

Historic Hawai'i Foundation HILO PRESERVATION STAKEHOLDERS MEETING March 30, 2023



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HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

Founded in 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation is a membership-based, statewide non-profit organization that encourages the preservation of historic buildings, sites, objects and districts relating to the history of Hawai'i.

“People often think that preservation is just for major buildings—grand hotels, churches, mansions of famous people—but the work of thousands of homeowners and small businesses across the state who are rehabilitating their historic homes and Main Street buildings add value to both our economy and our communities.”

- Mark Rodman, past Executive Director, Colorado Preservation Inc



Palace Theater, Hilo. Photo courtesy of Phillips Payson



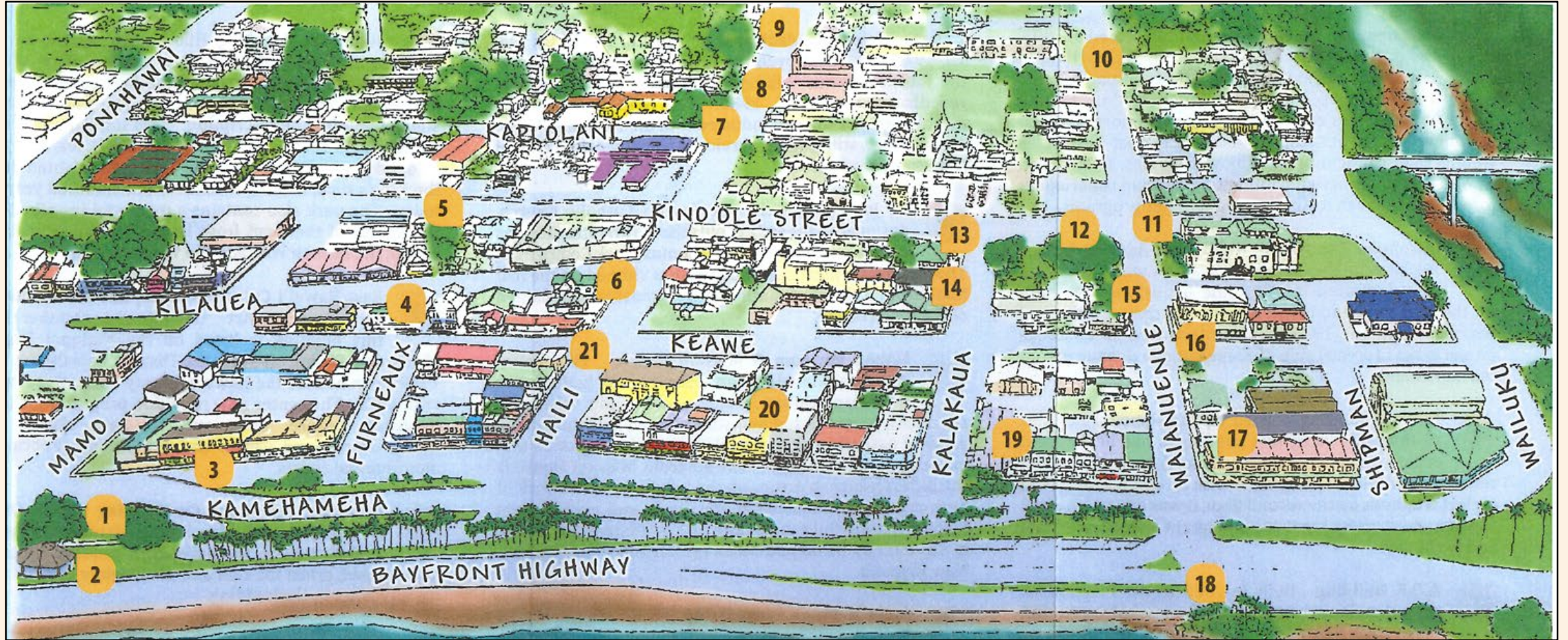
Henderson residence, Hilo. Photo courtesy of Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Community benefits of historic preservation

Culture
Community
Development
Environment
Education
Economics

Historic preservation has become a fundamental tool for strengthening communities. It has proven to be an effective tool for a wide range of public goals including small business incubation, affordable housing, sustainable development, neighborhood stabilization, center city revitalization, job creation, promotion of the arts and culture, small town renewal, heritage tourism, economic development, and others.

