

# HISTORIC HAWAI'I FOUNDATION

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION & BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS HILO, HAWAI'I

### HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HILO, HAWAI'I ISLAND

The town of Hilo on Hawai'i Island is located in proximity to Hilo Bay on the northeast coast, within the *ahupua'a* of Waiākea and Pu'ueo. The importance of sugar cultivation and processing in the developmental history of Hilo cannot be overstated. Some forty plantations and mills operating throughout Hāmākua, the Hilo area, and Puna starting in about 1880 contributed significantly to Hilo's economy, and drove the growth of the town. After 1913, Hilo was the primary shipping point for most sugar produced in these areas. Even plantations that lightered or trolleyed their sugar directly out from the mill - without going through Hilo - contributed to its economy by trading with merchants in the town, receiving goods there, and providing wages to workers who often spent money there.

By 1914, just after the opening of the full Hawaii Consolidated Railway line, the town was centered on a several block area adjacent to the Wailuku River with a street along the bayfront to an area at the Waiākea River and the shoreline that held a wharf. By 1921, the town had expanded in all directions, extending up Waiānuenue Avenue, *mauka* of the bayfront, and into the Waiākea Peninsula and beyond Reed's Bay to the new wharf near the base of the breakwater. The breakwater was developed in sections, as funding became available, and was completed in 1930. Kūhiō Wharf (Pier 1), built in 1916 near the base of the breakwater, included a conveyor for bagged sugar. Two more wharfs and dredging followed, completed shortly before the breakwater. This combination of rail and wharf allowed Hilo Harbor to ship out an average of about 15% of the Territory's production of sugar between 1925 and 1940.

*Source: Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division, Statewide Reconnaissance Level Architectural Survey Phase I, 2016.*

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Through a partnership with preservation funders, Historic Hawai'i Foundation's Hilo Preservation Program provides grants for the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and beautification of historically-significant buildings and structures located in the core downtown area of Hilo. The program supports historic preservation as a mechanism for building community, enhancing Hawaii's sense of place, and support for improved societal relationships.

The overall goal is to support projects that improve the appearance and longevity of Hilo's historic waterfront and downtown area.

## **GRANT OVERVIEW**

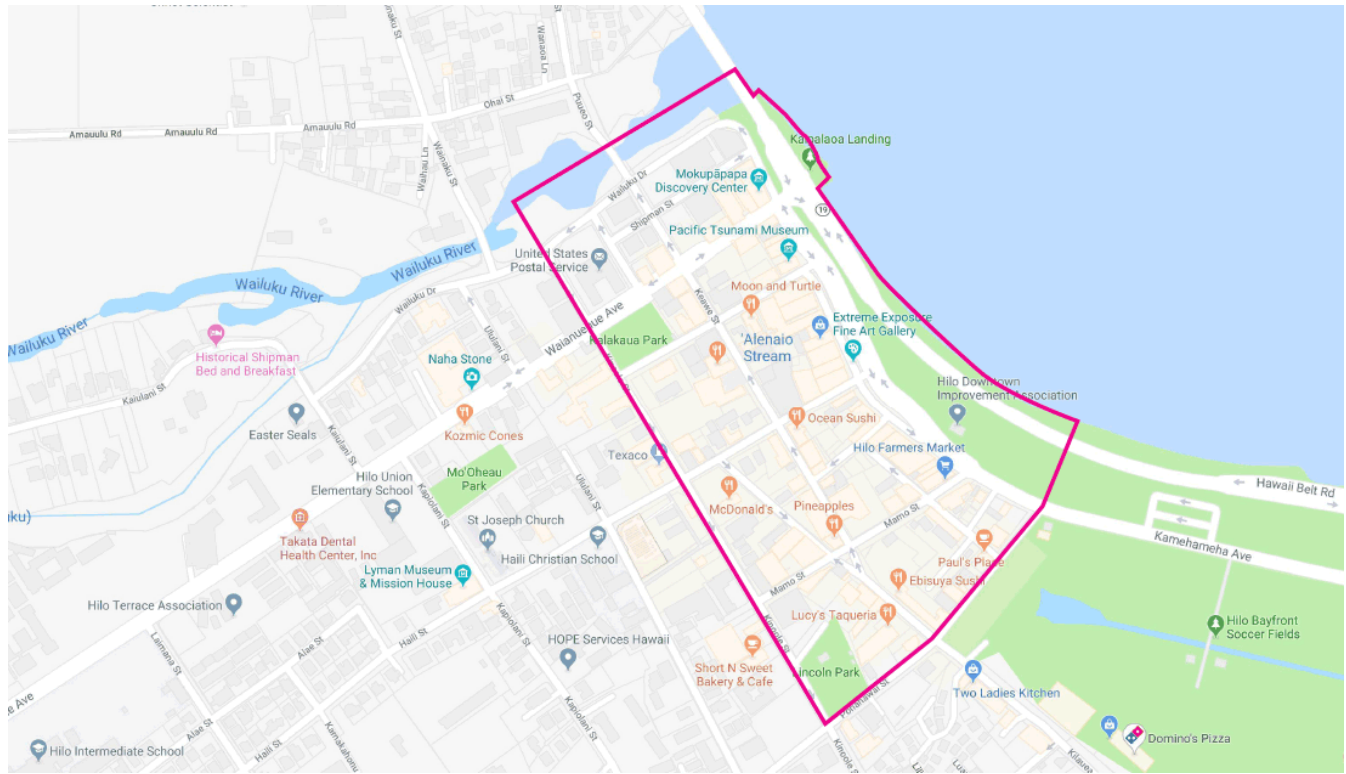
Projects should demonstrate that local support and investment is in place prior to applying for funding. All projects are required to follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Approximately 10 grants are expected to be awarded annually. Applications will be solicited two times per year. If an application is approved, 50% of the funds are provided upon project initiation and the remainder when the project is complete and the final report is accepted.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Grants are available for the preservation of non-residential historically-significant buildings, structures (including walls, streetscape elements or public art) and landscapes (including exceptional trees and parks) regardless of ownership status. Non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses and government agencies may apply. Residential dwellings or single-family houses are not eligible.
2. The subject property must be listed on or found to meet the criteria for listing on the Hawai'i or National Registers of Historic Places ([HAR §13-198-8](#)). Contributing buildings or features within a historic district may apply. Small-scale features, such as walls, trees, landscaping, etc. are eligible to apply.
3. Projects must be located within the area bounded by Hilo Bay on the east, Wailuku River on the north, Kino'ole Street on the west and Ponahawai Street on the south. Historic properties in the vicinity that lie outside this area may be proposed with the advance approval of Historic Hawai'i Foundation.
4. The project must preserve or rehabilitate the historic property following appropriate preservation standards.
5. The Grantee should demonstrate that additional funding and/or in-kind support from individuals, community members and other funders is in place, with the grant funding request being part of an overall financial plan that is thorough and reasonable.

