

### TESTIMONY OF DANIEL NĀHO'OPI'I INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS Friday, February 9, 2024 10:00 a.m. In consideration of HB 2246 HD 1 RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Aloha Chair Tam, Vice Chair Martinez, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) offers the following comments on HB2246 HD1 for your consideration. HTA understands the intent of this measure to transfer the awarding and administration of certain cultural grants from HTA to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA).

HTA's work to enhance destination stewardship is bolstered by the work done through our community programs – Community Enrichment, Kahu 'Āina, Kūkulu Ola, the Resort Area Hawaiian Culture Initiative, and Signature Events. These programs follow a specific strategy to sustain Hawai'i as a world-class visitor destination by empowering and developing existing events and efforts into competitive and regenerative tourism experiences. These programs span the gamut from watershed restoration projects with visitor volunteer opportunities, to major festivals and events that draw mindful visitors from our major visitor source markets.

Beyond funding of the event or program, we also provide support such as global promotion of the projects, technical assistance and advice on the tourism distribution system, tourism trends, and the tourism ecosystem. We are developing capacity for these projects to succeed as tourism ventures, and complimenting HTA's initiatives to strengthen workforce development in Hawai'i's visitor industry, assist nonprofits and small businesses with capacity-building tools to improve their ability to engage in tourism, and provide technical assistance training.

Proposals are received through a request for proposals process and are evaluated by committees comprised of HTA staff, visitor industry professionals, and community members. Each contract for each award is managed on HTA's behalf by Kilohana, and overseen by HTA staff from award to execution to final report. The news release announcing 2024 programs is attached.

Our community programs are a keystone of our efforts in regenerative tourism development. Should the responsibility for one or more of these programs be transferred to SFCA, we recommend continued HTA involvement to assist SFCA through the transition of the program and continue to advise on visitor industry matters.

HTA appreciates the opportunity to offer these comments.



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> Hawai'i Tourism Authority Continues Tourism's Reinvestment In Community More than \$7.5 million to support 163 projects, programs and events statewide

**HONOLULU** – The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) is furthering its dedication to the community, announcing five key programs to support natural resources, culture and the community: Kahu 'Āina, Kūkulu Ola, Resort Area Hawaiian Culture Initiative, Signature Events, and Community Enrichment. In 2024, HTA is partnering to provide more than \$7.5 million in total funding to support 163 nonprofit organizations, community groups, practitioners, projects and events throughout the state.

"The community is the foundation of our visitor industry and the fabric of the experiences that mindful travelers want to have when they come to our shores," said Mufi Hannemann, HTA Board Chair. "To continue having a thriving, diversified industry that supports our other sectors we need to ensure that we strengthen what we all know makes Hawai'i special — our people, our living cultures, and the places that we hold dear — as without them there is no future."

"Reinvesting in Hawai'i's people, places and multi-cultural traditions remains central to HTA's regenerative tourism mission," said Daniel Nāho'opi'i, HTA's interim president and CEO. "We look forward to working closely with such a diverse range of qualified organizations and practitioners on each island to deliver these programs to our community and our visitors."

HTA has partnered with Kilohana to administer the following programs and contracts in 2024 as part of its focus on destination stewardship. Criteria included demonstrating how the proposed initiative aligns with the state's Aloha+ Challenge and 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures principles toward a circular economy, which HTA remains committed to advancing.

These programs complement HTA's initiatives to strengthen workforce development in Hawai'i's visitor industry, assist nonprofits and small businesses with capacity-building tools to improve their ability to engage in tourism, and provide technical assistance training.

# 2024 KAHU 'ĀINA PROGRAM

HTA's Kahu 'Āina (formerly known as Aloha 'Āina) program supports responsible communitybased entities with an emphasis on 'āina-kānaka (land-human) relationships and knowledge that manage, preserve and regenerate Hawai'i's natural resources. Through the Kahu 'Āina program, HTA is reinvesting more than \$1.2 million (\$1,236,000) in the following 25 community groups and projects in 2024.