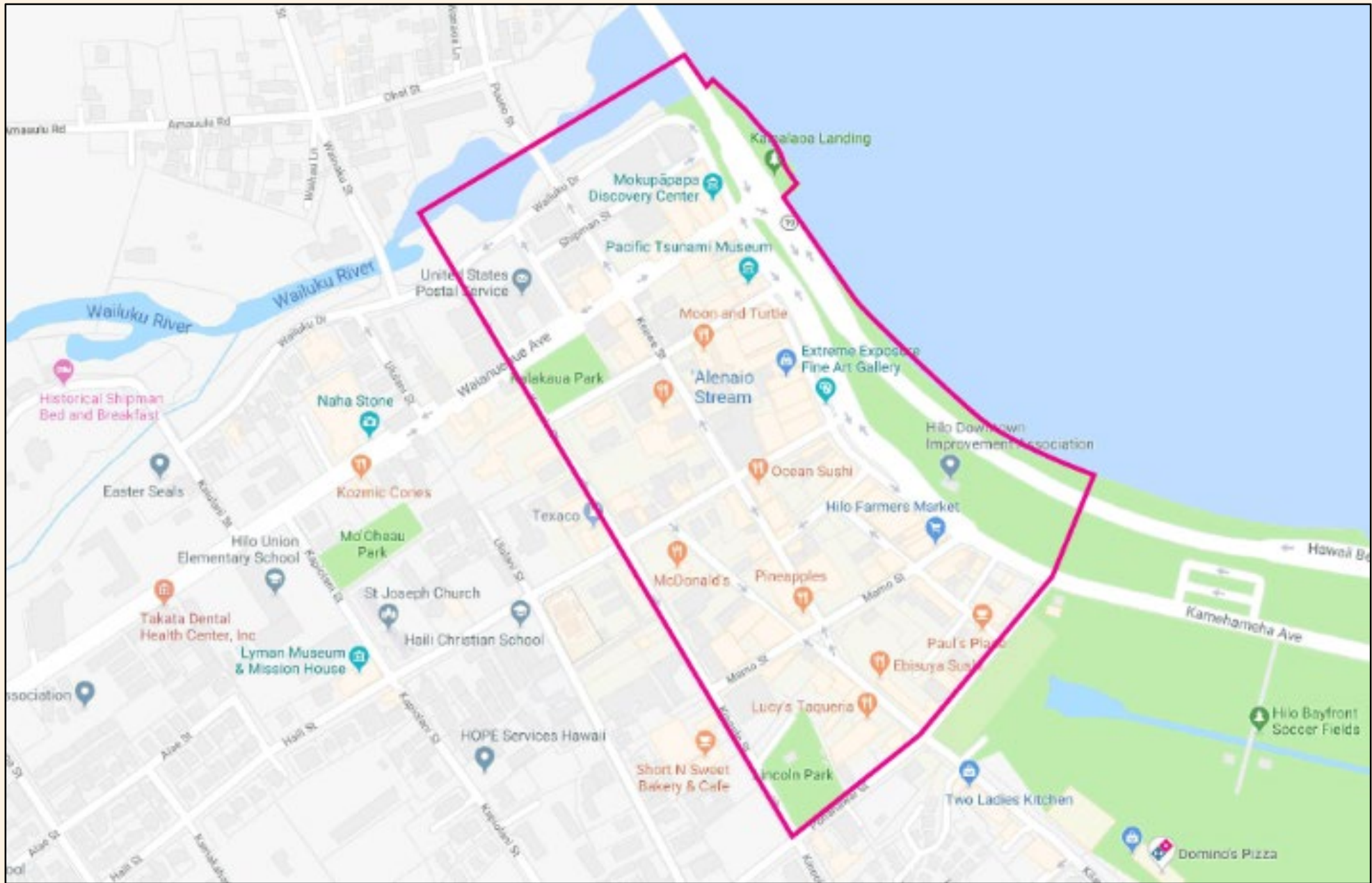
Historic Hawai'i Foundation's Hilo Preservation & Beautification Program



Source: Hilo Historic Downtown Walking Tour, courtesy Hilo Downtown Improvement Association

Program Objectives

- ❖ Through a partnership with preservation funders, Historic Hawai'i Foundation's Hilo Preservation Program provides grants for the **preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historically-significant buildings and structures** located in Hilo's core downtown area, as well as **beautification efforts to improve the appearance** of the downtown area.
- ❖ The program supports historic preservation as a mechanism for building community, enhancing Hawaii's sense of place, and support for improved community relationships.
- ❖ The overall goal is to support projects that improve the appearance and longevity of Hilo's historic waterfront and downtown area.