## **ELIGIBLE AREA**



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## **ONLINE SUBMITTAL REQUIRED**

All Nominations are to be submitted using the Online Grant Application Form. Once begun, the form cannot be saved for later edits or completion.

HHF strongly recommends that nominators prepare all submittal requirements in advance, including responses to narrative sections; saving, labeling and compressing all photographs and other attachments; and completing the budget and photograph worksheets. Once all materials are ready and saved, then begin the online submittal form. Information may be copied and pasted from the nominator's prepared documents and attachments may be uploaded.

## **ABOUT HISTORIC HAWAII' I FOUNDATION**

Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state. HHF is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

## **QUESTIONS**

For more information, contact Historic Hawai'i Foundation at 808-523-2900 or [Preservation@historichawaii.org](mailto:Preservation@historichawaii.org)

## **APPLICATION MATERIALS & CHECKLIST**

### 1. Applicant Information

- Applicant's name, contact information and FEIN
- Property name, address and location
- One-sentence description of preservation or beautification project
- Amount of funding requested

### 2. Narrative Sections

- Describe the applicant. Is the project proponent an individual, business, organization or non-profit organization? What is its mission, goals, purpose and role in the community? Who will be involved in the project? [2500 characters]
- Describe the property or feature that will be preserved or beautified. Where is it located and what is its historic or community significance? [2500 characters]
- Describe the proposed project. What is the need or threat to be addresses? What are the goals of the project? What actions will be taken? If a preservation professional has been selected, provide the name and qualifications for overseeing the work. [5000 characters]

### 3. Photographs with captions/descriptions (minimum of five (5) images)

**Download the Excel template** and input the following information for each photograph submitted: Name of Site/Project/Program, Caption/Description, and Photographer. When complete, upload the file during the online submission process.

Photo files should be consolidated into a **.zip file** and uploaded during the online submission process.

Attach a minimum of five (5) photographs illustrating aspects of the project. Include at least one image showing the historic property in large view and at least one image showing the area of proposed project. Other photos may include images showing various interior and exterior views. Add as many photos as necessary to describe the project.

### 4. Budget Sheet

**Download the Excel spreadsheet** and complete budget information. Upload the file during the submission process.

- Total Budget, with amounts requested, funds from other sources, and in-kind contributions
- Anticipated income (source, amount and whether secured or pending)
- Anticipated expenses (item, amount)