Project/Program	Organization	Island(s) Served	Award Amount	
Statewide/Multiple Islands				
Building Pilina to 'Āina through Mālama Work Days	Project Kanu	Statewide	\$50,000	

Forest to Frets: Hands on History Hawaiian Steel Guitar Program	Kealakai Center for Pacific Strings	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi	\$50,000
Hawaiʻi Agritourism Holomua Series: A Way Forward	Hawaiʻi Agritourism Association	Hawaiʻi Island, Maui	\$50,000
Kupu 'Āina Corps and Nā Manu 'Elele	Кири	Statewide	\$100,000
Moʻolelo Matters Speaker Series	Aloha Kuamoʻo ʻĀina	Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island	\$50,000
	Hawaiʻi Island		
EA Ecoversity	EA Ecoversity	Hawai'i Island	\$40,000
Huakaʻi & Mālama ʻĀina with Waikōloa Dry Forest Initiative 2024	Waikōloa Dry Forest Initiative	Hawaiʻi Island	\$34,000
ʻlke Kaʻūloa - Knowing Kaʻū	Infinite Reach 'Apoākea	Hawai'i Island	\$20,000
Ka'e Lehua	Pōhāhā I Ka Lani	Hawai'i Island	\$100,000
Kumu Pa'a i ka 'Āina	The Kohala Center, Inc.	Hawai'i Island	\$40,000
Mālama 'Āina Mai Ka Uka i Ke Kai	Mālāʻai	Hawai'i Island	\$83,000
Nānā 'Āina: Learning To Care For Our Forest Relatives From Our Forest Relatives	The Kohala Center, Inc.	Hawai'i Island	\$50,000
	Maui		
Kīpahulu 'Ohana, Inc.	Mālama 'Ōpelu	Maui	\$40,000
The Auwahi Project Community-Based Native Watershed Forest Restoration	Auwahi Forest Restoration Project	Maui	\$50,000
Wailuanui Loʻi Kalo & 'Auwai Restoration	Nā Moku Aupuni o Koʻolau Hui	Maui	\$40,000
	Molokaʻi	•	
Moloka'i Land Trust	Molokaʻi Land Trust	Molokaʻi	\$37,500
	Oʻahu		
Aloha 'Āina - Ka'ena Point	Young Men's Christian Association of Honolulu	Oʻahu	\$60,000
Hui Mālama O Ke Kai Foundation	The Kaiao Project	Oʻahu	\$30,000
Kōkua Learning Farm	Kōkua Hawaiʻi Foundation	Oʻahu	\$30,000
Komo I Ka 'Āina	Kauluakalana	Oʻahu	\$52,000

Mālama Pia Valley	Protect & Preserve Hawaiʻi	Oʻahu	\$40,000	
Puʻuhonua ʻo Waikāne : Realizing Refuge for Indigenous Identity & ʻĀina	Hoʻihoʻi Ea	Oʻahu	\$50,000	
Restoring Ea	Mālama Loko Ea Foundation	Oʻahu	\$50,000	
Stewardship and Conservation of Hawai'i's Protected Marine Animals	Hawaiʻi Marine Animal Response	Oʻahu	\$30,000	
Kauaʻi				
Kūpuna Mahiʻai Apprenticeship Project KMAP	Kūmano I Ke Ala O Makaweli	Kaua'i	\$60,000	

### 2024 KŪKULU OLA PROGRAM

HTA's Kūkulu Ola program supports community-based awardees that enhance, strengthen and perpetuate Hawaiian culture through genuine experiences for residents and visitors. Through the Kūkulu Ola program, HTA is reinvesting \$1.25 million in the following 34 nonprofit organizations, events and cultural practitioners in 2024.

Project/Program	Organization	Island(s) Served	Award Amount
s	tatewide/Multiple Islands		
He Mau Aliʻi: Chronicles of Hawaiʻi's Sovereigns	Historic Waimea Theater and Cultural Arts Center	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui	\$10,000
Ho'i Mau I Ka 'lwikuamo'o - Return to the Source	Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy	Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui, Kauaʻi, Molokaʻi	\$75,000
Kania Ola: Economic Resilience for Mele Practitioners	Kāhuli Leo Le'a	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui	\$50,000
Lohe I Ka Leo (Hear the Voice) Archival Project	Kalihi-Pālama Culture and Arts Society	Statewide	\$40,000
Mana Mele	Mana Maoli	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi Island	\$40,000
Nā Kūkulu a ka Moananui a Kanaloa, The Pillars of the Great Ocean of Kanaloa	Lālākea Foundation	Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui, Kauaʻi	\$112,300
Wana Aʻo: Digital Storytelling and Cultural Preservation	Mana Studios	Statewide	\$30,000