Google Maps

Central Christian Church, 109 Haili Street



Grant funds were used for termite treatment, stained glass window repair and repairs to the building's doors, gutters, sidewalk and property fence (2019).

Palace Theater, 38 Haili Street

Grant funds used for exterior stucco and façade repairs, repainting, awning replacement and neon repair for sign (2019).



Left: before rehabilitation; Right: stucco application. Photos courtesy of Friends of the Palace Theater



Photograph courtesy of Phillips Payson, Friends of Palace Theater

Aloha Information Station, Mo'ohau Park



Grant replaced four double hung windows and entry door (2019).



East Hawai'i Cultural Center, 141 Kalākaua Street



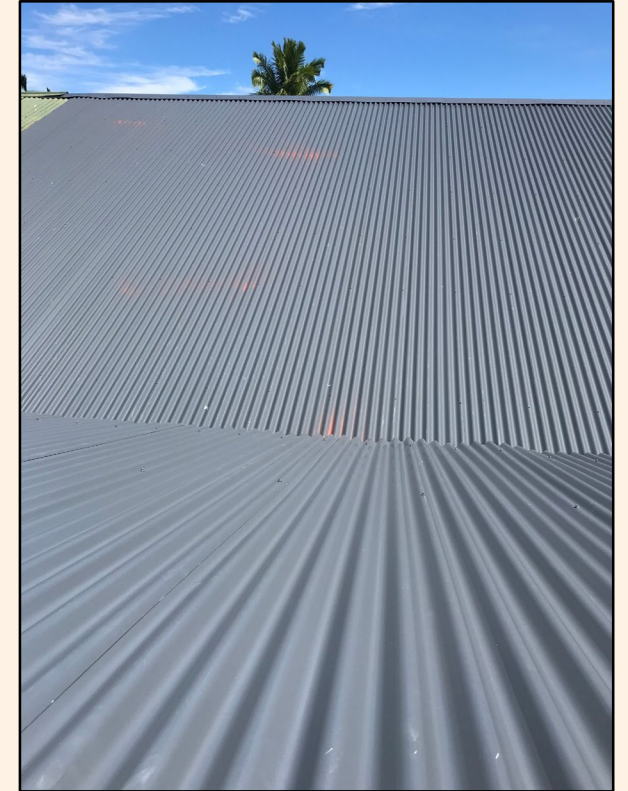
Grant provided support for bee and termite fumigation, roof repairs to address leaks, repairs to the eaves so the original copper gutters can be reinstalled, step repair and new signage (2020).

Kaikodo Building, 64 Keawe Street



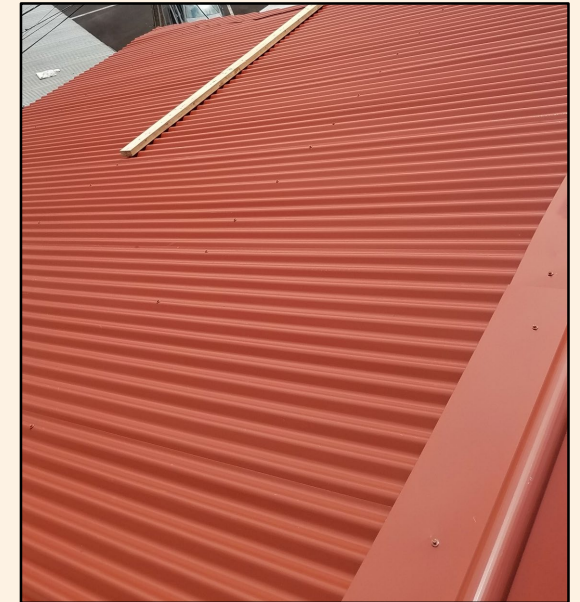
Grant funds were used to complete the exterior painting (2019).

