

Assistance Dogs of Hawaii Summary

Mission: Provide canine companionship to those undergoing medical treatment, living with disabilities, and children who are victims or witnesses of crime.

Category: Health & Wellness

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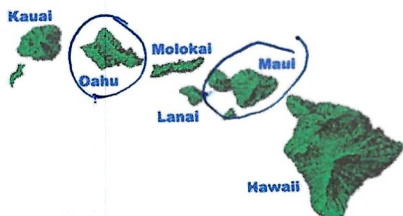
Address: P.O. Box 1803, Makawao, HI 96768

Grant History: 2018: \$20,000
2023: \$50,000
2024: \$50,000
TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE: \$120,000

2025 Request:	\$50,000 for Sadie's Place renovations
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Notes:

- Founded in 2000; largest provider of service dogs in Hawaii.
- Main campus on Maui. Training/meeting center in Oahu.
- Provides service dogs for people with disabilities, Hospital Dogs for trauma centers, cancer clinics, children's hospitals, School Dogs, and Courthouse Dogs for children who are victims or witnesses of crime.
- Current space in Oahu is too small. New space is larger and wheelchair accessible and will allow for meetings, interviews, and dog training.
- No government funding.
- New training center project \$560,000. \$460,000 secured. Request is for \$100,000 to cover the remaining costs.
- 2023 grant \$50,000 to cover training center purchase.
- **2024:** Oahu Training Center purchased and operating.
 - 16,000 people served annually.
 - Therapy dogs helped 5600+ survivors of the Lahaina Fire at 40 different locations. Also provided support to emergency responders.
 - Sadie's Place is the multi-purpose hub in Makawao, Maui. Most of their programming/training/administration occurs in this building.
 - \$150,000 needed. \$90,000 secured. Pending Dorcy \$50,000 and Cooke \$10,000.
- **2025:** Phase I of renovations completed. Phase II encompasses new flooring and administrative workspaces.
 - Served 8500 hospital patients, 3000 children with disabilities, 1200 child victims of crime 1400 first responders and health care workers, and 7000+ community outreach participants.





January 30, 2025

Board of Directors
Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation
81 East Seventh Street, Suite 125
St. Paul, MN 55101

SUBJECT: Grant Proposal 2025

Dear Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Laurence H. Dorcy Foundation. Your dedicated support has helped our program grow over the past few years and provide more Assistance Dogs for children and adults with disabilities and other special needs.

Assistance Dogs of Hawaii mission:

For the past 25 years, Assistance Dogs of Hawaii (ADH) has been changing lives, one dog at a time. The mission of ADH is to provide specially trained Assistance Dogs that empower individuals with disabilities and special needs to reach their full potential. Through a variety of programs, ADH focuses on training Assistance Dogs that increase independence, enhance quality of life, and serve over 20,000 residents across Hawaii each year. Our services cater to a diverse range of individuals, including those with disabilities and special needs, seniors, children who are victims of crime, hospitalized patients and veterans with PTSD. To promote equitable access for those with the greatest needs, we provide Assistance Dogs and lifelong follow-up support *free of charge*.

Established in 2000, ADH is an internationally accredited program and industry leader, as well as the largest provider of Assistance Dogs in the State of Hawaii. We have one of the highest Assistance Dogs training success rates in the country (80% vs. 30% industry standard), making us well equipped to respond to the increasing demand for Assistance Dogs. ADH's 2.5-acre Training Campus and Headquarters is located in Makawao, Maui, Hawaii. Our Oahu Branch Office and Training Center is located in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Over 190 Assistance Dog teams have graduated from ADH over the years! Each dog is trained for a special purpose and improves the lives of those in need.

ASSISTANCE DOG PROGRAM:

Our Assistance Dog Program is designed to help children and adults with disabilities and other special needs reach their full potential. This program also brings comfort and healing to hospitalized patients and their families, children who are victims of crime, and students of all ages who are experiencing trauma and stress.

- **Service Dog Program**

The Service Dog Program provides professionally trained Service Dogs to children and adults with disabilities that limit their mobility, including those with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and spinal cord injuries.

