



Ko'olau Pilina Fund 2024 Request for Proposals

The Harold K.L. Castle Foundation is seeking grant proposals for the Pilina Fund to support community-based, resilience building strategies in Ko'olau O'ahu. For questions, concerns, or interest, please contact pilinafund@gmail.com or call (808) 263-8917.

ABOUT THE KO'OLAU PILINA FUND

The purpose of the Ko'olau Pilina Fund (the fund) is to build community resilience in Ko'olau, O'ahu, which is defined, for these purposes, as the region between Kahuku and Makapu'u, O'ahu. The fund is intended to support trusted, community-based organizations to build well-connected, safe, and strong communities.

Granting decisions are made by the Pilina Fund Committee, who are a group of community members who reside across the Ko'olau region. The committee hopes to help derisk new ideas, help to build capacity in the region and progress grassroots community efforts.

The fund prioritizes projects tailored to Ko'olau communities and proposals must:

- Show alignment to Pilina Fund Values and Priorities;
- Come from or are sponsored by an organization with IRS 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status;
- Request between \$3,000 and \$15,000;
- Not duplicate program grants by the Castle Foundation.

The committee will prioritize proposals that are submitted or sponsored by an organization that is based in the Ko'olau region.

The Pilina Fund Committee will use the following values and priorities to shape decision making and prioritization of projects:

VALUES

Pilina: We believe in building long-term community well-being by strengthening the positive connections between people and place. We hope to invest in pilina through projects that embrace collaboration and partnership in the pursuit of long-term resiliency.

Pono: As much as possible, we desire to be pono and strive for balance across the Ko'olau region. Our goal is to spread funding equitably, while also working to ensure the funding is reaching projects that best represent the purposes of the fund.

Ola Ka 'Āina, Ola Ke Kanaka: It is important that these funds support both healthy people and healthy lands. If our land thrives, so do we as a Ko'olau community.

Aloha Ko'olau: All projects must be community-led and specific to the unique needs of our Ko'olau communities. The fund will support projects that understand the unique needs of our neighbors and find creative solutions to meet these needs. Especially important are projects that demonstrate collaboration among Ko'olau-based organizations or entities.



FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Pilina Fund Committee will prioritize projects that create more opportunities for:

- Strong families
- Supportive, safe, and prepared communities
- Interacting with 'āina, farming, and food security in the region
- Improved health and wellbeing
- Community-based education and learning

Proposal Due Dates	Grant Announcements
December 31, 2023	February 5, 2024
February 29, 2024	April 1, 2024
April 30, 2024	June 3, 2024
June 30, 2024	August 5, 2024
August 31, 2024	October 7, 2024
October 31, 2024	December 1, 2024

If you are selected for a grant, funds will be sent 3-4 weeks after the grant announcement.

You may use this the Google Form linked here: <https://castlefoundation.org/pilinaform> to submit a proposal for the project online or provide a short proposal letter not longer than 2 pages. The letter should be emailed to pilinafund@gmail.com.

Proposal letters should include the following:

Contact Information

- Organization** Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number and Website (if applicable)
- Main Point of Contact** Name, Email and Phone Number
- Executive Director** Name, Email, and Phone Number (if different than POC)
- Whether the organization has **IRS 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status?** YES/NO
 - If no, are you able to apply through a fiscal sponsor in the community that does (YES/NO)?
 - If YES, you already have a fiscal sponsor:
 - Is the fiscal sponsor willing to administer the grant on your behalf? YES/NO
 - Please submit a letter from the Board Chair or Executive Director of the fiscal sponsor acknowledging their role and willingness to comply with grant provisions.
 - If NO, you do not have a fiscal sponsor: Do you need help finding a fiscal sponsor? (YES/NO).

Project Information

- Name of Project**
- Summary of project** – Include **what** the main goals of the project are, **when** your project will take place, **who** this project is targeting and **how** you will get the word out
- Description of how this project aligns** to the Pilina Fund Values and Priorities listed
- Description of the organization and history of projects** in the community
- Projected impact** of the proposed project and how the project demonstrates collaboration among Ko'olau organizations or entities
- Budget** detailing project expenditures to the extent you are able (this will not count toward the 2-page letter length)

For help creating a proposal, filling out the form, or articulating your project, please email pilinafund@gmail.com or call (808) 263-8917.

