

# Kimokeo Foundation Summary

**Mission:** To preserve and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture, its practices, traditions, language, and environment through educational programs.

**Category:** Youth

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**Grant History:** 2020: \$10,000  
2021: \$10,000  
**TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE: \$20,000**

<b>2024 Request:</b> <b>\$27,600 for general operating support</b>
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## Notes:

- Kimokeo Foundation founded in 2015.
- Partnering with Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani Native Hawaiian elementary immersion school to advance Hawaiian culture education.
- Capital campaign to purchase 4-acre Tropical Gardens of Maui site to build a permanent location for Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani.
- Currently 32 students. Hopes to expand to 100 students with new building.
- Campaign goal is to raise \$1.3 million. \$200,000 raised to date.
- Annual revenue is less than \$85,000 (amount includes 2020 Dorcy grant)
- 2021 grant for general operating support. Declined \$100,000 request for land purchase funds.

**2023:** Unique opportunity to purchase land to build Ke Ala Kupuna Hawaiian Cultural Education Center. 2.723 acre parcel of agricultural land in Maliko, Maui.

- Appraised value \$1.3 million; Need to raise \$650,000 for down payment by October 31, 2023. Landowner will then finance the balance – 12-15 year loan.
- Currently leasing property since November 2021.
- Providing cultural education programming for local youth and practitioners.
- \$80,000 raised to date. Majority of needed funds anticipated from Hawaii State Grant-In-Aid program and Strong Foundation.
- 2023: declined \$50,000 toward land purchase in Maliko, Maui. Invited to re-apply next year if progress made.

**2024:** Several board members met with founder in April 2023.

- Seeking funds for Hawaiian language immersion workshops and outreach materials for area students and their families.

