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IA-0000000471

Individual Application

Application ID	IA-0000000471	Account	
Application Status	Submitted	Contact	Judith Clark

ACT 310 - Application for Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Org/Individual	Hawaii Youth Services Network	DBA	
Type of Business Entity	501 (C)(3) Non-Profit Corporation	Existing Service(Presently in Operation)	Yes
Mailing Address	677 Ala Moana Boulevard suite 904 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 United States	Amount of State Funds Requested	\$725,000.00
Island	Oahu		

Program Overview

Program 1 Overview	The HYSN Street Outreach Partnership has operated since 1998 with federal funds. Partners included Hale `Opio Kauai, Maui Youth and Family Services, Hale Kipa, and The Salvation Army Family Intervention Services. With this funding, we reached up to 250 youth annually. The youth received survival good, developed safety plans, and were assisted with family reunification or other safe, supportive housing arrangements. The youth were linked with education, health, mental health, employment and other services. The program increase the safety, self-sufficiency, and well-being of the young people and helped them build permanent connections with family, community, school, and peers.		
Program 2 Overview	not applicable		
Program 3 Overview	not applicable		
Department Notes			

Agency Eligibility

Recipient of Terminated Federal Funding	Yes	Able to Provide Documentation Evidence	Yes
Serves Negatively Impacted Populations	No	Narrative	Advance payment not required, but would be welcomed.
Date Funding Stopped	9/29/2025		

Amount of Other Funds Available

State Fund Total Amount	\$0.00	County Fund Total Amount	\$0.00
Federal Fund Total Amount	\$0.00	Private/Other Fund Total Amount	\$0.00
Total Amount of State Grants	\$0.00	Unrestricted Assets	\$474,891.88

Contact Person for Matters Involving this Application

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State of Hawaii Eligibility

Organization is Licensed or Accredited	Yes	Nonprofit is a 501c3	Yes
Complies with Anti-Discrimination Laws	Yes	Nonprofit has Governing Board	Yes
Will not Use State Funds for Lobbying	Yes	Is Incorporated Under Laws of State	Yes
Will Allow Access to Audit Records	Yes	Has Bylaws and Policies	Yes

Account Information

Organization Name	Hawaii Youth Services Network	Organization DBA	
EIN	██████████	Street	677 Ala Moana Boulevard
Account Email	jclark@hysn.org	City	Honolulu
Account Phone	(808) 499-9966	State	HI
Website	http://www.Hawaiiicys.org	Zip	96813
Mission Statement	Networking youth-serving organizations to provide leadership, encourage collaboration, support youth voices, and foster partnerships in Hawaii and the Pacific Islands.		

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Background and Summary

Applicant Background Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN) and 7 partner organizations will increase the safety, well-being, education/ employment, and permanent connections among runaway and homeless youth and young adults ages 14 – 24 statewide. The partnership will maintain a coordinated system of care among a group of youth-service providers that will provide a safe environment for homeless youth/young adults, reunite them with their families (as appropriate), strengthen family relationships, and help youth transition to safe and appropriate living arrangements.

Partner organizations include:

- Hale Kipa (Oahu)
- Hale `Opio Kauai
- * Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC)
- Maui Youth and Family Services
- Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE) (Oahu)
- The Salvation Army Family Intervention Services (Hawaii)

- Oahu Youth Action Board (lived experience)

Hawaii Youth Services Network's (HYSN) mission is Networking youth-serving organizations to provide leadership, encourage collaboration, support youth voices, and foster partnerships in Hawaii and the Pacific Islands.

HYSN's core services include:

- Organizational capacity building.
- Building and sustaining partnerships and collaboration.
- Networking and communication; fostering connections.
- Needs assessment, data collection, planning, and public policy development.
- Providing opportunities for youth voice and engagement.

HYSN's current programs include:

Youth Homelessness System Improvement Project - Focusing on building partnerships, increasing youth voice, gathering data, improving coordinated access and entry systems, and addressing equity and diversity issues.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Collaborative – Provides Street outreach, shelter, and transitional living services. 5 partners serve youth; HYSN provides coordination, grant management, training, and evaluation.

Safe Spaces for Youth Project – Increase the safety of children and youth, prevents homelessness, and reduces involvement in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. The Safe Spaces Project brings together government, non-profit, faith-based, and business sectors to establish safe places where young people can seek help with crisis response and follow-up services to address youth and family needs.

