



HONOLULU COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

# Ku'i Nā Lono

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## Central Client Surpasses 180 Days of Employment

Lauren first reached out to HCAP's Central District Service Center in April 2021 for assistance with her past-due water bills. The single mother of three had lost her job due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was struggling to make ends meet. Central staff referred Lauren to the CARES Act-funded Hale Kākou program for assistance with her utility bills and were also able to enroll her in the Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services Program to help her look for work.

Lauren quickly completed her Job Readiness Training and kept in contact with Central District Service Center staff during her job search. During her search for employment, Lauren's household fell behind on electricity bills and she again reached out for assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP offers Emergency Crisis Intervention year-round for households in need of emergency assistance to both prevent disconnection and restore disconnected electricity and gas service. Starting in 2022, Emergency Water Intervention is also available through the new Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

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In November 2021, Lauren secured full-time employment as a recruiter at Marriott Vacations Worldwide. She was excited to find a new job in her previous field of work and surpassed her employment milestones with ease, completing 30, 60, 90, and eventually over 180 days in her new position. Central District Service Center staff are happy for Lauren and her family and wish her continued success for her future.



## Hā Initiative Students Visit MadSci Lab

Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program students took a field trip to MadSci Lab at Ala Moana Center, where they learned about 3D printing and coding, and concocted slime. More than 50 students from HCAP’s Kalihi, Leeward, Honolulu, and Windward STEM Exploration Centers attended the field trip.

“Our Hā Initiative students had an amazing time on the field trip to MadSci Lab,” said Hā Initiative Program Manager Julianna Lehman. “As a teacher, it was really fun to see how the students were able to apply what we learned about chemical interactions in the classroom to the activities conducted at MadSci Lab. An added benefit was for the students to see folks who took their love for science and turned it into a business and career for themselves.”

At MadSci Lab, students got to observe a 3D printer and various 3D-printed objects. They also participated in hands-on activities, taking turns at the slime and coding stations. To learn basic coding skills, students used computers to code a simple game. They had fun creating and customizing their own slime with different colors, textures, and scents.

### Employee Anniversaries

Mahalo to our HCAP staff who reached the following service milestones this quarter:

**20 Years**

Jessica Li,  
Data Entry Operator



## Single Mother Overcomes Pandemic Hardships with Wraparound HCAP Services

Lizeth came to HCAP's Central District Service Center when the COVID-19 pandemic began, after losing her job at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

Unemployment benefits were not enough for Lizeth to support her twin daughters and elderly mother, and she began to fall behind on her mortgage and utility payments.

Lizeth heard about HCAP's CARES Act-funded programs through her local union representative and decided to reach out for help. She was surprised to learn that HCAP could assist with her past-due mortgage payments and water bills through the Hale Kākou program. Central District Service Center staff also helped Lizeth pay off her past-due electric bills by applying for an Energy Crisis Intervention through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Lizeth enrolled in the Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services program to find a new job, and has now been employed at the Cheesecake Factory for over a year.

Lizeth was also able to apply for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) to help her family lower the cost of their utilities. She recently participated in a home energy audit, and had her home fitted with a low-flow shower head, low-faucet aerators, smart power strips, and LED lights. She also received a new hybrid water heater.

Lizeth is grateful to have discovered HCAP's programs and services during the pandemic. She is thankful to Katy, Central District Service Center Manager, and Georgette, Weatherization Assistance Program Coordinator, for all of the help she has received.

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## Kūpuna Apply for Weatherization Assistance at Intake Event in Pearl City

In April, 27 residents at Hale Mohalu Senior Apartments in Pearl City were able to apply for HCAP's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) at an on-site intake event. HCAP staff shared a presentation about the program and assisted eligible residents with the application process. The event had a great turnout and staff are planning to offer another at Hale Mohalu in the near future.

"The Weatherization Assistance Program helps seniors apply for services to lower their energy costs," WAP Coordinator Georgette Aki shared. The program offers free home energy audits, energy-saving education, and a selection of energy-efficient measures to eligible households. With the high cost of utilities in Hawai'i, weatherization services can ease the burden on low-income individuals and families. Kūpuna are encouraged to apply.





## HCAP Head Start Cooks From Their Garden

The keiki and staff of HCAP Head Start 'Aiea I have been enjoying the fruits of their gardening labor this month! Last week, the keiki were excited to find out that the string beans and bok choy planted in their classroom garden were ready for harvest. After the keiki helped harvest the produce, it was distributed amongst the class. Students were then able to take their produce home to prepare various dishes with their families.

