE - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed - meaning they earn just above the Federal Poverty Level, sometimes working more than one job. However, their income is still insufficient to afford necessities such as food, housing, childcare, transportation, and health care (data from Aloha United Way, ALICE project 2022). Adults who are food insecure and low-income experience higher levels of chronic disease and are at increased risk for obesity. Older adults struggling with food insecurity consume fewer calories and nutrients than needed and have lower dietary quality, putting them at nutritional risk. They often experience negative mental and physical health conditions and outcomes such as diabetes, hypertension, lower cognitive function, heart failure, and osteoporosis. One of Hawai'i Foodbank's strategic priorities is to help shift our communities that face food insecurity and hunger away from diets filled with cheaper, highly processed foods that contribute to chronic disease and poor health. We do this by increasing equitable access to the Foodbank's distribution of nutritious, fresh, and local food.

In Hawai'i, the increasing cost of living associated with housing, education, childcare, and consumer goods has exacerbated financial issues for many families. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurity in Hawai'i has grown dramatically. As economic hardships continue to impact Hawai'i's families, Hawai'i Foodbank has the extraordinary challenge of providing food to thousands of households newly at risk of food insecurity, in addition to those who were already struggling with hunger before the crisis began. Food insecurity is caused not only by a lack of financial resources, but also by other socioeconomic conditions, such as systemic inequalities in our economy, food supply chain, and the lack of availability of fresh or healthy foods in certain neighborhoods. Food supply is also threatened by natural disasters and other emergencies. Hawai'i Foodbank has provided essential emergency assistance for decades, including during Hurricane Iniki, the COVID-19 pandemic, volcanic eruptions on Hawai'i island, Kilauea flooding on Kaua'i, Kona low winter storms, and the recent Maui wildfires.

In November 2023, following the destructive Maui wildfires, the Food, Water, and Other Supplies Working Group was formed with the purpose "To evaluate the availability and distribution of food and other necessary supplies for displaced individuals and families, and to prepare recommendations for appropriate legislative action". The working group was led by Co-Chairs Representatives Greggor Ilagan and Terez Amato, with member Representatives Diamond Garcia, Cedric Asuega Gates, Rose Martinez, Richard H.K. Onishi, Jackson D.



Sayama, and Adrian K. Tam. One of the findings of the working group was, "Food banks have filled a critical need during disaster situations, including Hurricane Iniki, COVID-19, and the Lahaina wildfire." Their working group recommends increased investment in food infrastructure and reserves, for normal and emergency operations.

Hawai'i Foodbank respects the importance of food as a component of culture and resources and distributes culturally responsive, locally grown produce, such as Okinawan sweet potato, choy sum, bok choy, long beans, breadfruit, pineapple, taro, and more. This prioritization helps us to ensure that all members of our community can thrive in an environment that is inclusive, equitable and reflects the diverse communities we serve. Providing the households we serve with the dignity of choice not only nourishes the body, it feeds the soul.

Hawai'i Foodbank serves individuals and families in need of assistance, regardless of their circumstances. We believe that food is more than a basic need. It connects us to family, celebrates our island cultures, and is essential to thriving communities. As Feeding America's partner representative for the state of Hawai'i, the Foodbank distributes food to families and individuals in need on O'ahu and Kaua'i -- both in daily life and in the event of natural disasters and other emergencies. We also partner with The Food Basket to serve Hawai'i County and Maui Food Bank to serve Maui County. As an island state, many of the communities provided with food are often underserved, economically disadvantaged, and live in areas that face a greater risk of being cut off from urban areas during natural disasters and emergencies due to flooded roads, downed trees, storm surges, single-wall constructed homes, etc.

Hawai'i is one of the most diverse states in the country, with 77% of the population identifying as Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Black, or multi-racial (U.S. Census). Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) populations disproportionately experience hunger in Hawai'i. Research conducted by Craig Gunderson at Baylor University on food insecurity in Hawai'i found that Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders experience much higher rates of food insecurity when compared to the general population. Often, statistical analyses include this community within the broader Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) group, masking the unique experiences and realities of these individual communities. For instance, Gunderson's research found that as a whole, 9.9% of the AAPI community in Hawai'i faces food insecurity. However, when broken out, he found that Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders experience food insecurity at a rate of 23.4%, in comparison to 6.2% of Asian Americans.

In addition to providing food to partner agencies for distribution through food pantries, soup kitchens, and other feeding programs, Hawai'i Foodbank operates several programs for uniquely challenged populations:

- Food 4 Keiki programs include our School Pantry initiative, Feeding Our Future, and two Federal nutrition programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). At 47 schools on O'ahu and Kaua'i, these programs serve as a critical food resource for K-12 students, their siblings, and their families. The school pantries provide healthy snacks for immediate consumption as well as family food bags to take home. Last year, the pantries distributed more than 28,000 pounds of food each month to more than 5,000 kids and 4,500 adults. Feeding Our Future is a summer congregate lunch program that helps provide nourishment to students who may normally rely on school-provided meals during the school year, with hot lunches distributed by our food partner agencies. CACFP,



launched in January 2024, provides afterschool meals in partnership with afterschool care providers. SFSP provides summer meals at community sites, such as schools, parks, etc.

