

Expanded

Ka Wailele Emergency Financial Assistance Program

As of Feb. 1, 2022 OHA's Ka Wailele grants increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and services now include relief for car repairs, funeral expenses, and out-of-pocket medical expenses along with past due rent, mortgage, utilities, and rent deposits for Native Hawaiians who can prove Native Hawaiian ancestry, Hawai'i residency, and financial hardship. Recipients are limited to one grant every two years. Apply at www.KaWailele.org or call (808) 587-7656.



Ka Wailele Program Requirements:

To qualify for Ka Wailele grants, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be Native Hawaiian residing in Hawai'i
- At least 18 years old
- Be in financial hardship; and
- Have documents to prove past due rent, mortgage, utilities, rental deposit, car repairs, funeral or medical expenses



Required Documents:

Native Hawaiian applicants will be required to submit the following documents with their applications to be considered for OHA's Ka Wailele grants:

Proof of Age and Hawai'i Residency

- Copy of Picture ID

Native Hawaiian Verification (one of the following)

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- OHA Hawaiian Registry Card
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Lease
- Kamehameha Schools Ho'oulu Registry

Proof of Financial Hardship (one of the following)

- Unemployment or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) approval letter
- Letter from employer verifying you have been laid off or lost hours at work
- Pay stubs prior to loss of income and current pay stubs
- Business bank statements prior to loss of income and current business bank statements (if self-employed)

Housing (one of the following)

- Complete, signed, dated rental lease
- Mortgage statement

Assistance Needed (one of the following)

- Past due rent or eviction notice with amount owed
- Past due utility or disconnection notice with amount owed
- Bill from utility service (i.e., water delivery)
- Mortgage statement with past due amount
- Car repairs estimate(s) within 30 days of application; proof of ownership
- Funeral estimate(s) from third party vendor(s) within six months of application; death certificate or obituary notice indicating death within six months of application; proof of relationship to deceased
- Medical bill within three months of application that indicates out-of-pocket expense OR estimate for procedure/treatment scheduled to occur within one month of application or reasonable timeframe

