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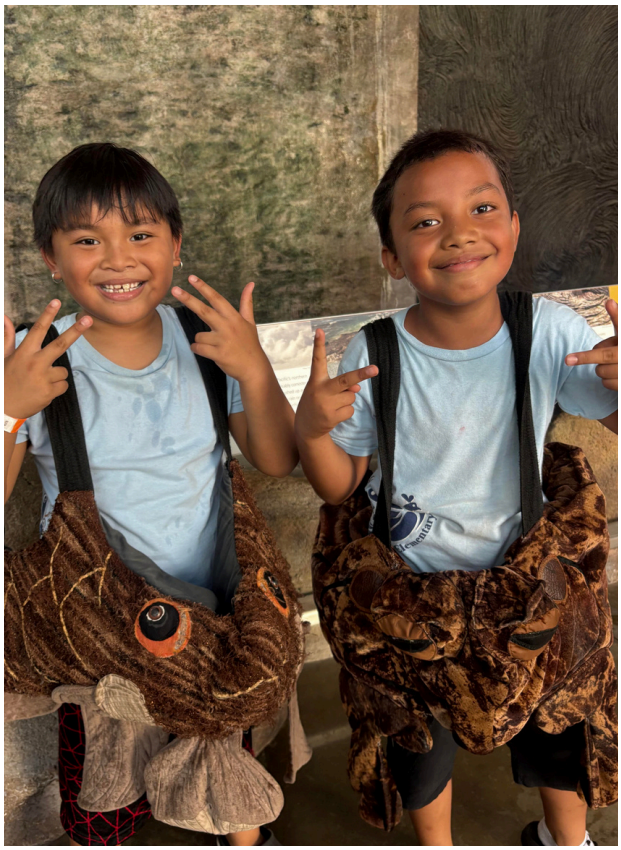

STEM Students Make An Exciting Visit to Bishop Museum

Students from the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program attended their first field trip of the school year to the Bishop Museum. Students from all STEM classrooms came together bright and early on Saturday morning. The bus ride was filled with excitement and anticipation!

While at the museum, students were able to participate in hands-on activities that encouraged them to explore, experiment, and learn through play. The interactive exhibits allowed students to use their creativity and problem-solving skills while discovering how different things work.

Students also explored the museum’s natural history exhibits, where they encountered an incredible variety of animals and learned more about the unique plants and creatures found throughout Hawai‘i and the Pacific. One of the most exciting sights was the enormous whale displayed hanging from the ceiling at the Hawaiian Hall exhibit. Looking up at such a massive animal gave students a new perspective on the size and importance of marine life in Hawai‘i. The three-story exhibit is filled with

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historical Hawaiian artifacts and displays that help tell the story of Hawai'i and its people. Students saw traditional Hawaiian tools, canoes, clothing, weapons, cultural objects, and other artifacts while learning about how Native Hawaiians lived, traveled, worked, and used the natural resources around them. Students were able to see examples of the creativity, knowledge, engineering, and resourcefulness that have been part of Hawaiian culture for generations.

The Hā Initiative students continued their adventure at the Aloha Bricks exhibition, created in partnership with the Hawaii LEGO® Users Group (HILUG) and middle school students from across the state. STEM students were greeted by an incredible collection of LEGO masterpieces. The exhibit featured detailed creations inspired by Hawai'i. Seeing familiar places from Hawai'i recreated with LEGO bricks gave students a chance to look at their own surroundings in a completely different way. They could see how buildings, airplanes, hotels, and other structures can be broken down into individual parts and then carefully designed and rebuilt. This concept connected directly to the engineering and design skills applied regularly in STEM classrooms.

The students' favorite part of the exhibition was the LEGO building room, where they were surrounded by millions of LEGO pieces and given the freedom to create whatever their imaginations could conjure.

The students had a wonderful time and were able to see how science, technology, engineering, creativity, culture, and history all came together. They are all eager for the upcoming field trip in October.

Leeward Family Replaces Appliances for Free Through Weatherization

Sasha and her family are longtime residents of the Leeward district. The family was already aware of the many programs that HCAP has to offer, but have never applied for services before. Until a social media post about HCAP's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) caught Sasha's attention and led her to reach out to the WAP team to begin the application process.

After processing her documents, the Weatherization team scheduled an in-home

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energy audit to measure and meter the household's appliances that use high amounts of energy. Through the audit they determined that her household was eligible for free replacements of their refrigerator, stove, and solar water heater. The family also received other small measures – including lightbulbs, showerheads, power strips, and faucet aerators – to further support the home's energy-saving journey.

