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**KANU O KA ĀINA LEARNING 'ŌHANA AWARDED A GRANT FOR HAWAIIAN  
FOCUSED CHARTER SCHOOLS**

(Waimea, Hawaii) – Kanu o ka Aina Learning Ohana has been awarded \$2,850,000 from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to support Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools.

The purpose of Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II is to administer charter school funds for unmet facilities related needs. This project aligns with OHA's Strategic Direction of Educational Pathways 2: Support education through Hawaiian language medium and focused charter schools, Outcome 2.1: Adequately resourced Hawaiian focused Charter Schools and Hawaiian medium schools, including the funding of transportation, special education, facilities, and meals, and availability of qualified teachers.

Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana, dba KALO, was incorporated in 2000. A unique community based federally recognized Native Hawaiian Organization, KALO is committed to the perpetuation of Hawaiian language, culture, and traditions, while simultaneously strengthening the community. KALO's uniqueness lies in its outreach to 17 communities in the form of advocacy, research, and grantsmanship. KALO's main programs include Mālamapōki'i, a family-based preschool program; Kaho'iwai – Center for Adult Teaching and Learning, which offers teacher licensing, professional development, a Masters in educational leadership degree with Chaminade University and other adult education programs; Ho'ola project which provides a variety of after-school, evening and intersession programs to hundreds of children, youth and adults on four islands at Native Hawaiian-focused charter schools serving students on Moloka'i, Kaua'i, O'ahu, and Hawai'i Island.

KALO's mission is to serve and perpetuate sustainable Hawaiian communities through Education with Aloha. Our vision is to work with partners to establish an autonomous, holistic, educational environment for the children of Hawai'i: grounding every child and adult in the values that have shaped and empowered Hawaiians for generations; involving every member of the Hawaiian community in determining his/her educational path and preparing every child of Hawai'i to thrive in the modern world, free from oppression and with pride for our heritage."

OHA's unwavering support has allowed us to establish, implement, and continuously strengthen models of education throughout the Hawaiian Islands and beyond, which are community-designed, controlled, and driven to reflect, respect and embrace 'ōlelo Hawai'i, 'ike Hawai'i, and Hawaiian cultural values, philosophies, and practices. OHA's belief in us has strengthened our educational communities and our collective professional collaboration.

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For more information on the program or to support, visit KALO at Kauhale Oiwi o Puukapu, located at 64-1043 Hiiaka Street, Waimea, Hawaii Island, or [www.kalo.org](http://www.kalo.org), or contact Nancy Levenson at [nancy@kalo.org](mailto:nancy@kalo.org).

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**About OHA's Grants Program**

OHA's Grants Program supports non-profit organizations whose projects and programs serve the Native Hawaiian community and align with OHA's Strategic Results. For more information about the Community Grants Program, please visit <https://www.oha.org/grants>.

**About the Office of Hawaiian Affairs**

Established by the state Constitutional Convention in 1978, OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians. Guided by a board of nine publicly elected trustees, OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management, and the funding of community programs. Learn more at [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org).

