Aloha,

I’m pleased to present the July 2025 Grants Newsletter, the latest monthly resource for governments, schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses interested in pursuing opportunities for discretionary federal grant and cooperative agreement funding. This newsletter includes grant opportunities published in [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), the federal government’s central website for grant funding. To access my grants e-newsletter, click on July 2025 Federal Grant Opportunities title above.

Readers should be aware that the Trump administration continues to cut the federal workforce and federal spending, actions which will have longstanding negative repercussions on the federal landscape and available funding. This grants newsletter is meant to provide up to date information on grant opportunities to assist grantees in continuing to do your good work for Hawaii.

If your organization’s Grant Award was cancelled or paused, please inform my office by contacting <hawaiioffice@hirono.senate.gov>.

Part 1 of this month’s newsletter contains current discretionary program listings and research opportunities. Please note that new notices are limited and not all programs may be active.

Part 2 is a compilation of general grant information provided by the federal agencies that most often have discretionary grant solicitations.

**There are two notices specific to Hawaii this month of special interest**:

[**Health and Human Services - *Administration for Children and Families - ANA  
Social and Economic Development Strategies -SEDS Synopsis 1***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355561)is focused on community-driven projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, including the preservation of Native American cultures, and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses, and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders. (Posted June 20, 2025 – July 22, 2025 deadline)

[**Department of Interior - *Brown Treesnake Program 2025 funding announcement - updated July 2, 2025 Synopsis 1***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359902)funding from this program is for interdiction programs to prevent the spread of BTS to other islands, landscape scale suppression on Guam, early detection, and rapid response, as well as outreach programs to educate the public on BTS, and other projects for interdiction. The State of Hawaii is the only eligible applicant. This announcement is shared for information only. Posted July 11, 2025 – August 14, 2025 deadline)

**New and modified national competitions of special interest this month include:**

[**Department of Agriculture - *Rural Housing Service Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359934)makes grants to applicants to provide a program of financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. The recipients will, in turn, provide programs that will support their communities (beneficiaries). (Posted July 8, 2025 – August 7, 2025 deadline)

[**Department of Agriculture - *Food and Nutrition Service FY 2025 SNAP Process and Technology Improvement Synopsis 5***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359933)funds projects to further the following objectives - 1. Modernize SNAP customer service and client communication to improve efficiency, transparency, and accuracy in application processing and eligibility determinations. 2. Improve administrative infrastructure and day-to-day SNAP operations in processing applications and determining eligibility. 3. Invest in technology and systems to coordinate application and eligibility determination processes, including verification practices, between SNAP and other Federal, State, and local assistance programs.(Posted July 7, 2025 – August 6, 2025 deadline)

**Department of Health and Human Services is funding three programs with an immediate turnaround needed for potential applicants**

[**- *Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB. Basic Center Program. Synopsis 1***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355617) providesfunding to community-based organizations to operate short-term shelters (including group home care and host family homes) and provide counseling services to youth who have run away or are experiencing homelessness or housing instability and who are not already receiving services from the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. (Posted July 9, 2025 – July 23, 2025 deadline)

**-** [**HHS-2025-ACF-ACYF-CX-0105 FY2025 Transitional Living Program**](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355577)provides street-based outreach, shelter and comprehensive supportive services to youth ages 16 through 21 for up to 18 months or, under extenuating circumstances, 21 months. In addition to shelter, TLPs provide comprehensive services that support participating youth’s transition to self-sufficiency and stable, independent living. Through the combination of shelter and services, TLP youth are expected to show improvements in four core outcome areas: safe and stable housing, education or employment, permanent connections, and social and emotional well-being. (Posted July 9, 2025 – July 23, 2025 deadline)

- [***Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB Maternity Group Home Synopsis 1***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355602) provides street-based outreach, safe, stable, and appropriate shelter, and comprehensive services for pregnant and/or parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent child(ren) for 18 months and, and up to 21 months under extenuating circumstances. Service providers must accommodate the needs and safety of the dependent children to include facility safety standards for infants and children on the premises. MGH services include, but are not limited to, parenting skills, child development, family budgeting, and health and nutrition education, in addition to the required services provided under the Transitional Living Program to help MGH youth realize improvements in four core outcome areas. The MGH combination of shelter and services is designed to promote long-term, economic independence to ensure the well-being of the youth and their child(ren).