Hawaii Children and Youth Summit –Brings youth together to develop recommendations on what the Hawaii Legislature needs to do to make Hawaii a better place to live, learn, and work. Gives youth a voice in setting legislative priorities and experience in civic engagement.

Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care (HISYNC) – A multi-agency forum focused on improving outcomes for children, youth, and families through data review for system improvement, establishing policies to address barriers, collaboration, coordination, integration of services/ resources.

Brief descriptions of each partner's services and capacity are included in the Experience and Capability - Necessary Skills and Experience section.

Funding Request Purpose	Objective 1: To increase the immediate safety of 500 runaway and homeless youth and youth adults (RHY). • 5000 encounters with youth/young adults who will access street-based and/or drop-in center-based outreach services • Outreach will be conducted At least 4 days per week x 52 weeks. • 50 youth/young adults will reunite with families, • 50 will enter shelter or other safe, stable housing. Objective 2: To increase the well-being of RHY so that they will be better able to resolve trauma and conflict, communicate more effectively, and be less likely to deal with problems in unhealthy ways. To prevent illness or unplanned pregnancy and promote good health, 100 youth and young adults will access primary or preventive health or mental health care Youth and young adults will obtain access to public transportation by obtaining bus passes. • Objective 3: To increase the self-sufficiency and independence of RHY by increasing connections with school, employment, transportation, case management, and housing services. • 25 youth and young adults will participate in educational services (such as attending school, participating in a GED program, applying for school admission). • 100 youth and young adults will obtain full or part-time employment and/or participate in services designed to lead to employment (workforce readiness, job training). • 75 youth and young adults will obtain access to public transportation by obtaining bus passes. • 50 youth and young adults will obtain legal identification. • 50 youth and young adults will be linked with housing resources (e.g., rental assistance, transitional living, rapid re-housing). Objective 4: To increase the permanent connections through the development of healthy, positive, trusting, and sustainable relationships with program staff, family, other caring adults, and within the community. • 200 youth and young adults can identify at least one adult to contact in an emergency Objective 5: To coordinate and sustain partnerships to expand access to services to and respond to the needs of youth homelessness. HYSN will maintain a statewide coalition of youth agencies and provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, and professional development. • Conduct 4 meetings of youth providers with at least 12 organizations represented. • Publish a monthly e-newsletter (12 issues) and share information via email (52 or more messages) on resources, best/promising practices in youth work, training opportunities, and data to at least 2,000 youth workers and educators. • Conduct 2 professional development training programs with at least 50 participants. In order to ensure that the voices of young people with lived experience of homelessness have a voice, Oahu Youth Action Board (OYAB) will: • Convene youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness to identify needs and gaps in resources and share experiences. At12 youth/young adults will participate. OYAB will hold 12 monthly meetings. • Collaborate with youth homelessness providers and HYSN to collect data, develop plans for reducing youth homelessness, and educate policy makers and funders about youth homelessness. All partners will collect and share data about RHY needs with service providers, policy makers, and funders by participating in at last 6 relevant task forces, work groups, and committees.
Geographic Coverage Served	All counties in Hawaii. Outreach will include urban and rural communities. Specific neighborhoods and sites may change based on changes in locations where homeless youth may be found. Homeless youth move to new locations due to sweeps of parks and beaches and enforcement of ordinances targeting homeless persons.
Public Purpose or Need Served	Homeless youth and young adults who are living on their own on the streets without support or guidance from their families are the most vulnerable segment of our homeless population. They are emerging adults who have not completed their education, lack employment experience, and have not yet learned the skills for adult living. Young people run from abusive or neglectful families. They often have untreated mental health or substance abuse issues. And sometimes they are thrown out of their homes by the adults who are supposed to care for and protect them. Living on the street is difficult and dangerous and young people do not choose to do it for fun or adventure. While on the streets, young people are at high risk of abuse, exploitation, and assault. Most are unable to attend school or access health and mental health services. They experience hunger, sleep deprivation, and despair. Homeless youth need street-based outreach, safe emergency shelter, family strengthening services to enable family reunifications, and transitional living services for youth and young adults who cannot be safely reunited with their families. By providing outreach services, partners will increase the safety, well-being, self-sufficiency, and permanent connections of homeless young people as described in the Objectives and Targets Section. By developing trusting relationships and providing survival assistance while on the streets, the youth will be encouraged and enabled to move to safer, stable living environments and linked to services. This will prevent long-term homelessness and help youth make transitions to successful adult living. It will reduce dependence on public assistance programs and involvement in law enforcement and correctional systems. It will enable young people to become contributing adult citizens of Hawaii. The proposed statewide homeless youth outreach program melds together two existing partnerships, both of which were supported by federal funds. Since 1998, Hawaii Youth Services Network has partnered with 4 organizations serving each county to provide street-based and drop-in center outreach services to youth up to age 21. A separate tri-agency partnership has provided joint outreach using a mobile bus to reach rural communities. It serves youth and young adults through age 24. Rather than submit 2 separate proposals, this

