



2026/2027 AAMHSA Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This FAQ is intended to assist organizations in preparing an application for the Life's Choices Kauai Adult & Adolescent Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant Request for Proposals (RFP). Applicants are encouraged to review the full RFP for complete requirements.

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations on Kauai that provide community-based services, including clinical mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, recovery, and/or prosocial, prevention-focused programs for adolescents, young adults, or adults.

2. What are examples of prosocial activities?

Prosocial activities may include, but are not limited to, programs that promote positive youth development, mentorship, peer support, sports or recreation, arts and cultural enrichment, volunteerism, leadership development, and other activities that strengthen protective factors and community connections.

3. Are prosocial programs required to be eligible?

No. Prosocial and prevention-focused activities are not required for eligibility. However, projects that align with prosocial activities may receive priority consideration during the evaluation process, as reflected in the scoring criteria.

4. Is priority given to first-time applicants?

Yes. Priority consideration may be given to first-time awardees that have not previously received funding under this grant program. Returning awardees remain eligible and are evaluated based on demonstrated performance, including compliance with grant requirements and successful completion of prior funded activities.

5. What's new this year?

Interisland (intra-state) travel is an allowable expense during this funding cycle. Travel within the State of Hawaii may be included when necessary to carry out approved project activities. Travel costs may not exceed 20% of the total grant award and must be reasonable, necessary, and included in the approved budget.

6. What is the funding period?

The project funding period (also referred to as the performance period) is **March 18, 2026, through March 17, 2027**.

7. What is the deadline to apply?

The application window opens on January 5, 2026, at 8:00 AM (HST) and closes on February 17, 2026, at 4:00 PM (HST).

8. I will be on vacation at this time. Can I submit my proposal the next day, on February 18, 2026?

No. To ensure fairness for all applicants and processors, the deadline is firm. The application window will close promptly at 4:00 PM, HST. Late submissions will not be accepted.

9. Can I walk in or mail in our application?

No. Only applications submitted by email to opagrants@kauai.gov and received by the deadline will be accepted.

10. Is there a matching requirement?

No. A funding match is not required. However, awardees must comply with the quarterly reporting and other documentation requirements, such as submitting receipts or other audit documents.

11. I have more questions. Who do I contact?

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to opagrants@kauai.gov by Thursday, February 5, 2026, by 4:00 PM. Official response will be made by February 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM, HST.