Cameron Pacrem, a freshman at the University of Hawaii, was partnered with Service Dog, Grace, after a spinal cord injury at the age of 15 and the two have been inseparable ever since. Grace helps Cameron by retrieving his pencils, notebooks, leg braces, and phone. She also assists Cameron with dressing, closing drawers, turning on and off lights, opening doors, and more. Cameron shares: "I'm never really lonely with Grace by my side. I can't imagine how my life would be without her".

- **Hospital Dog Program**

The Hospital Dog Program provides full-time Facility Dogs for patients at hospitals, nursing facilities, cancer clinics, and rehabilitation centers. Hospital Dogs work with a medical professional to provide care, comfort, and physical support for patients of all ages during their greatest time of need. Hospital Dog Star graduated last October and was placed at Wilcox Hospital on Kauai. Star is serving patients in all units of this 75-bed hospital with her partner, Carrie Hovland, Oncology RN. During her 18 months of training, she visited and comforted over 2,000 Maui wildfire survivors and first responders.

- **Courthouse Dog Program**

The Courthouse Dog Program provides Courthouse Dogs for children who are victims of crime. They work full time in prosecutors' offices and child advocacy centers. Courthouse Dogs provide support and comfort for more than 1,200 children annually who are victims or witnesses of crime. Dogs help children to find their voice throughout the difficult legal process: in forensic interviews, medical exams, and even while testifying in court. ADH is one of the largest providers of Courthouse Dogs in the country.

- **School Facility Dog Program**

In response to the post-COVID mental health crisis among students, ADH launched a School Facility Dog Program in 2022 to help alleviate the stress young people are facing. Maureen Madden, Head of School at Seabury Hall on Maui reports: "*Sadie is a regular 'staff' member here at Seabury Hall and she is even listed in the yearbook as such! Her presence on campus has been a blessing for us. When Sadie is on campus, the entire atmosphere changes. Students have said: 'when Sadie is here, everything is better'".*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM:

ADH Community Outreach Programs are a vital and innovative initiative that enhance health, wellness and education on Maui and Oahu. These programs run year-round, offering significant physical and socio-emotional benefits to a wide range of residents, including youth and adults with disabilities and special needs, seniors, veterans, patients, and medical staff at several hospitals.

- Crisis Response Program**
 ADH works with the FBI, police departments, first responders and schools to provide immediate help for victims and their families. Our certified Crisis Response teams have been utilizing evidence-based practices to provide support in times of crisis for more than two decades. Whether it's natural disasters like the Maui wildfires, the COVID-19 pandemic, traumatic events at schools or other emergencies, the dogs help with emotional healing and resilience-building among victims and first responders alike.
- Therapy Dog Program**
 Therapy Dog teams visit nursing homes, hospitals, homeless shelters, and schools across Maui and Oahu, offering joy and unconditional love. Their presence significantly enhances the physical, social and emotional well-being of the vulnerable populations they visit.
- Ohana Program:**
 This program partners with agencies such as Ka Lima O Maui and welcomes those with special needs and disabilities to our campus each month. Participants engage in educational and interactive activities with ADH Therapy Dogs, including grooming the dogs, participating in training demonstrations, and socializing with peers in a supportive, accessible environment. Participants also enjoy giving back by volunteering at the campus. This program benefits everyone involved.
- Camp Paws-abilities:**
 This 3-day summer camp is a much-needed resource for families of children with disabilities. Held at Sadie's Place (ADH's training campus) the camp offers a fun-filled experience with activities like singing, dancing, dog themed arts and crafts, ice cream making, and more. Activities are designed to meet each child's individual needs all with the support of Assistance Dogs.
- Educational Presentations and Programs:**
 ADH visits local schools, businesses, and civic organizations, offering informative presentations about Assistance Dogs. ADH staff, graduate teams and puppies in training, demonstrate how these special dogs can assist individuals with various disabilities. Participants get to meet the graduate teams after the presentation, fostering understanding and awareness.

Amount of Request:

ADH respectfully requests \$50,000 from the Dorcy Foundation for Phase 2 of our capital improvements to Sadie's Place, our 2.5-acre Training Campus in Makawao, Maui. The cost of building materials on Maui has risen substantially following the recent wildfires. This increase is largely driven by heightened demand for reconstruction materials in a limited supply market, along with the added expense of sourcing skilled labor from the mainland, resulting in elevated construction costs across the island.