- 'Ohana Produce Plus distributes millions of pounds of fresh produce, assorted dry goods, and non-perishable food items in under-served communities on O'ahu and Kaua'i. For many recipients, 'Ohana Produce Plus is their only source of fresh fruits and vegetables. Last year more than 10 million pounds of food was distributed, including 5 million pounds of produce, to an average of 50,000 individuals each month.
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides vouchers to close to 7,000 low-income seniors to pay for fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey at local farmers' markets.
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), also known as the "Senior Food Box Program" is a partnership with the State Office of Community Services. Each month, over 2,000 low-income seniors receive supplemental foods such as milk, cheese, cereal, juice, peanut butter, rice, and canned meats. More than 640,000 pounds of food was distributed in 2023.
- The Kūpuna Fresh program augments and expands our existing programs for needy seniors by supplementing them with healthy, fresh local produce. This ensures they receive the invaluable benefits of fresh produce that are critical to kūpuna health. Seniors aged 60 years or above who are at or below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines for Hawai'i are eligible. Each month last year we served more than 300 low-income seniors on O'ahu, distributing a total of nearly 32,000 pounds of fresh produce.

A grant of \$25,000 from the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation would support ongoing Hawai'i Foodbank programs and the initiatives identified in the Foodbank's strategic plan. To illustrate the impact such a grant could have, \$25,000 could provide more than 53,000 meals for Hawai'i residents.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Dave Washburn, Director of Foundation Relations at dave@hawaiifoodbank.org or (808) 954-7888.

Sincerely,

Amy Miller Marvin
President & CEO

Dave Washburn
Director of Foundation Relations

Enclosures:

1. IRS Tax Exemption 501(c)(3) Determination Letter
2. FY2022 Audited Financials
3. FY24 Budget (shows primary funding sources)

HAWAII FOODBANK, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2022

(With Prior Year Comparative Information)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,275,331	\$ 4,847,262
Receivables – net	2,883,474	799,193
Pledge receivable – net	115,000	-
Inventory – net	1,528,938	2,755,424
Investments in marketable securities	7,474,884	8,342,418
Prepaid expenses and other assets	103,953	150,165
Total current assets	<u>16,381,580</u>	<u>16,894,462</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents – board designated	750,603	675,693
Investments in marketable securities – board designated	10,549,397	10,624,307
Pledge receivable – noncurrent, net	87,379	-
Property and equipment – net	5,485,908	5,738,202
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	216,528	266,937
Total noncurrent assets	<u>17,089,815</u>	<u>17,305,139</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$33,471,395</u>	<u>\$34,199,601</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 265,147	\$ 563,567
Accrued liabilities	542,617	532,723
Due to agencies	783,549	318,653
Refundable advances	107,212	-
Deferred revenue	-	6,500
Total current liabilities	<u>1,698,525</u>	<u>1,421,443</u>
ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION	<u>43,405</u>	<u>40,948</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,741,930</u>	<u>1,462,391</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	13,043,219	15,136,390
Board designated	11,300,000	11,300,000
Invested in property and equipment	3,655,147	3,739,015
Total net assets without donor restrictions	<u>27,998,366</u>	<u>30,175,405</u>
Net assets with donor restrictions	3,731,099	2,561,805
Total net assets	<u>31,729,465</u>	<u>32,737,210</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$33,471,395</u>	<u>\$34,199,601</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

HAWAII FOODBANK, INC.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022
(With Prior Year Comparative Information)**

	Supporting Services			
	Program Services	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Supporting Services
Food donations to agencies	\$ 32,478,103	\$ 77	\$ 282,025	\$ 282,102
Salaries and wages	2,505,213	894,059	538,654	1,432,713
Agency and neighbor island support	1,015,385	300,810	10,617	311,427
Transportation and shipping	1,157,094	12,236	15,800	28,036
Payroll taxes, employee benefits and training	704,793	251,526	151,540	403,066
Occupancy	489,571	23,367	18,090	41,457
Professional fees	156,355	52,857	255,248	308,105
Equipment, supplies, and miscellaneous	325,919	22,873	91,593	114,466
Depreciation	263,251	12,565	9,727	22,292
Printing and bulk mail costs	15,686	181,145	6,147	187,292
Dues, subscriptions, membership fees, and meetings	80,442	55,887	52,443	108,330
Insurance	73,429	3,505	2,713	6,218
Fundraising costs	4,791	46,777	1,386	48,163
Volunteers	35,522	305	831	1,136
	<u>\$ 39,305,554</u>	<u>\$ 1,857,989</u>	<u>\$ 1,436,814</u>	<u>\$ 3,294,803</u>
Total expenses				<u>\$ 42,600,357</u>
				<u>\$ 41,432,712</u>
				<u>3,539,251</u>
				<u>2,772,131</u>
				<u>481,666</u>
				<u>1,022,602</u>
				<u>617,037</u>
				<u>359,467</u>
				<u>700,591</u>
				<u>417,827</u>
				<u>225,202</u>
				<u>125,644</u>
				<u>38,357</u>
				<u>108,283</u>
				<u>78,626</u>

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