application brings together diverse organizations to ensure coordination and collaboration to better meet the needs of homeless young people. The partnership is strongly committed to partnering with young people with lived experience to ensure that their voice is heard in needs assessment, planning, service delivery, and quality improvement.

Through the Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Project, these partners are working with additional government, faith-based, and non-profit organizations to reduce youth and young adult homelessness in Hawaii through a coordinated, comprehensive, youth-informed, evidence-informed and culturally appropriate system of needs assessment, planning, service delivery, and continuous quality improvement.

Target Population Served

The target population is homeless youth and young adults through age 24 living anywhere in the State of Hawaii.

Number of Homeless Youth - Hawaii has the third highest rate of homeless youth in the U.S. according to 2023 federal Department of Housing and Urban Development data. In the 18-month period from October 2023 – March 2025, the HYSN street outreach program served 509 runaway and youth statewide (internal data). The 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count showed a 12% increase in homelessness over 2023; 62% unsheltered. 864 persons were aged 24 or younger, including 134 unaccompanied youth. 1,260 minors were arrested for runaway offenses in FY21, accounting for 51% of all juvenile arrests statewide.

Ethnic/ Cultural Disparities – Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and Black people are overrepresented among homeless youth and young adults.

33.6% of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) clients, 44% of participants in the Hawaii Street Youth Survey, and 4- to 50% of the youth served by the HYSN partnership over the past 20 years are Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders This compares to 10.6% in the overall Hawaii population.

43.1% of YHDP clients are 2 or more races compared to 24.4% of the Hawaii population. Young people who are Black make up 5.2% of the YHP clients, 6% of the Hawaii Street Youth Survey respondents, and 5% of the HYSN partnership clients. Black people make up 1.9% of Hawaii's population.

In contrast, Asians account for on 4 – 6% of homeless youth/young adults, but are 37.5% of the state's residents. 10 – 11% of homeless youth are Caucasian compared to 23.7% of Hawaii's people.

Characteristics and Issues – In 2017, a Hawaii survey was conducted with in-depth interviews of 151 RHY (HYSN and partners are currently conducting a statewide survey of homeless youth/young adults, so updated data is not yet available.). The average age when youth first became homeless: 14. Nearly half - 48% - experienced homelessness the first time with their families. 40% had been in foster care; 48% had been in juvenile detention; 77.5% had been emotionally, physically, or sexually abused. Half (50%) had parents with substance abuse problems; 61% had parents who had been incarcerated. Nearly 9 out of 10 (88.8%) had slept outdoors overnight (tent, beach, park, street), and only a quarter (25.2%) had ever stayed in an emergency shelter. Among Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) clients, 57% were living in a "place not intended for human habitation" before entering the program.

In Hawaii's Street Youth Survey, 32% performed "self-harming acts" and 40% had suicidal thoughts. 32.5% said they have been diagnosed with a mental illness. Two-thirds of Hawaii's street youth had used illegal drugs in the past 30 days, with alcohol, marijuana, and meth being the most common. Among YHDP clients, 30% have a severe mental illness.

Among Hawaii's RHY, 48% have been in juvenile detention; 38% have been assaulted or beaten while on the streets. 29% of Hawaii's street youth have had a child, a quarter have dropped out of school and 51% are "idle", neither in school nor working.

Summary and Outcomes

Measure(s) of Effectiveness

Measures of effectiveness that will be reported:

Increased safety of runaway and homeless youth and adults

Number of youth/young adults who access outreach services.

Number of days that outreach was conducted.

Number of youth/young adults who reunite with families.

Number of youth/young adults who enter shelter or other safe, stable housing.

increase the well-being of RHY so that they will be better able to resolve trauma and conflict, communicate

more effectively, and be less likely to deal with problems in unhealthy ways.