Beatrice Lau Building, 114-118 Kamehameha Avenue



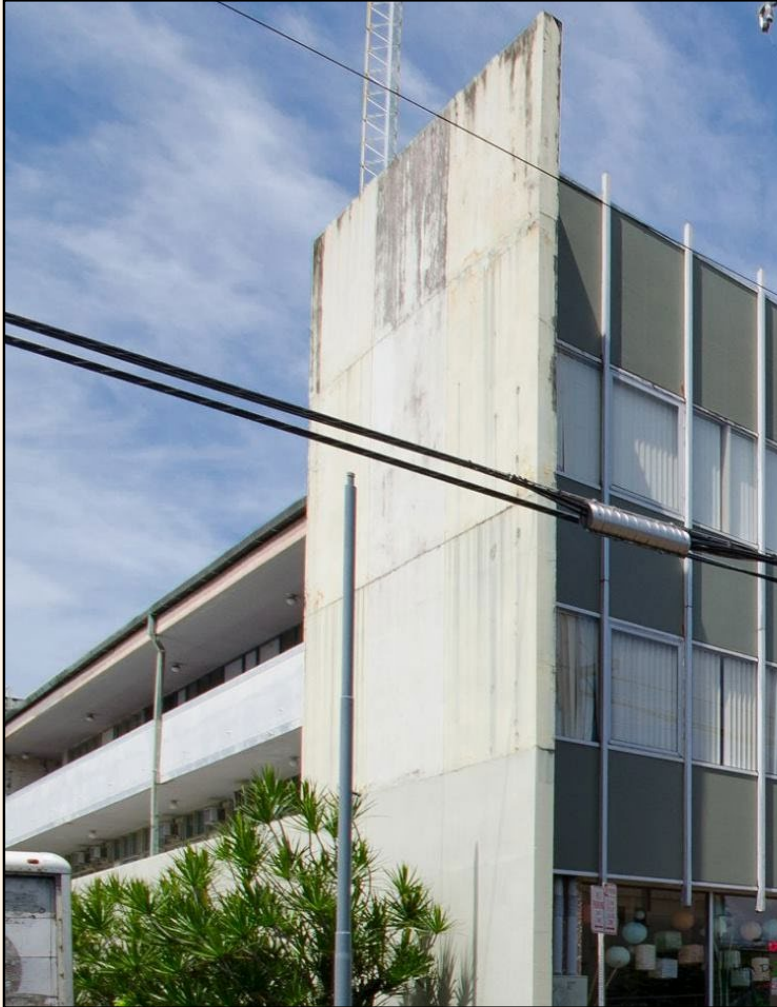
Grant funds replaced the rusted metal roof and added hurricane clips (2020).

Takei Building, 330 Kamehameha Avenue



Grant funds were to paint the building's façades, repair wood windows, repair and replace rusted metal roof (2020).

Hilo Plaza Building, 180 Kino'ole Street



Funds used to power and mildew wash; remove lead paint; replace exposed rebar; concrete spalling repairs; epoxy crack repairs; stucco repairs; remove planter boxes for waterproofing; prime, paint and seal all exterior walls; and repair and seal cracked walkways (2020).

Mamo Building, 46 Mamo Street



Repaired front façade, roof leaks and exterior painting (2019).



Smallwood Building, 64 Mamo Street



Grants funds restored the structural integrity of the building focusing on the roofing, repainting the exterior, and rebuilding windows (2021).

Kalākaua Park, 150 Kalākaua Street



This project repaired the historic stone terrace and added interpretive signage (2020).

Isles / Lili'uokalani Gardens



Funds used to repair stone walls damaged by vehicle collisions (2021).

Lili'uokalani Gardens

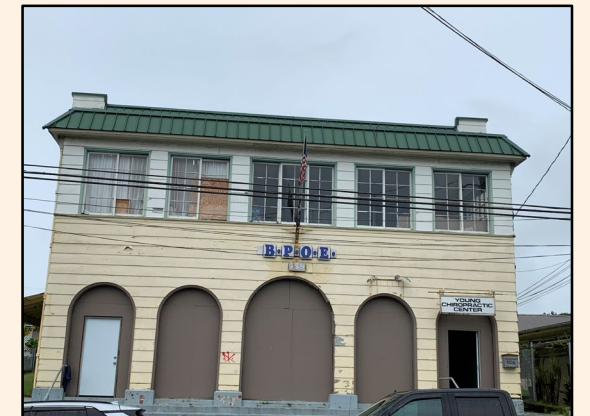


Grant helped restore the landscape feature “suhama” (smooth stone beach) to the Japanese garden (2021).



