Koʻolau 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 Koʻolau Oʻahu. For questions, concerns, or interest, please contact pilinafund@gmail.com or call (808) 263-8917.

ABOUT THE KOʻOLAU PILINA FUND

The purpose of the Koʻolau Pilina Fund (the fund) is to build community resilience in Koʻolau, Oʻahu, which is defined, for these purposes, as the region between Kahuku and Makapuʻu, Oʻahu. 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 Koʻolau 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 Koʻolau 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 Koʻolau 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 Koʻolau 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 ʻĀina, 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 Koʻolau community.

**Aloha Koʻolau:** All projects must be community-led and specific to the unique needs of our Koʻolau 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 Koʻolau-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 ʻāina, farming, and food security in the region
• Improved health and wellbeing
• Community-based education and learning

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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 Koʻolau 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.