Number of youth/young adults who access primary or preventive health services or mental health services

Number of youth/young adults who obtain food, clothing, hygiene, and other supplies to meet basic needs.

Number of youth/young adults who access case management and follow-up services to address emotional and behavioral needs while establishing permanency plans.

increase the well-being of RHY so that they will be better able to resolve trauma and conflict, communicate more effectively, and be less likely to deal with problems in unhealthy ways.

Number of youth/young adults who participate in educational services.

Number of youth/young adults who obtain full- or part-time employment and/or participate in services designed to lead to employment.

Number of youth/young adults who obtain access to public transportation.

Number of youth/young adults who obtain legal identification.

Number of youth/young adults linked with housing resources.

Increase the permanent connections through the development of healthy, positive, trusting, and sustainable relationships with program staff, family, other caring adults, and within the community.

Number of youth/young adults who can identify at least one adult to contact in emergency.

Coordinate and sustain partnerships to expand access to services to respond to the needs of youth homelessness:

HYSN coordinates and sustains partnerships to expand access to services and to respond to the needs of youth experiencing homelessness.

Number of meetings of youth providers.

Number of participating organizations.

Number of monthly e-newsletter issues published.

Number of e-mail message sent to youth service providers.

Number of newsletter/email recipients

Oahu Youth Action Board

Convene youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness to identify needs and gaps in resources and share experiences.

Number of OYAB members

Number of OYAB meetings

Collaborate to collect data, develop plans for reducing youth homelessness, and educate policy makers and funders about youth homelessness.- Measured by documenting activities and accomplishments.

All partners collect and share data about RHY needs.

Number and list of task forces, work groups, committees.

Number and list of meetings with service providers, policy makers, and funders.

Projected Annual Timeline

Grant-in-aid awarded – 12/1/2025.

Establish sub-contractual agreements with each partner organization – Complete by 1/31/2026.

Partners begin conducting outreach – December 2025 or as soon as sub contractual agreement is signed.

Conduct street-based outreach 3-5 times a week – ongoing throughout grant period.

Distribute food, water, clothing, toiletries and other survival goods to homeless youth and youth adults – ongoing throughout grant period.

Link youth/young adults with health, mental health, education, employment and other resources – ongoing throughout grant period.

Reunite youth/young adults with family – ongoing throughout grant period.

Assist youth/young adults in accessing safe, appropriate housing situations when family reunification is not possible – ongoing throughout grant period.

Facilitate the development of positive relationships and connection with family, community and peers – ongoing throughout grant period.

Conduct quarterly meetings of partners for continuous quality improvement, contract monitoring, and sustainability planning – Quarterly throughout project starting in January 2026.

Identify professional development needs of partner staff and organizations working to prevent youth homelessness – by end of month 3.

Publish 12 issues of the Hawaii Youth Services Network e-newsletter – monthly throughout grant period.

Maintain communication via e-mail with 2,000+ youth service providers – at least weekly throughout grant period.

Conduct 2 professional development training programs – Dates, topics, and locations to be determined.

Hold 12 meetings of the Oahu Youth Action Board – monthly throughout grant period.
Submit quarterly program and fiscal reports – in accordance with funder requirements.

Collect and share data about RHY needs with service providers, policy makers, and funders – ongoing throughout grant period.

Quality Assurance and Evaluation Plans

To ensure that services lead to the desired outcomes of safety, well-being, self-sufficiency, and permanent connections, HYSN and partners will conduct process and outcome evaluation involving youth, family members (if feasible), program staff, community partners, and quality assurance staff. HYSN and partners will document quantity and types of services provided (process) and client outcomes. Outreach workers will track and record all outreach encounters and document case management and other services in each youth's individual case file, which are updated electronically with each outreach contract.

Each partner will collect and enter HMIS data. Each partner will complete a quarterly report showing progress toward objective targets.

Quality assurance processes include:

- Staff participation in regular self and program assessments, with the focus on how to strengthen productive strategies and resources.
- Program staff will convene regularly to ensure that programs meet identified needs.
- Review of benchmarks that identify the activities and achievements of the program recipients. Tracking these milestones will assist the staff and youth to ensure the youth (and the program) are on track and reaching their goals. These benchmarks include initial outreach contact; assessment of needs completed; receives gateway services; establishes safety plan; establishes/meets educational, vocational, personal goals; is linked to emergency, transitional, or permanent housing; and, if needed, is linked to other community services.
- When youth leave the streets, staff continue contact to support positive outcomes and prevent return to the streets.
- The Oahu Youth Advisory Board will provide ongoing feedback about quality of services, unmet needs, and advice on how to make services more accessible and youth friendly.
- HYSN will conduct program monitoring via phone, e-mail, quarterly meetings of partners, and site visits.
- Partners will meet quarterly to address mutual concerns and ensure statewide coordination of services.

