



United States Department of the Interior  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
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Dear Native Hawaiian Community Leader:

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Native Hawaiian Relations (ONHR) is pleased to announce a new **\$20 million climate change resilience initiative funded by the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act** (P.L. 117-169, 136 Stat. 2088).

Named for the imagery of navigating changing winds and currents on a Hawaiian voyaging wa‘a (canoe), the Kapapahuliau Climate Resilience Program aims to enhance the ability of the Native Hawaiian Community to navigate the effects of climate change in ways that maintain the integrity and identity of the Native Hawaiian people while also maintaining and enhancing their capacity for coping, adaptation, and transformation.

The Kapapahuliau Climate Resilience Program will prioritize project proposals from Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) that focus on: coping with past and present climate change-related impacts; adaptation to projected climate change effects; and efforts towards innovation, transformation, and systemic change to increase Native Hawaiian resilience.

Informed by Native Hawaiian and other subject matter experts over the past year, culminating in scoping meetings in May 2023, the Kapapahuliau Program offers financial assistance to several categories of NHOs. These categories include: individual NHO applicants; collaborations or partnerships of NHOs; and NHOs with grant-making experience to provide financial and technical assistance to sub-recipient NHOs from under-represented or under-served communities or that may not have the administrative capacity to effectively navigate and compete in a Federal grant environment.

The Kapapahuliau Program is intended to assist NHOs affected by climate change across the Pae ‘Āina and in multiple sectors or disciplines, with awards ranging from \$100,000 up to \$5 million. Applicants may propose projects with durations of one-to-five years in order to meet the needs of their various project scopes, partner NHOs, or NHO sub-recipients, as applicable.

ONHR will host two 120-minute virtual pre-proposal informational sessions in the coming weeks to provide an overview of the Kapapahuliau Program for interested NHOs and address questions. These virtual informational sessions are currently scheduled for:

- Wednesday, **November 29, 2023** from Noon to 2:00 pm HST (Hawai‘i Standard Time)
- Wednesday, **December 13, 2023** from Noon to 2:00 pm HST

NHOs interested in attending either of these sessions may register at:

[https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_tGZJxaeuQpuU5IUcGJkiFA](https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_tGZJxaeuQpuU5IUcGJkiFA)

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Also, an informational video of the Kapapahuliau Program and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet will be provided on the ONHR website for NHOs that are not able to attend one of the above informational sessions. Further, ONHR will provide technical assistance to interested NHO applicants that need help navigating the Federal grant application process. Contact information is provided on the ONHR website at: [www.doi.gov/hawaiian/climate-resilience](http://www.doi.gov/hawaiian/climate-resilience).

All NHOs submitting financial assistance applications for the Kapapahuliau Climate Resilience Program must be registered in [SAM.gov](http://SAM.gov) and file their application in [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) no later than:

**Application Deadline: 6:59 pm HST on Thursday, February 29, 2024.**

For more information about the Kapapahuliau Climate Resilience Program, please visit the ONHR website at [www.doi.gov/hawaiian/climate-resilience](http://www.doi.gov/hawaiian/climate-resilience).

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanton K. Enomoto', written in a cursive style.

Stanton K. Enomoto  
Senior Program Director