	Hawaiʻi Island		
Holua Revitalization Program	Pāhoa Lava Zone	Hawaiʻi Island	\$25,000
Hula Arts at Kīlauea	Volcano Art Center	Hawaiʻi Island	\$20,000
Ka Lau o Ke Kāhuli	Pōhāhā I Ka Lani	Hawai'i Island	\$25,000
Kaulele - Expanding Reach	Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE)	Hawaiʻi Island	\$20,000
Ola Ka 'le'ie	Hiki Ola	Hawai'i Island	\$15,000
Wailehua	Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation	Hawai'i Island	\$75,000
	Maui		-
Hāna Arts	Hāna Arts	Maui	\$30,000
	Oʻahu		
2024 OHCRA Race Production Program	Oʻahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association	Oʻahu	\$50,000
He'e Nalu: The Art and Legacy of Hawaiian Surfing	Kua'āina Associates, Inc.	Oʻahu	\$20,000
Honolulu Theatre for Youth	Kiʻi A Loaʻa: Reimagining Hawaiʻi's Monuments	Oʻahu	\$30,000
Hoʻomau Nā Maka o ka 'Āina	Pu'uhonua Society	Oʻahu	\$30,000
l Le'a Ka Hula 2024	Muʻuolaulani	Oʻahu	\$40,000
Kamaʻāina Sundays 2024	The Friends of 'Iolani Palace	Oʻahu	\$60,000
Keanahala: A Place for Hala	Pu'uhonua Society	Oʻahu	\$30,000
Kīpuka: A Makerspace	Pu'uhonua Society	Oʻahu	\$27,000
Kula Kapa O Waimānalo at Sea Life Park	Waimānalo Canoe Club	Oʻahu	\$30,000
PA'l Presents: MAMo	PA'l Foundation	Oʻahu	\$75,000
Pili Mai 2024	Kauluakalana	Oʻahu	\$30,000
The E Mau Ke A'o Program	Wai'anae Economic Development Council	Oʻahu	\$20,000
The Maunawila Heiau Cultural & Ecological Preservation and Education Program	Hawaiʻi Land Trust	Oʻahu	\$40,000

Ulu Aʻe Kaiāulu	Ulu A'e Learning Center	Oʻahu	\$15,700
Urban Makahiki	Trust for Public Land	Oʻahu	\$30,000
Welo Ka Hae	Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services	Oʻahu	\$40,000
	Kauaʻi		
Ka Pae 'Āina O Hawai'i Nei Hawaiian Archipelago Mosaic Program	The Garden Island Arts Council	Kaua'i	\$40,000
Kūkulu Hale Building	Kūmano I Ke Ala	Kaua'i	\$20,000
Nā Mele Hoʻokani	Mālie Foundation	Kauaʻi	\$25,000
Waipā Cultural Foodways Program	Waipā Foundation	Kauaʻi	\$30,000

### 2024 RESORT AREA HAWAIIAN CULTURE INITIATIVE

HTA's Resort Area Hawaiian Culture Initiative provides support to cultural practitioners and musicians presenting Hawaiian experiences, entertainment and music in resort areas. Through the Resort Area Hawaiian Culture Initiative, HTA is reinvesting \$385,000 in the following four community groups, musicians and practitioners in 2024, with \$335,000 going toward displaced musicians and practitioners who previously worked in resort areas that were impacted by the Maui wildfires and loss of tourism.

Program	Organization	Island(s) Served	Award Amount
	Maui		
Maui Ola: Cultural Practitioner Initiative	Kāhuli Leo Le'a	Maui	\$185,000
Mele At The Market	Hāna Arts	Maui	\$50,000
Supporting Local Musicians & Boosting Maui's Economy	Maui Chamber of Commerce	Maui	\$100,000
Oʻahu			
Nani Nō O Waikīkī	Hawaiian Music Perpetuation Society	Oʻahu	\$50,000

#### 2024 SIGNATURE EVENTS PROGRAM

HTA's Signature Events program supports major festivals and events that attract attendees and participants from outside the state and have extensive opportunities for national and international marketing. They include typically high-profile events that are larger in scale than those in the Community Enrichment program. These events also have a high media value (print, online and broadcast impressions). Through the Signature Events program, HTA is reinvesting \$2.85 million in the following 21 festivals and events happening in Hawai'i in 2024.