Scope of Work

Street-based Outreach – Each partner determines street outreach times and locations to maximize opportunities to contact RHY while maintaining appropriate safety standards for outreach staff.

Gateway Services – During outreach, youth receive food, water, toiletries, clothing, or other basic necessities. Due to COVID concerns, meals and toiletries are “grab and go” packages.

Public Outreach and Education – Partner staff meet with staff from other organizations that may encounter homeless youth. Social media, including TeenLink Hawaii are effective in reaching youth. HYSN staff also conducts outreach primarily to public policy makers, service clubs, and professional associations. HYSN ensures that its elected officials are aware of the needs and issues of youth homelessness. HYSN wants to assure that RHY are not forgotten in the press of many other urgent health and economic concerns.

Assessment – Assessment is conducted on multiple levels. At minimum, during every encounter with RHY, we screen for emergency and urgent needs (such as acute medical needs). More in-depth assessments, including screening for sexual abuse or trafficking are conducted to the extent that youth will allow.

Harm Reduction and Trauma-Informed Approaches – HYSN partners help youth understand how their behaviors and actions increase or decrease their risk of harm. They assist youth in developing safety plans. Staff will also connect youth to harm reduction-based substance use and other services as needed.

Service Linkages – HYSN and partners have established MOAs with multiple agencies and participate in multiple coalitions, task forces, work groups, and committees. We work to create and maintain a system of care that is as seamless, youth-friendly, and culturally appropriate as possible. The Oahu Youth Advisory Board (OYAB) members provide feedback about their own experiences in accessing services to help us improve youth-serving systems. OYAB is housed in Partners in Care under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project.

Access to Shelter/Safe Housing – All of the SOP partners operate emergency youth shelters and RYSE operates an 18 – 24 year old shelter where clients may be housed.

Oahu Youth Action Board – OYAB makes sure that youth who are homeless, or who have experienced homelessness, are part of making decisions on things that impact us, including what services and supports should look like. OYAB will hold monthly meetings in which members will provide feedback on services and support systems and identify needs and gaps in resources. OYAB is leading the multi-agency effort to update the Youth Homelessness Comprehensive Community Plan.

Grant-in-Aid Management and Coordination – HYSN will be responsible for fiscal management and financial and program performance reporting for the GIA. HYSN will maintain regular contact with all partners to ensure compliance with contract terms and requirements.

Partners will provide invoices to HYSN showing how funds were spent and HYSN will submit reimbursement requests to the State. Each partner will submit a quarterly program performance report to HYSN.

Quality Improvement, Networking, and Professional Development – HYSN will convene quarterly meetings of staff and volunteers from partner organizations to share experiences, review data, identify areas for improvement, and plan for sustainability past the end of the GIA. as well as quarter networking and professional development meetings designed to bring the full range of youth-serving organizations together. Some of the meetings will be held on Neighbor Islands.

Financial Information

Q1 Requested Amount	\$181,250.00	Q3 Requested Amount	\$181,250.00
Q2 Requested Amount	\$181,250.00	Q4 Requested Amount	\$181,250.00
Sources of Funding	Street Outreach Program - U.S. Administration for Children and Families, Dept. of Health and Human Services. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Will be seeking additional sources throughout the grant period.	State and Federal Tax Credits	Not applicable
State and Federal Contracts and Grants	Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care facilitation, HI Dept. of Health, \$137,489/year. Basic Center Program. U.S. Administration for Children and Families, Dept. of Health and Human Services, \$250,000/year Transitional Living Program, U.S. Administration for Children and Families, Dept. of Health and Human Services, \$199,999/year. Youth Homelessness System Improvement Project, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$1,036,608. AmeriCorps Evaluation, Public School System of the Commonwealth of the	Prior FY Balance of Unrestricted Assets	\$474,891.88

Northern Mariana Islands, \$40,000/year.

Safe Spaces for Youth Project, Hawaii
State Office of Youth Services, \$300,000.