Overwhelmed with joy, Sasha shared her appreciation for HCAP and the Weatherization program, "I didn't think I could do this on my income, but If it wasn't for HCAP, I wouldn't be able to replace any of these appliances on my own."

Practicing Traffic Safety with Head Start Keiki

Pedestrian safety is a very important lesson for young learners; however, not many people are aware of it or even know where to start when teaching their child about it. These lessons are critical for preschoolers because young children are developmentally unequipped to navigate traffic safely on their own. Their small size makes them invisible to drivers, while their brains are not yet able to judge vehicle distance or speed. Therefore, early education is vital to instill life-saving habits before they ever step near a roadway. At Head Start, teachers have put a creative spin on teaching pedestrian safety, helping children use their imaginations to learn.

Using chalk, a stop/go sign, and other play equipment, the children practiced stopping at marked crosswalks, walking across when appropriate, and checking for oncoming traffic. These skills helped the children build spatial awareness as they mapped their physical surroundings, practiced measuring distance, and enhanced their executive function with impulse control and matching actions to cues. Pedestrian Safety lessons foster interpersonal safety as they teach children to form direct eye contact with drivers and build early understanding of non-verbal communication, mutual awareness, and safety cooperation. These early lessons lay the foundation for lifelong safety habits. With guidance, practice, and imagination, children learn to navigate their surroundings with growing confidence and care.

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Building Curiosity, Creativity, and Community at Head Start

This week at Head Start and Early Head Start, the little learners showed just how much curiosity and creativity they bring to each day. Indoors, children explored drawing and early writing, practicing fine-motor skills and expressing their ideas with growing confidence. Outdoors, they continued building independence as they navigated familiar spaces, made choices, and socialized with peers.

These experiences strengthened social-emotional development, communication, and problem-solving, all essential parts of school readiness. The Head Start staff are proud of the way children are learning to collaborate, express themselves, and engage with their environment. Their curiosity shines through in every moment, and we can't wait to see what they discover next.

The Growing Ohana Extends Their Kōkua to Kumuhonua Following Recent Storms

Following the recent storms, HCAP's Kumuhonua Emergency Shelter staff fostered a partnership with The Growing Ohana who generously extended a helping hand in donating hygiene products to the shelter. While it was difficult for Kumuhonua participants to go out during harsh weather conditions, The Growing Ohana played a valuable role in helping them get essential items during this time. Their Founder and Executive Director, Domonica Glenn, visited Kumuhonua to personally deliver the essential goods. Donation bags included hand sanitizers, lotion, and body washes, with 50 bags being donated and offered to every participant at the shelter.

The Growing Ohana is an organization dedicated to providing resources and wellness services to the community and those who need extra support. They aim to "offer life skills training to parents and the community to better prepare them for societal participation," and additionally, one of its focuses is to help the homeless community. HCAP looks forward to working with its new friends at The Growing Ohana to provide more beneficial services to the community and Kumuhonua participants.

Kalaeloa ECS Client Gains New Beginning After Retirement

Seioliana came to the HCAP Kalaeloa District Service Center seeking employment assistance and an opportunity to return to the workforce. Although retired, Seioliana expressed that he wanted to remain active, productive, and continue contributing to his household.

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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 July 1 to September 30, 2026.

Funders

Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism - Visitor Industry Charity Walk

While working with Kalaeloa District staff, Seioliana enrolled in the Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) program. Through ECS, he completed Job Readiness Training (JRT), where he received support with preparing for employment, identifying his strengths, and building confidence as he began looking for work. Staff also worked one-on-one with him to develop and update his resume, highlighting his many years of experience in labor, construction, warehouse work, landscaping, and groundskeeping.

With continued support from Kalaeloa District staff, Seioliana began applying for positions that matched his skills and previous work experience. His hard work and willingness to participate in ECS paid off when he was offered a position as a Handyman/Landscaper at a local attraction company.

Seioliana's success is a great example of how employment services, job readiness preparation, and individualized support can help clients move toward their goals. He remained motivated throughout the process and took the steps needed to prepare himself for a new employment opportunity.

The Kalaeloa District Service Center is proud to have supported Seioliana throughout his employment journey. His transition from seeking employment assistance to successfully obtaining a job demonstrates the positive impact that determination, preparation, and community-based support can have.