(Posted July 9, 2025 – July 23, 2025 deadline)

[**Department of Housing and Urban Development - *Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program  
Synopsis 1***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359873)maximizes the number of children under the age of six protected from lead poisoning by assisting states, cities, counties/parishes, Native American Tribes or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned rental or owner-occupied housing populations. In addition, there is Healthy Homes Supplemental funding available that is intended to enhance the lead-based paint hazard control activities by comprehensively identifying and addressing other housing hazards that affect occupant health in homes with lead-based paint hazards being treated under the grant**.** (Posted June 30, 2025 – August 14, 2025 deadline)

[***Department of Housing and Urban Development - Addressing the Housing Affordability Crisis Research Grant Program Synopsis 1***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359817)will provide competitive awards to: (1) fund quality research that contributes to knowledge about the housing affordability crisis in the United States; and (2) generate actionable insights and evidence that can inform policy decisions to address the housing affordability crisis in the short-term. Through this funding opportunity, PD&R will fund research projects that contribute to one of the five eligible research categories, including: 1) Government-induced Demand and Housing Affordability, 2) Immigration and Housing Affordability, 3) The Financialization of Housing and Housing Affordability, 4) Economic Opportunity Cost and Housing Affordability, and 5) Opportunity Zones identified in Section III.G. Eligible applicants for this funding opportunity include institutions of higher education, nonprofit, and for-profit institutions. Awards made under this NOFO will be cooperative agreements and, therefore, awardees should anticipate substantial involvement by subject matter experts within PD&R in the execution of funded projects. (Posted June 28, 2025 – July 28, 2025 deadline)

[**Department of Housing and Urban Development - *Advancing Building Technology Grant Program  
Synopsis 1***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359825)makes grants to develop knowledge that has the potential of increasing the supply of affordable housing as expressed in the Presidential Memorandum: Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defending the Cost-of-Living Crisis. Applicants are invited to select topics from the research categories (Section III.G) with the aim of identifying or developing outcomes that will result in an increase in affordable housing supply. HUD encourages research projects that not only study the effects of interventions but also suggest pathways and strategies for adopting or scaling effective interventions, whether through public policy or industry practices that reduce the time of housing construction and deployment.(Posted June 26, 2025 – July 24, 2025 deadline)

[**Department of Labor - *Women’s Bureau FY25 Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance Grant Program Synopsis 2***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/357685)aims to provide technical assistance to employers (which may include public sector entities) and labor unions in the United States and its territories to encourage employment of women in both apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations (A/NTO), specifically in the following ways: 1.) Developing (establishing, expanding, and/or enhancing) pre-apprenticeship, youth apprenticeship, Registered Apprenticeship (as defined in Appendix B "Acronyms and Definitions"), or other nontraditional skills training programs designed to prepare women for careers in A/NTO; 2.) Providing ongoing orientations or other resources for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women in A/NTO; and/or 3.) Setting up support groups, facilitating networks, and/or providing supportive services (as defined in section IV.E.3) for women in A/NTO to improve their retention. Applicants may propose to provide technical assistance to support women’s full and effective participation in apprenticeable and non-traditional occupations. (Posted July 9, 2025 –August 8, 2025 deadline)

**Active reminders from previous newsletters :**

[**Department of Commerce *- National Institute of Standards and Technology Measurement Science and Engineering (MSE) Research Grant Programs***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358955)supports activities that develop, expand, strengthen, or sustain NIST partnership programs and/or support the conduct of research or a recipient's portion of collaborative research in a variety of areas including, but not limited to: Metrology; Standards; Nanotechnology; Artificial Intelligence; Advanced Communications; Advanced Manufacturing; Promotion of U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness; Measurements in Sciences; Neutron Research; and enhancing coordination of the U.S. Standards System with government and private sector organizations. 300 awards expected. (Posted May 14, 2025 – rolling deadline)

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| [**Department of Commerce - *Economic Development Administration EDA FY25 Disaster Supplemental***](https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s/)awards investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. EDA’s  goal under this NOFO is to assist communities recovering from a disaster by realizing opportunities to recover  and change the economic trajectory of the community for the better. In other words, EDA funding seeks to help communities recover and set them on a path to exceed their previous pre-disaster baseline. EDA seeks projects  that are responsive to community needs post-disaster by engaging all aspects of the community, with special  focus on private industry partners. (Posted June 4, 2025 – March 3, 2026.) |

**Department of Health and Human Services – *National Institutes of Health*** has issued a handful of new highly specific research opportunities and multiple Forecasts. It appears that NIH is slowly ending the Institute’s pause and beginning to make grants from other agencies within HHS.

[**Department of Interior - *Fish and Wildlife Service F26AS00014 National Outreach and Communications Program***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359759)is seeking applications from eligible entities (eligible applicants) to implement the National Outreach and Communications Program (NOCP) through innovative programs that may be conducted at various geographic scales, ranging from local or state to regional or national levels. Applications must address one or more of the five purposes of an outreach and communications program, which are defined in the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C.777c-777g) as programs that: improve communications with anglers, boaters, and the general public regarding angling and boating opportunities; reduce barriers to access and participation in angling and boating activities; advance the adoption of sound angling and boating practices in the Aspromonte conservation and the responsible use of the nation’s aquatic resources; and further safety in angling and boating. ***(***Posted June 18, 2025 - August 17, 2025 deadline)

[**Department of Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service *F25AS00165 Partners for Fish and Wildlife FY25 Synopsis 1***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358381)helps private landowners restore and protect habitats for fish and wildlife. It offers both technical assistance and financial support, mainly through cooperative agreements. Applicants seeking technical or financial assistance from the PFW Program are required to contact a local Program office BEFORE developing or submitting an application by visiting our website. (Posted January 23, 2025 – September 30, 2025 deadline)