Projects in Progress

- **Pacific Building**, 120 Keawe Street, for termite treatment and repair of wooden slats, repair and replacement of the Kalākaua Street awning, and exterior painting of the entire building (2020)
- **Pacific Tsunami Museum**, 130 Kamehameha Ave., for concrete spall repairs, entrance step repairs, repaint railings, landscaping, clean walls and walkways, install gates and replace museum signage (2021)
- **Hilo Elks Lodge**, 150 Kino'ole Street, for building fumigation; roof repair through rust treatment, painting and caulking; gutter, wood rod, lap siding, ceiling, window and door repair; electrical upgrade; and exterior painting (2022)



Preservation enhances real estate values and fosters local businesses, keeping historic main streets and downtowns economically viable.

Heritage tourism is a real economic force, evident in places that have been preserved for their historic character.

Project Years 2019 - 2022	# of Projects	HHF Grant Awards	Property Owner Other Resources	Total Investment
TOTALS	16	\$ 750,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 1,075,000

GRANT OVERVIEW

- ❖ Grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000.
- ❖ Approximately 3-7 grants are expected to be awarded each cycle. Applications are solicited 3 times per year.
- ❖ Projects must 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.
- ❖ If approved, funds are provided in installments, with initial payment upon project start, interim payments as benchmarks are reached, and final payment 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). Small-scale features, such as walls, trees, landscaping, etc. are eligible to apply.
2. Non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses and government agencies may apply. Residential dwellings or single-family houses are not eligible.
3. 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.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

4. Projects must be located in downtown or central Hilo, generally 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.
5. Projects should focus on areas visible from the street, sidewalk or public view, especially exterior facades and elements.
6. The project must preserve or rehabilitate the historic property following appropriate preservation standards.
7. 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.

Application dates

June 15

October 15

February 15

Notice of decisions 4-6 weeks after application

Application materials

<https://historichawaii.org/2019/05/13/hilo-grants/>

Application Materials

1. Cover Sheet

- Organization name and contact
- FEIN
- Property name, address, location
- One-sentence description
- Amount requested
- Signatures

2. Narrative Sections

- About the Organization/Business
- About the Property's historic significance and character
- Project Need and Proposal, with scope of work and timeframe
- Budget explanation

Application Materials

3. Photographs

- Each photo as individual JPG
- Excel spreadsheet on HHF form with list of numbered photos with description and photographer
- Building in large view
- Area of proposed project
- Other photos as need to illustrate the property and project scope

4. Budget

- Excel spreadsheet on HHF form
- Income
 - Amount requested from grant
 - Other funds with sources
 - Any in-kind support of labors and materials
- Expenses
 - Which expenses will be supported by the grant
 - Which expenses will be supported by other funds
 - Which expenses will be supported by in-kind donation

Application Materials

5. Other Attachments

- W-9 Form (FEIN and Address)
- Owner Permission Form
- Location map showing project site
- Estimates or bids to substantiate major expense line items

After Approval: Grant Agreement

- Purpose of the Grant Funds (can only be used for project described)
- Compliance with Historic Preservation Standards
- Grantee responsible for securing permits and approvals, including County and State Historic Preservation Division
- Code of Conduct (nondiscrimination and prohibition of harassment and threats of violence)
- Indemnification and Insurance (HHF as additional insured)
- Payment Schedule (2-4 payments, at project initiation, interim for complex projects, final)
- Reporting (interim if tied to payment, final)
- Duration (12-24 months, based on timeline in submittal)



“Cities need old buildings so badly it is probably impossible for vigorous streets and districts to grow without them.”

- Jane Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*

Leveraging your grant -- an HHF award can lead to support from other sources:

*...the grant proved to be a catalyst: armed with the vision that HHF had spurred us to create, and able to tell potential funders that we were supported by HHF funds, **we inspired other donors to contribute the funds needed to complete [the project]...***

An anonymous donor, pleased with our success at attracting HHF funds paid to repave our crumbling parking lot...

A grant request to AARP, based on the concept we had developed as part of seeking HHF funding, provided funds...