Experience, Capability, and Personnel

Skills and Experience

The HYSN runaway & homeless youth partnership has provided emergency shelter since 1981, transitional living services since 1997 & street outreach since 1998. Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center began providing outreach in 1983 & Residential Youth Services & Empowerment since 2017. HYSN has 44 years of experience in managing statewide youth homelessness partnerships.

A statewide partnership ensures that youth in urban & rural areas have equal access to services. "The review team was impressed with how this network espouses trust, collaboration, coordination, & information sharing, all for improved capacity & performance in serving youth & their families. . . These RHY grant funds reach the smaller islands that still have unhoused youth; a notable mention since it would be very challenging for those less populated communities to independently strive for these competitive & administratively demanding federal grant funds." {FYSB Runaway & Homeless Youth Virtual Site Review Report. 2022}

Hale Kipa, a Council on Accreditation on Services for Families & Children (COA)-accredited agency, has been in operation for over 50 years & provides emergency shelter, youth street outreach & transitional & independent living services on Oahu. In addition, Hale Kipa also offers foster homes, family strengthening & counseling, jail diversion, outreach, & tracking services for youth in the juvenile justice system.

Maui Youth & Family Services (MYFS), a Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)-accredited non-profit agency is a comprehensive family service organization encompassing satellite shelter homes, therapeutic foster homes, independent living programs, substance abuse treatment (community based), family counseling, outreach - first to runaway & later homeless youth, criminal justice diversion, school & community-based treatment, & youth prevention programs on Maui.

Hale 'Opio Kauai is accredited by the Council on Accreditation & provides over twenty programs that teach skills, strengthen relationships, & offer many other opportunities to nurture the positive development of youth. Hale 'Opio Kauai Inc. is dedicated to improving young people's quality of life, enhancing a sense of belonging, increasing self-awareness, & strengthening 'Ohana (extended family) by providing residential & community programs for education, prevention, court diversion, & treatment.

Salvation Army Family Intervention Services, on Hawaii island was established in 1970 as a response to community need for emergency shelter services. In 1990, it added non-residential outreach services. These include Project Ho'okala, an adolescent jail diversion project, Youth Services Centers, Outreach Services to Youth & Families, Independent Living Programs, & Workforce Investment Act. It operates emergency shelters, a group home, transitional living program & an independent living program.

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center reduces the harm & fights the stigma of HIV, hepatitis, homelessness, substance use, mental illness, & poverty. It focuses efforts on people living with &/or affected by HIV, hepatitis, substance use, & the transgender, LGBQ & the Native Hawaiian communities. HHHC fosters health, wellness, & systemic change through care services, advocacy, training, prevention, education, & capacity building.

Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE) operates a twenty-bed emergency shelter, six housing programs & offers independent living housing vouchers for houseless youth. RYSE provides education & employment services, medical & behavioral health care, & outreach & diversion services.

Oahu Youth Action Board (OYAB) leverages youth input in meaningful ongoing way. OYAB also empowers youth by providing opportunities for positive development, youth choice, confidence-building, & leadership. OYAB is made up of members, all of whom are age 29 or below & 100% of which have experienced homelessness/housing instability.

Facilities

Services will be provided primarily on the streets, homeless encampments, and other locations where runaway and homeless youth and young adults may be found.

The Tri-agency partnership (HHHC, RYSE, Hale Kipa) utilizes an outreach van with a regular schedule of stops. The MCO van travels around Oahu from Waikiki to the North Shore but places a lot of focus on the west side, where the largest population of Native Hawaiian youth experiencing homelessness are located. The van is stocked with toiletries, food, clothing, and other survival supplies.

Other partners provide services via car and on foot. They participate in community outreach events targeting homeless persons and youth/young adults at risk of homelessness.

The Safe Places for Youth project has developed a network of Safe Place sites in the community where

young people can go to seek help on Oahu and Hawaii Island. When a young person enters a Safe Place site, staff contact Hale Kipa (Oahu) or The Salvation Army Family Intervention Services (Hawaii). A worker comes to the site, assesses the youth's needs and safety concerns. As needed, emergency shelter will be provided if it is unsafe for the youth to return home. Staff provide follow-up to link the youth and family with resources to resolve the issues that caused the young person to seek help.

Safe Place sites include multiple public libraries, Work Hawaii, Parents and Children Together Community Teen Center, Boys and Girls Club of Hilo, and more. Young people can also use the National Safe Place Network's Text-4-Help system to be linked with local responders.