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[**Department of Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service *F25AS00188 Coastal Program FY25***](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358382)helps coastal areas with technical and financial support to address complex conservation challenges of priority coastal ecosystems. This support is mainly provided through cooperative agreements with conservation partners and landowners, including state and Tribal agencies. The goal is to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitats on both public and private lands. Coastal Program staff work with partners, stakeholders, and other Service programs in important areas for conservation. Applicants seeking technical or financial assistance from the Coastal Program are required to contact a local Program office BEFORE developing or submitting an application. (Posted January 23, 2025 **-** September 30, 2025 deadline)

[**Department of Justice** -**OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Grants to Enhance Community-based Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Synopsis 1**](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/359764)supports (1) the maintenance and replication of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking services in community-based programs that offer culturally specific services and other resources; and (2) the development of innovative community-based programming that improves access to services and resources for victims who face obstacles to using traditional services. (Posted June 18, 2025 – July 25, 2025 deadline)

The following competition appears to remain viable despite being published before January 20, 2025. This notice appeared in previous newsletters and is also included as a reminder:

[**Department of Defense - Dept of the Army -- Materiel Command**](https://outreach.senate.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=SenHirono&crop=14226.7838038.5620845.1059911&report_id=&redirect=https%3a%2f%2fwww.grants.gov%2fsearch-results-detail%2f345241&redir_log=903662820685339)  
[***DEVCOM Analysis Center Broad Agency Announcement For Applied Research CFDA number 12.431***](https://outreach.senate.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=SenHirono&crop=14226.7838038.5620845.1059911&report_id=&redirect=https%3a%2f%2fwww.grants.gov%2fsearch-results-detail%2f345241&redir_log=903662820685339)is soliciting research proposals for submission to the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM) Analysis Center (DAC) for funding consideration. 1000 awards are expected. (January 2028 deadline)

**Important note:**

Federal grants are very competitive. To ensure your application is processed, please verify that your organization’s registration in the [System for Award Management (SAM)](https://outreach.senate.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=SenHirono&crop=14226.7838038.5620845.1059911&report_id=&redirect=https%3a%2f%2foutreach.senate.gov%2fiqextranet%2fiqClickTrk.aspx%3f%26cid%3dSenHirono%26crop%3d0000.0000.0000.0000%26report_id%3d%26redirect%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fwww.sam.gov%252fSAM%252f%26redir_log%3d459774059607158&redir_log=902840769231247) is valid and current. Go to [SAM: Systems for Award Management](https://outreach.senate.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=SenHirono&crop=14226.7838038.5620845.1059911&report_id=&redirect=https%3a%2f%2foutreach.senate.gov%2fiqextranet%2fiqClickTrk.aspx%3f%26cid%3dSenHirono%26crop%3d0000.0000.0000.0000%26report_id%3d%26redirect%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fwww.sam.gov%252fSAM%252fpages%252fpublic%252fhelp%252fsamQUserGuides.jsf%26redir_log%3d342562978339418&redir_log=50040439981545)and follow the FAQs and User Guides to update and verify your SAM data. Current SAM registration is mandatory for most agencies, and grants will not be awarded to applicants without valid and current registration in SAM. Registration on [SAM.gov](https://outreach.senate.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=SenHirono&crop=14226.7838038.5620845.1059911&report_id=&redirect=https%3a%2f%2foutreach.senate.gov%2fiqextranet%2fiqClickTrk.aspx%3f%26cid%3dSenHirono%26crop%3d0000.0000.0000.0000%26report_id%3d%26redirect%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fwww.sam.gov%252fSAM%252f%26redir_log%3d459774059607158&redir_log=902840769231247)is free of charge.

Grants.gov is currently undergoing a transition. The general site currently states, “We’re building a simpler Grants.gov! Visit [Simpler.Grants.gov](https://simpler.grants.gov/search) to search for grants using the experimental Search feature.”

If you are applying for a federal grant and would like to request a letter of support, or have questions about the application process, please contact my state office at [Hawaiioffice@hirono.senate.gov](mailto:Hawaiioffice@hirono.senate.gov), and include this [form](https://outreach.senate.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=SenHirono&crop=14226.7838038.5620845.1059911&report_id=&redirect=https%3a%2f%2foutreach.senate.gov%2fiqextranet%2fiqClickTrk.aspx%3f%26cid%3dSenHirono%26crop%3d0000.0000.0000.0000%26report_id%3d%26redirect%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fwww.hirono.senate.gov%252fimo%252fmedia%252fdoc%252fRequest_for_Grant_Letter%252520of_Support_form.pdf%26redir_log%3d341535034367633&redir_log=98230455461765)and the one-page abstract of your project. Letters of support are submitted directly to the granting agency from my office *after* the complete application has been submitted.

I encourage you to share these grant resources with anyone who may benefit from this information.

Mahalo,