The need being addressed:

Assistance Dogs of Hawaii is seeking a capital grant for Phase 2 of improvements to Sadie's Place involving the purchase and installation of new flooring throughout the training facility as well as new office equipment for our administrative offices.

1) NEW FLOORING

Sadie's Place is at the heart of our operations and is a hub for training Assistance Dogs, staff, hosting donors and volunteers, and engaging the community. The original flooring which was installed 18 years ago when our campus first opened, is worn and no longer meets the demands of the rigors of training and our daily operations. New flooring is an important investment in the safety, functionality, and longevity of our programs.

The benefits of new flooring include:

- **Enhanced Safety for Dogs, Staff, and Visitors**
The original flooring has become worn and difficult to maintain. Smooth, durable, and non-slip flooring will enhance safety of staff, volunteers, and visitors, as well as ensure secure footing for the dogs during training.
- **Improved Hygiene and Maintenance**
With Assistance Dogs in training and frequent foot traffic, cleanliness is important. Modern flooring materials are easier to clean and maintain, ensuring a sanitary environment that supports the health of all who use the facility, particularly dogs, handlers, and clients who use wheelchairs.
- **Elevated Professional Appearance**
As a program that engages with donors, community partners, and potential graduates, it's important for Sadie's Place to reflect our high standards. High-quality flooring enhances the facility's appearance, making it welcoming and inspiring for visitors.
- **Long-Term Cost Efficiency**
Investing in durable, high-performance flooring will lower ongoing maintenance and repair costs. By addressing this need proactively, we prevent more costly structural issues and demonstrate fiscal responsibility in managing resources.

2) NEW WORKSPACES FOR STAFF

To effectively support our expanding team and meet the growing demands of our programs, Assistance Dogs of Hawaii seeks funding for the purchase of new office equipment, specifically workstations for our administrative and training staff. These additional workstations will ensure a professional and organized environment that promotes productivity and collaboration for our team.

How your organization is meeting that need:

Assistance Dogs of Hawaii is dedicated to serving the most vulnerable members of our community. Sadie's Place offers a welcoming, wheelchair-accessible space on Maui, creating a beautiful gathering place for individuals with disabilities. The new flooring and office equipment at Sadie's Place is being funded through a combination of grant funding and private donations.

The demographic of your clientele:

Assistance Dogs of Hawaii provides services to individuals of all ages with disabilities and special needs, seniors in assisted living, children who are victims of crime, hospitalized patients and their families, hospital staff, students, veterans and more.

The number of individuals served by your program:

In 2024, the following services were provided to the most vulnerable in our community free of charge:

- **8,500+ hospitalized patients** and their families were comforted through our Hospital Dog Program.
- **3,000+ children and adults with disabilities** and special needs were supported through our programs.
- **1,200+ child victims of crime** received comfort and courage through our Courthouse Dog Program.
- **1,400+ victims, first responders & healthcare workers** were assisted by our Crisis Response Program.
- **7,000+ individuals received support** through the Community Outreach Program including: kupuna in assisted living, at-risk youth, people with cognitive disabilities, and keiki with special needs.

The geographic region covered: Residents throughout the state of Hawaii

How the Dorcy Foundation grant money would make a difference to your organization and clientele:

Assistance Dogs of Hawaii is a grassroots organization that operates solely through the generosity of individuals, foundations, and businesses, without reliance on government funding. A capital grant from the Dorcy Foundation would be vital in completing the upgrades of our facilities. Your support has been instrumental in the expansion of our mission and ensuring the ongoing success of the life-changing programs that are provided free of charge.

Information regarding primary funding sources:

ADH's funding comes from a diverse range of sources including individual donations, grants from foundations, and corporate giving. If not all anticipated funding is received, we will supplement with unrestricted individual donations.