## Former Head Start Student Graduating as Valedictorian

HCAP Head Start & Early Head Start is excited to celebrate the scholarly achievement of a former student. Blaze Calizo, once a student at Kunia Head Start, is now graduating as a Valedictorian from Leilehua High School. His Head Start Teacher, Ms. Sara, says Blaze was shy when he first arrived at her classroom, but quickly became a joyful and helpful student. HCAP Head Start & Early Head Start congratulates Blaze on this milestone accomplishment, and wishes him continued success!



# HCAP Client Receives Wraparound Services and Obtains Employment



Quintin, a client of the HCAP Windward District Service Center, is employed and well on his way to self-sufficiency after receiving wraparound services from HCAP and partner organization, Po'ailani Inc.

“I am able-bodied and love to work,” Quintin said. “HCAP and Po'ailani Inc. helped me get over the humps and red tape of receiving my identification, clothes, hygiene, and much more.”

Windward District Service Center staff worked with Quintin to develop an individual service plan that best fit his needs and goals. Quintin completed Job Readiness Training and received several job referrals through Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services. Staff worked closely with Quintin to update and submit his resume to various positions. Staff also provided Quintin with a box of non-perishable food items from the Kōkua Food Assistance Emergency Food Pantry and a personal hygiene kit. Quintin soon found employment as a driver with VIP Transport and received assistance purchasing his work attire through Nā Lima Hana.

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## Mahalo to Our Donors and Funders

Mahalo to the following donors and funders for their contributions to the Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. from April 1 to June 30, 2022.

### Epic Hawaii Homes

In-kind contribution to the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program

### Friends of Hawai'i Charities

\$2,000 grant to the Kūpuna Independent Life Series

### **Individual Donors:**

Colleen Minami

# Interim Financial Update

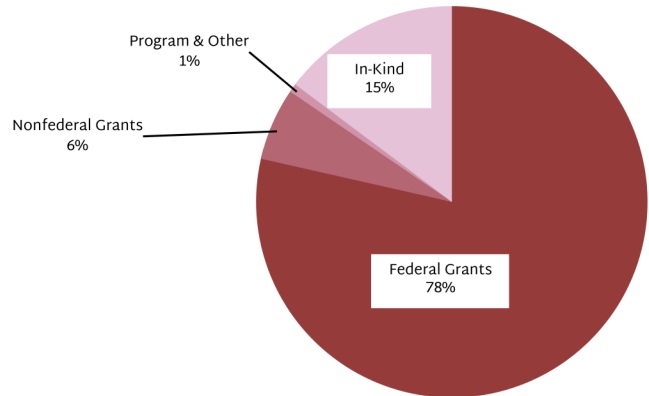
First Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 | April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022 | Unaudited, Cash Basis

## Current Programs By Funding Source

Current Programs By Funding Source	Program Period	Budget
AUW Safety Net Impact Fund	01/01/22-12/31/23	\$ 90,000
City & County of Honolulu - Grant in Aid - PY21	10/01/21-09/30/22	\$ 200,000
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - PY 21	10/01/21-09/30/22	\$ 3,668,627
CSBG CARES Act Supplemental	03/27/20-09/30/23	\$ 2,640,352
First Hawaiian Bank Foundation	03/19/21-03/18/22	\$ 10,000
Friends of Hawaii Charities	04/01/21-12/31/21	\$ 3,000
Friends of Hawaii Robotics	06/25/21-05/31/22	\$ 16,200
Verizon Wireless Foundation	06/22/21-07/21/22	\$ 3,500
Head Start - PY22	04/01/22-03/31/23	\$ 14,284,408
Head Start American Rescue Plan	04/01/21-03/31/23	\$ 2,258,183
Head Start - Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/22-03/31/23	\$ 720,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS - PY21	07/01/21-06/30/22	\$ 500,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income - PY21	07/01/21-06/30/22	\$ 150,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - City & County of Honolulu ESG CARES Act	12/10/21-07/31/22	\$ 191,500
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - PY 21	10/01/21-09/30/22	\$ 250,787
State OCS - Employment Services - PY21	10/01/21-09/30/22	\$ 264,400
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - PY22	01/01/22-12/31/22	\$ 100,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - PY21	07/01/21-06/30/22	\$ 274,548
WAP/LIHEAP - PY 21	10/01/21-09/30/22	\$ 267,178

