

ADDENDUM TO THE
INNOVATION GRANT RFP 22-
23 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

WEBINAR QUESTIONS:

1. Are project proposals from last year still on consider.it?

Answer: I believe this is the correct link:

<https://oedinnovationgrant2022.consider.it/?tab=Show%20all>

2. I missed what was said about public engagement. Can you re-state?

Answer: 10 points of your final RFP score will come from public engagement. Similarly to the last few rounds of our innovation grants, we will be utilizing the consider it tool to get a sense of the community response/feedback to the different project proposals. All project proposals will be anonymous

3. I missed hat was said about public engagement. Can you re-state.

Answer: From the RFP: 2.07 PUBLIC INSPECTION & INPUT Proposal Specification information shall be subject to Public Inspection and comment via consider.it. A link to the initially selected proposals will be posted at The Kauai Forward Website and the County of Kauai Economic Development website. The Public will be allowed to view and offer constructive comments and score each initially qualified project for a period of two (2) weeks. Names of the Applicants or Fiscal Sponsor will not be named to encourage objectivity and provide focus on the project itself. Selection or rejection of the proposal does not affect this right. At the conclusion of the process, resulting in either a contract award or rejection of all proposals, all material except that marked proprietary shall become public information. The public is encouraged to review the proposed projects through our Consider.It tool and provide substantive and constructive comments.

4. We have a fiscal sponsor with several projects who'd like to apply. Is this permitted?

Answer: Yes, as long as the projects are different.

5. Could you verify if projects that are currently underway or that have used CARES Act funds or County of Kauai funding are eligible for this grant?

Answer: From the RFP: 1.01 ELIGIBLE PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES Eligible proposals include innovative new programs, or innovative new projects that advance innovation in the program areas of small business, technology, transportation, agriculture, local manufacturing, creative industries, workforce development, circular economy and tourism. Programs or projects currently funded by the HTA or with other County Grants will not be considered.

- 6. Could you verify if projects that are currently underway or that have used CARES Act funds or County of Kauai funding are eligible for this grant?**

Answer: This is correct. We don't want to pay for the same project. However, if you are moving into another phase of the project we would look at that. It's also possible if you are proposing a "big" pivot to fix a problem, we could look at that.

- 7. Does Amplifund ever save automatically?**

Answer: No - You must click Save to make sure your work is saved. We recommend saving often since we have that time-out after 30 min of inactivity function for security purposes.

- 8. Is there a list of non-profits in Kauai that offer fiscal sponsorship?**

Answer: Not really. Most nonprofits have specific missions so the project would need to help them with their mission in order for them to take it on.

- 9. Does the non profit have to be in Kauai? or can it be anywhere in Hawaii? or other states?**

Answer: From the RFP: 1.03 ELIGIBLE ENTITIES In order to be eligible for award through this RFP, the proposer shall: • Be a Hawaii based business with a Kauai non-profit fiscal sponsor and a project that is based 100% on Kauai.

- 10. I'm having trouble accessing Amplifund, it says I've (or our org) has already registered, but I'm not receiving the "Forgot Password" email.**

Answer: Please submit this issue to our Support team to: support@amplifund.zendesk.com

- 11. How do the Innovation-Community grants differ from the County of Kaua'i grants (a different RFP was released yesterday)?**

Answer: Live answered (please see webinar)

EMAILED QUESTIONS:

- 1. Could I access to the recording of today's Q&A on your website?**

Answer: The recording should be posted by the end of the day tomorrow on kauaiforward.com

- 2. Do all groups applying for the grant have to be register as non-profits?**

Answer: You must either be a non-profit or have a non-profit as a fiscal sponsor. All funds from the County must go through a non-profit.

3. If so, what documentation do we need to submit to qualify/show proof we are a non-profit?

Answer:

- a. Answer: Non-Profit By-laws*
- b. Non-Profit Board Member & Board Member Information*
- c. Non-Profit Tax information*
- d. Certificate of Good Standing from the DCCA*
- e. Corporate Resolution of Signature.*

4. Is the application of last year's grant winners available for review?

Answer: We don't publish other's applications but you can go to the kauaiforward.com website to see the list of projects we funded last year.

5. Will equipment (cost of \$5,000-\$10,000) purchases directly tied to the project be allowed in the budget?

Answer: Yes

6. Would it be possible to split purchases for single item equipment expenses between county funds and cash match?

Answer: Yes.

7. I am wondering what the source of the grant funds are for the County of Kauai 2022-2023 Innovation Grant ie. Federal, State, etc. And if there are any special provisions to how the grant award may be used based on the grant source of funds.

Answer: They are county funds from FY 22-23. See page 15 and 16 of the RFP for some typical line items and Ineligible costs. Also see page 19 for how we score budgeting eg. Appropriate allocations of funds based on outputs.