Event	Organization	lsland(s) Served	Award Amount
s	tatewide/Multiple Islands		
44th Annual Hawaiʻi International Film Festival	Hawaiʻi International Film Festival	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi Island, Molokaʻi, Maui, Lānaʻi	\$50,000
Hawaiʻi Food & Wine Festival	Hawaiʻi Ag & Culinary Alliance	Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui	\$190,000
King Kamehameha Celebrations	King Kamehameha Celebration Commission	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi Island, Molokaʻi, Maui, Lānaʻi	\$200,000
Molokaʻi 2 Oʻahu Paddleboard World Championships	Epic Sports Foundation	Oʻahu, Molokaʻi	\$50,000
Nā Wāhine O Ke Kai Canoe Race - Celebrating Women's Paddling	Oʻahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association	Oʻahu, Molokaʻi	\$100,000
Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend and Polynesian Bowl	Polynesian Football Hall of Fame	Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui	\$155,000
Prince Kūhiō Celebration & Parade	Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island, Kauaʻi, Maui, Molokaʻi, Lānaʻi	\$40,000
Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Festival	Kalihi-Pālama Culture and Arts Society	Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui, Kauaʻi	\$75,000
	Hawaiʻi Island		
2024 IVF World Sprints Championship	Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association	Hawai'i Island	\$75,000
2024 VinFast IRONMAN World Championship	World Triathlon Corporation	Hawaiʻi Island	\$300,000

	Maui		
Maui Invitational	Kemper Sports Marketing, LLC	Maui	\$230,000
	Molokaʻi		
Moloka'i Prince Kūhiō 2024	Hoʻolehua Homesteaders Association	Molokaʻi	\$20,000
	Oʻahu		
13th Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture	Gravitas Pasifika, LLC	Oʻahu	\$500,000
2024 Duke Kahanamoku Ocean Festival	Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation	Oʻahu	\$65,000
41st Annual Pan-Pacific Festival	Pan-Pacific Festival Foundation	Oʻahu	\$50,000
47th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival	Moanalua Gardens Foundation	Oʻahu	\$75,000
Aloha Festivals 2024	Aloha Festivals 2024	Oʻahu	\$100,000
ESPN Events - Hawai'i Bowl and Diamond Head Classic	ESPN Productions, Inc.	Oʻahu	\$175,000
Honolulu Marathon	Honolulu Marathon Association	Oʻahu	\$250,000
Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Race - Preserving Hawaiian Culture and Tradition	Oʻahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association	Oʻahu	\$100,000
The Eddie Big Wave Invitational in Memory of Eddie Aikau	Eddie Aikau Foundation, Inc.	Oʻahu	\$50,000

## 2024 COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

HTA's Community Enrichment program supports unique, authentic and highly valued visitor-related experiences, and represents activities that are developed by the community, for the community, and are things the community is willing to and wants to share with visitors. Through the Community Enrichment program, HTA is reinvesting \$1.84 million in the following 79 community-based events, festivals and experiences in 2024.

Event/Project	Organization	Island(s) Served	Award Amount
s	tatewide/Multiple Islands		
2024 Maui Music Series	Arts Education for Children Group	Maui, Lānaʻi	\$20,000
6th Annual Garden Island Boogie Board Classic & 16th Annual Hubb Keiki Fest	Kaikeha	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi	\$23,000

