

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

County of Hawai'i Department of Research and Development  
Notice of Request for Proposals: Impact Grants for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**Agriculture and Food Systems Program RFP No. 25AG-01**  
**Business and Industry Development Program RFP No. 25BI-02**  
**Community Well-Being Program RFP No. 25CW-03**  
**Film and Creative Industries Program RFP No. 25FM-04**  
**Regenerative Tourism Program RFP No. 25RT-05**

Proposals for the Department of Research and Development Impact Grants for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, must be received on or before 4:30 p.m. Hawai'i-Aleutian Standard Time, Wednesday, October 1, 2025, via the Department of Research and Development's online Grant Portal posted on its webpage [www.hawaiicounty.gov/impact](http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/impact). Proposals will only be accepted online.

Pursuant to Chapter 103D, Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("HRS"), The Hawai'i County ("County") Department of Research and Development ("Department") is requesting proposals for Impact Grant awards for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The intent of the grant program is to support research, programs, or projects that positively impact the areas of agriculture and food systems, business and industry development, community well-being, film and creative industries, and regenerative tourism, within Hawai'i Island communities.

Proposal specifications and special provisions can be obtained at the Department's Impact Grant webpage at [www.hawaiicounty.gov/impact](http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/impact) or by calling (808) 961-8366. An informational webinar will take place on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Registration is not required. A link to the webinar will be posted on the Impact Grant Webpage at [www.hawaiicounty.gov/impact](http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/impact).

The deadline for submitting written questions is Friday, August 22, 2025. Please refer to Submission of Questions, Section 1.7 of the RFP for complete instructions.

All proposals reviewed and recommended for funding by the Department shall be subject to the County's executive and legislative review of the Department's budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. Notification of the Department's approval and recommendation for funding will be made by Monday October 27, 2025.

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