January 30, 2025

Board of Directors
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Dear Board Members,

On behalf of everyone at Assistance Dogs of Hawaii, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your **generous award of \$50,000 in support of improvements to Sadie's Place, our Makawao training campus and administrative offices.** Thanks to your funding we have successfully completed Phase 1 of the following vital upgrades including:

- **Exterior and interior painting** not only creates a clean and welcoming environment for our clients, staff, and volunteers but also serves to protect and preserve the integrity of our structures.
- **New cabinetry for our offices and training room** which optimizes organization and functionality in all of our daily operations.

Thank you for making all of this possible! Having a campus that is well cared for represents our commitment to good stewardship. It is essential for the health and well being of our dogs as well as day-to-day operations and special events for the community. It also inspires confidence in our donors and the individuals with disabilities that we serve.

We deeply value your partnership and cannot overstate the impact of your support on our mission. If you'd like to visit Sadie's Place and see the renovations so far, we'd be honored to give you a tour and introduce you to our team and newest puppies in training.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Maureen "Mo" Maurer, CPA, MS
Executive Director



Summer and Service Dog Oakley

ASSISTANCE DOGS OF HAWAII

Statements of Financial Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 533,020
Investments	2,981,050
Prepaid Insurance	<u>31,276</u>
Total Current Assets	3,545,346
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Land and Land Improvements	1,722,689
Building and Building Improvements	2,154,959
Dogs	328,730
Vehicles	121,940
Furniture and Equipment	149,888
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,174,021)</u>
Total Property and Equipment	<u>3,304,185</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 6,849,531</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 16,807
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	<u>17,460</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>34,267</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>34,267</u>
NET ASSETS	
Without Donor Restrictions	6,190,264
With Donor Restrictions	<u>625,000</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>6,815,264</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 6,849,531</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ASSISTANCE DOGS OF HAWAII

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Without Donor</u> <u>Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor</u> <u>Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Support			
Contributions	\$ 917,216	\$ 625,000	\$ 1,542,216
Total Public Support	<u>917,216</u>	<u>625,000</u>	<u>1,542,216</u>
Revenue			
Special Events (Net of Direct Expenses)	678,053	-	678,053
Sale of Merchandise	2,945	-	2,945
Program Service Revenue	8,000	-	8,000
Other Income	21,157	-	21,157
Gain on Sale of Assets (Net of Losses)	91,208	-	91,208
Dividend Income	57,772	-	57,772
Realized Gain on Investments (Net of Losses)	172,109	-	172,109
Unrealized Gains on Investments (Net of Losses)	51,028	-	51,028
Total Revenue	<u>1,082,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,082,272</u>
Total Public Support and Revenue	<u>1,999,488</u>	<u>625,000</u>	<u>2,624,488</u>
Expenses			
Program	972,935	-	972,935
Management	146,876	-	146,876
Fundraising	56,854	-	56,854
Total Expenses	<u>1,176,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,176,665</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	822,823	625,000	1,447,823
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>5,367,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,367,441</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 6,190,264</u>	<u>\$ 625,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,815,264</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Management</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel and Related Costs	\$ 374,769	\$ 46,846	\$ 46,846	\$ 468,461
Depreciation	138,888	24,509	-	163,397
Supplies	100,770	17,783	-	118,553
Travel	66,242	-	-	66,242
Veterinary Expenses	60,913	-	-	60,913
Repairs & Maintenance	73,411	-	-	73,411
Advertising/Marketing	9,207	4,603	1,534	15,344
Occupancy Costs	34,023	3,780	-	37,803
Accounting Fees	20,648	28,390	2,581	51,619
Insurance	9,862	1,095	-	10,957
Outside Services	19,417	3,641	1,214	24,272
Printing & Publications	4,213	527	527	5,267
Property Tax	21,906	5,477	-	27,383
Investment Fees	5,819	5,818	-	11,637
Dues & Subscriptions	8,094	899	-	8,993
Postage & Shipping	7,489	936	936	9,361
Bank Fees	1,971	985	985	3,941
Training	12,120	-	-	12,120
Professional Development	3,173	1,587	529	5,289
General Excise Tax	-	-	1,702	1,702
	<u>\$ 972,935</u>	<u>\$ 146,876</u>	<u>\$ 56,854</u>	<u>\$1,176,665</u>

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