## Grants & Other Support

Federal Grants	\$ 4,176,415.64
Nonfederal Grants	\$ 318,318.15
Program & Other Income	\$ 38,032.88
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 784,901.72
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,317,668.39</b>



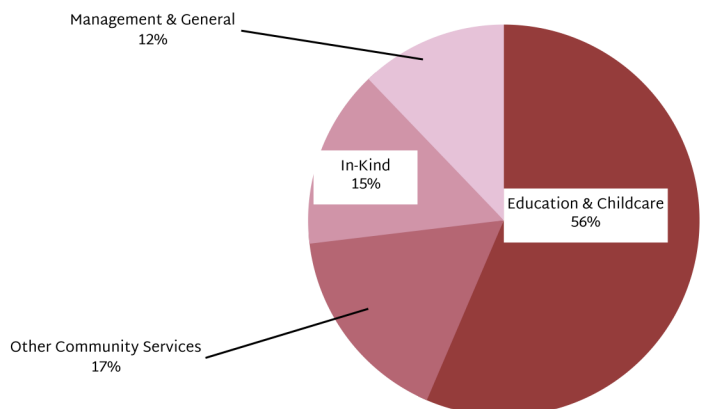
## Expenses

### Program Services:

Education & Childcare	\$ 3,004,024.82
Other Community Services	\$ 886,348.94
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 784,901.72

### Supporting Services:

Management & General	\$ 647,479.02
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,322,754.50</b>



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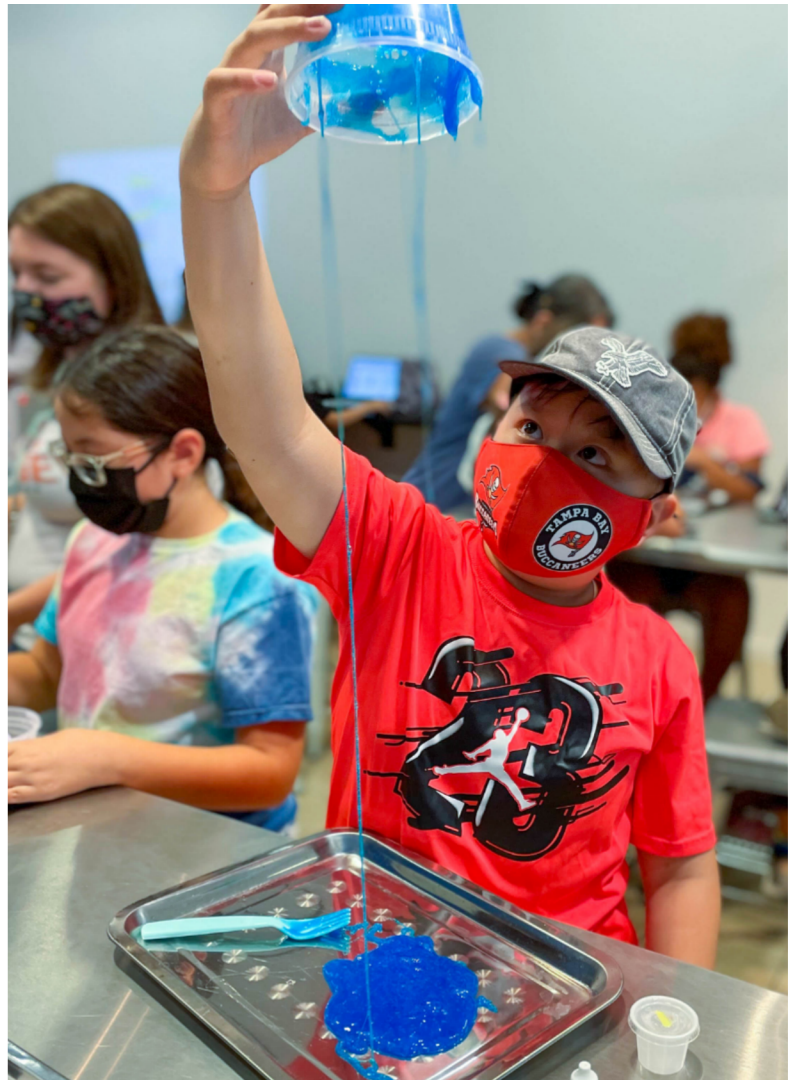
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