Festivals of Aloha	Lōkahi Pacific	Maui, Lānaʻi, Molokaʻi	\$70,000
Hawaiʻi Swim Show 2024	Hawai'i Rise Foundation	Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island	\$20,000
Moloka'i Holokai Ho'olaule'a	Youth in Motion	Maui, Molokaʻi	\$25,000
Statewide Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festivals	Kī Hōʻalu Foundation	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui	\$40,000
Volunteer Month Hawaiʻi 2024	Kanu Hawaiʻi	Oʻahu, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui, Molokaʻi, Lānaʻi	\$40,000
	Hawaiʻi Island		
2024 Hāmākua Sugar Days Festivals	North Hawaiʻi Heritage Foundation	Hawaiʻi Island	\$5,000
2024 Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament	Hawaiian International Billfish Association	Hawai'i Island	\$25,000
3rd Annual Aloha Shirt Festival & Fashion Week Hawaiʻi	Nā'ālehu Theatre	Hawaiʻi Island	\$7,000
3rd Annual King Kamehameha's Awesome Athletes Inclusive Canoe Race	Arc of Hilo	Hawaiʻi Island	\$10,000
53rd Kona Coffee Cultural Festival	Kona Coffee Cultural Festival	Hawai'i Island	\$25,000
Cacao Cultivation to Culinary Celebration: The Big Island Chocolate Festival	Big Island Chocolate Festival/Kona Cacao Association	Hawai'i Island	\$8,000
Celebration of Life - Lantern Floating Memorial	Hawai'i Care Choices	Hawai'i Island	\$30,000
EPIC Wāhine	Lydia8	Hawai'i Island	\$3,000
Kaʻū Coffee Festival	Kaʻū Coffee Growers Cooperative	Hawaiʻi Island	\$20,000
Merrie Monarch Festival 2024	Merrie Monarch Festival	Hawai'i Island	\$90,000
Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race	Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race	Hawai'i Island	\$25,000
Street Eats, A Kailua Village Food Truck Festival	Kailua Village Business Improvement District	Hawaiʻi Island	\$50,000
World Bee Day Fair and Educational Events - May 2024	Bird and Bee Hawaiʻi Animal Sanctuary	Hawaiʻi Island	\$8,000

	Maui		
2024 Kapalua Wine & Food Festival	Kapalua Wine & Food Festival	Maui	\$60,000
28th Annual East Maui Taro Festival	East Maui Taro Festival	Maui	\$20,000
42nd Annual Maui Classical Music Festival	Maui Classical Music Festival	Maui	\$30,000
8th Annual World Whale Film Festival	Pacific Whale Foundation	Maui	\$25,000
'Āina Foods Cook-Off	Hawai'i Farmers Union Foundation	Maui	\$17,875
Annual Maui Marathon and Half Marathon	Valley Isle Road Runners	Maui	\$30,000
"Captivate the Artist in You" Art Workshops 2024	Hui Noʻeau	Maui	\$20,000
Celebrating the Visual Arts of Hawaiʻi	Hui Noʻeau	Maui	\$25,000
Celebration of Arts 2024	Kapalua Maui Charities, Inc.	Maui	\$50,000
Emma Farden Sharpe Hula Festival	Lōkahi Pacific	Maui	\$25,000
Gathering of the Voyagers	Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society	Maui	\$35,000
Hāna Kū Mele Series	Ala Kukui	Maui	\$15,000
Maui Matsuri Japanese Festival - 22nd Anniversary Events	Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, Inc.	Maui	\$15,000
Maui Pops Orchestra 2024 Concerts	Maui Pops Orchestra, Inc.	Maui	\$17,500
Maui 'Ukulele Festival 2024	Maui Arts and Cultural Center	Maui	\$15,000
Mokuʻula Experience	Lahaina Restoration Foundation	Maui	\$14,625
Nā Hōkū Hou Award Winners	Maui Arts and Cultural Center	Maui	\$15,000
Prince Kūhiō Maui Hoʻolauleʻa	Lōkahi Pacific	Maui	\$20,000
Wailuku First Friday	Lōkahi Pacific	Maui	\$25,000
	Oʻahu	·	•
17th Annual Waimānalo Kanikapila	Nāʻalehu Theatre	Oʻahu	\$14,000
2024 Hawaiʻi's Woodshow, Nā Lāʻau o Hawaiʻi	Hawaiʻi Forest Institute	Oʻahu	\$5,000
2024 New Year's 'Ohana Festival	Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i	Oʻahu	\$10,000