Employee Anniversaries

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

5 Years

Shanna Hallihan
Teacher

Maricel Cadiz
Teacher

Mele Kauvaka
Director of Human Resources

Harselani Vanhousen
Assistant Teacher

Corazon Mangrubang
Teacher

Makamae Ranua
Community Services Manager

10 Years

Marissa Galvadores
Assistant Teacher

15 Years

Sheldonaire Hao-Tamon
Teacher

40 Years

Lily Kuakini
Teacher

30 Years

Cheryl Burgo
Assistant Teacher

Cheryl Vidal
Teacher

Patricia Williams
Teacher

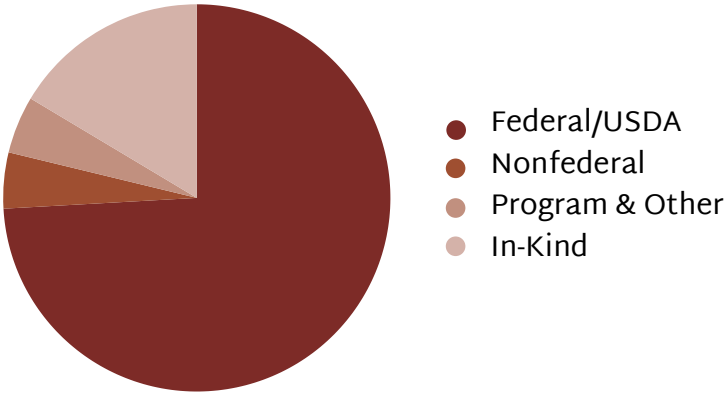
Interim Financial Update

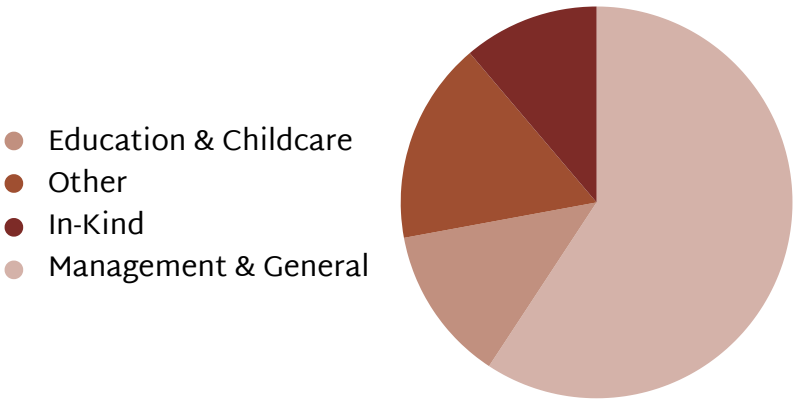
Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 | July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026 | Unaudited, Cash Basis

Current Programs By Funding Source	Program Period	Budget
Central District Service Center CIP - State GIA	10/01/25-09/30/26	200,000
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - PY25	10/01/25-09/30/26	4,425,838
Employment Core Services - OCS - PY25	10/01/25-09/30/26	564,230
Employment Core Services - CDBG	09/18/24-09/18/26	86,243
Food Assistance - Hawaii Hotel Industry Foundation	09/09/25-09/08/26	8,000
Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program (H-HEAP) - PY25	10/01/25-09/30/26	250,787
Head Start - PY26	04/01/26-03/31/27	16,406,409
Head Start - Full-Day Full-Year - PY26	04/01/26-03/31/27	1,190,400
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS - PY26	07/01/26-06/30/27	577,500
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS - PY25	07/01/25-06/30/26	525,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income - PY26	07/01/26-06/30/27	145,600
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income - PY25	07/01/25-06/30/26	217,696
Kumuhonua Shelter - AUW Safety Net Impact Fund PY26	01/01/26-12/31/26	20,000
Kupuna - C&S Wholesale Grocers, LLC	03/09/26-03/08/27	1,000
Nonprofit Emergency Grant - Act 310 - PY25-26	12/01/25-11/30/26	350,000
Participant Support - Realtors Care Fund	01/01/26-12/31/26	5,000
STEM - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - PY26	01/01/26-12/31/26	200,000
Weatherization - WAP - PY26	07/01/26-06/30/27	225,754
Weatherization - WAP - PY25	07/01/25-09/30/26	224,523
Weatherization - WAP LIHEAP - PY25	10/01/25-09/30/26	437,318
Weatherization - WAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	10/01/22-06/30/29	2,016,676

Grants & Other Support

Federal Grants/USDA	$9,971,691
Nonfederal Grants	$628,518
Program & Other Income	$645,365
In-Kind Contributions	$2,209,314
Total:	**$ 13,454,888**





Expenses

Program Services:	
Education & Childcare	$7,843,916
Other Community Services	$1,700,910
In-Kind Contributions	$2,209,314
Supporting Services:	
Management & General	$ 1,483,712
Total:	**$ 13,237,852**

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