Proposed Staffing and Service Capacity

Hale `Opio Kauai

Youth Street Outreach Worker engages at-risk & homeless youth to provide crisis intervention, case management, & connection to essential resources.

Ho'omāmalama Housing Pathways – Housing Navigator

Housing Navigator assists young adults in securing & maintaining stable housing through support, advocacy, & linkage to community resources. Works collaboratively to develop housing plans, increase housing readiness, & ensure long-term success.

Hale Kipa

Director of Prevention & Outreach Services: Provides leadership & oversight for Hale Kipa's YO! (Youth Outreach) program, ensuring effective delivery of street-based outreach, crisis intervention, & youth engagement services. This position guides strategic partnerships, staff development, & program evaluation to strengthen community connections & promote positive outcomes for at-risk & unhoused youth.

YO! Program Manager: Oversees daily operations of the street outreach program, ensuring youth & young adults experiencing homelessness or crisis receive timely, trauma-informed support & connection to essential resources. This role supervises outreach staff, coordinates community partnerships

YO! Outreach Worker: Provides direct, street-based engagement & support to youth & young adults experiencing homelessness or crisis, building trust & connecting them to safe shelter, resources, & services.

YO! Case Manager: Provides individualized support to youth & young adults engaged through street outreach, assisting them in developing & achieving goals related to housing, education, employment, & wellness.

Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center

Staff will be supervised by Housing Program Manager, Michelle Wilkins who has 5 years of working as an Employment Placement Specialist providing job readiness. Youth Street Outreach will be provided by Onyx Dolic who comes with lived experience & has been part of the Guide on the Side Project providing outreach & navigation services.

Hawaii Youth Services Network

Nicole Cowen, Program Director, Homeless Youth System Improvement Project and Safe Spaces for Youth Project. Previously, Program Coordinator, Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care and worked for Brig Brothers Big Sisters of Hawaii for 10 years.

Maui Youth and Family Services

Chelene Arnold, Program Director, oversees all program operations, staffing, & budgets across residential, intervention, & prevention services. Over 10 years of experience in health & human services.

Christy Santana, Case Management Program Coordinator, supervises the case management team & oversees service delivery & documentation for youth clients. Over 10 years of experience working with youth.

Joanna Boretta, Street Outreach Counselor, has 5 years of experience working with youth & holds an Associate's degree. She conducts street outreach & provides case management support to youth.

Oahu Youth Action Board

Efren Berrones is the Systems Change Project Manager for Partners in Care and the President of the Oahu Youth Action Board.

The Salvation Army Family Intervention Services

Raquel Gali: Program Director, over 20 years of experience working with at risk youth & families in prevention & outreach. BA in Administration of Justice.

Vacant- Youth Development Specialist, BA in Human Services or related field with at least one year experience providing outreach/prevention services to at-risk youth & families is preferred.

Space limitations prevent full position descriptions for all partners.

Staff Training: Each agency conducts initial orientation & offers in-service training. It includes positive youth development; trauma-informed care; evidence-informed practices & approaches; street outreach intervention; human trafficking/sexual exploitation; harm reduction; assessment & case management; worker safety protocols; ethics & boundaries; crisis intervention; basic counseling skills. All staff are trained in confidentiality, HIPAA, and data reporting requirements.

Staff Position(s) and Compensation	Executive Director: \$100,000 - \$125,000/year Youth Homelessness Program Director - \$60,000 - \$80,000/year Administrative Manager: \$60,000 - \$75,000/year
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Other Information

Pending Litigation	Not applicable
Special Licensure or Accreditations	Several partner organizations are accredited. Hale Kipa and Hale `Opio Kauai - Council on Accreditation for Child and Family Programs (COA), Maui Youth and Family Services - Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).
Private Educational Institutions	No. Not applicable.

Confirmations

Documentation of Federal Impacts	☒		
Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate	☒	Active Status with the Hawaii AG	☒
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Hawaii Street Outreach Project

Name of Program	Program 1
Original Funding Award	\$450,000.00
Amount Reduced or Cut	\$450,000.00
Grant Cycle of Award	09/30/2022 - 09/29/2025

Not applicable

Name of Program	Program 2
Original Funding Award	
Amount Reduced or Cut	
Grant Cycle of Award	0

not applciable

Name of Program	Program 3
Original Funding Award	\$0.00
Amount Reduced or Cut	\$0.00
Grant Cycle of Award	0

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