2024 Ride Aloha Festival	Hawai'i Bicycling League	Oʻahu	\$20,000
20th Annual Korean Festival	Hawai'i Korean Chamber of Commerce Foundation	Oʻahu	\$10,000
28th Honolulu Festival	Honolulu Festival Foundation	Oʻahu	\$25,000
42nd Okinawan Festival	Hawaiʻi United Okinawa Association	Oʻahu	\$50,000
48th Annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow	Oʻahu Intertribal Council	Oʻahu	\$5,000
74th Narcissus Festival	Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaiʻi	Oʻahu	\$5,000
AccesSurf's Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships	AccesSurf Hawaiʻi	Oʻahu	\$40,000
Cinco De Mayo Celebrating Diversity in Hawaiʻi	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaiʻi	Oʻahu	\$10,000
Evo Showcase Hawai'i 2024	RTS	Oʻahu	\$50,000
Filipino Fiesta & Flores de Mayo	The Filipino Community Center, Inc.	Oʻahu	\$10,000
Hawaiʻi Book & Music Festival	Hawaiʻi Book & Music Festival	Oʻahu	\$10,000
Hawaiʻi 'Ukulele Festival	Kala Foundation	Oʻahu	\$25,000
Honolulu Pride	Hawai'i LGBT Legacy Foundation	Oʻahu	\$10,000
Hoʻolauleʻa o Waimea	Hiʻipaka, LLC	Oʻahu	\$20,000
Kapuʻuola Hula Festival	Ulu A'e Learning Center	Oʻahu	\$10,000
Keiki in the Kitchen	Hawaiʻi Ag & Culinary Alliance	Oʻahu	\$41,000
Legacy: The Siva Afi	Malu Productions, Inc.	Oʻahu	\$10,000
Lei Day Celebration	City & County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation	Oʻahu	\$50,000
Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i	PA'l Foundation	Oʻahu	\$30,000
May Day 2024	Kāhuli Leo Le'a	Oʻahu	\$25,000
Mōʻiliʻili Summer Fest 2024	Mōʻiliʻili Festivals	Oʻahu	\$15,000
Moonlight Mele 2024	Bishop Museum	Oʻahu	\$15,000

Kaua'i				
2024 Kauaʻi Mokihana Festival	Mālie Foundation	Kaua'i	\$25,000	
2024 Koloa Plantation Days	Kaua'i Economic Development Board, Inc.	Kaua'i	\$35,000	
Downtown Līhuʻe 2nd Saturday Night Market	Rice Street Business Association	Kaua'i	\$18,000	
Downtown Līhuʻe Annual Community Events	Rice Street Business Association	Kaua'i	\$50,000	
E Kanikapila Kākou 2024	The Garden Island Arts Council	Kaua'i	\$2,500	
Eō e 'Emalani I Alaka'i	Historic Waimea Theater and Cultural Arts Center	Kaua'i	\$7,500	
Heiva I Kauaʻi 2024	Heiva I Kauaʻi 2024	Kaua'i	\$13,000	
Kaua'i Chocolate & Coffee Festival	Kala Foundation	Kaua'i	\$30,000	
Kauaʻi Songwriters Music Festival	Arts Kauaʻi	Kaua'i	\$5,000	
Kauaʻi ʻUkulele Festival	Special Events Hawaiʻi, Inc	Kaua'i	\$5,000	
Old Kapa'a Town 1st Saturday Ho'olaule'a Multi-Cultural Celebration	Kapa'a Business Association	Kaua'i	\$5,000	
Soto Zen Bon Festival	Kauaʻi Soto Zen Temple	Kaua'i	\$10,000	
The 2024 Kaua'i Marathon and Half Marathon	The Kaua'i Marathon	Kaua'i	\$40,000	
Waimea Light Parade	Historic Waimea Theater and Cultural Arts Center	Kaua'i	\$10,000	
Waimea Town Celebration: Heritage of Aloha	Historic Waimea Theater and Cultural Arts Center	Kaua'i	\$50,000	

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#### About the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority is the state agency responsible for representing The Hawaiian Islands around the world, and for holistically managing tourism in a sustainable manner consistent with community desires, economic goals, cultural values, preservation of natural resources, and visitor industry needs. HTA works with the community and industry to Mālama Hawai'i – care for our beloved home. For more information about HTA, visit <u>hawaiitourismauthority.org</u> or follow @HawaiiHTA on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, Threads and <u>Twitter</u>.

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