1. We are applying for the COVID-19 Impact & Response Grant. In reading the solicitation, we saw Section VI, B. Multiple Applications: Only one (1) application may be submitted by an organization for this solicitation. We are a statewide organization, can we submit one application for three separate island solicitations? - Yes. Both the COVID-19 Impact & Response Grant and for the ‘Ohana and Community-Based Programs Grant have this specific language. Your organization can submit one application for each island specific solicitation.

2. If we are a current OHA Grantee, can we apply for these grants? – Organizations are limited to two programmatic grants for FY2021. Unless you currently have two programmatic OHA grants, you are eligible to apply.

3. Can one organization apply for two or more of these grants? – Yes, however, if your organization already has one FY2021 grant and is recommended for award for two or more grants, your organization will have to choose which one of the two awards to accept.

4. If we are awarded one of these grants, will we be eligible for the FY2022-2023 Community Grants? – At this time, the eligibility criteria has not been determined for FY22-23 Community Grants. We encourage all to apply and in the case you are awarded, make the decision at the time of award.

5. If we have two FY2021 programmatic grants, can we apply for another grant using a Fiscal Sponsor? – No. The Sponsored Organization (that is using a Fiscal Sponsor) will need to apply for the grant and would be deemed ineligible because of the other two FY2021 grants that it has.

6. Can an organization be a Fiscal Sponsor for more than one entity? – Yes, an organization can be the Fiscal Sponsor for up to two entities other than itself. However, please note that a Fiscal Sponsor would be ineligible to apply for the same grant as the organization(s) they are sponsoring (Sponsored Organization).
7. **If my organization is using a Fiscal Sponsor, should my organization complete the application?**  
   – Yes. The organization that is using the Fiscal Sponsor (the ‘Sponsored Organization’) is required to complete the application. Include the Fiscal Sponsor’s name in the appropriate question and upload the Fiscal Sponsor’s documents as required (IRS Determination Letter, Certificate of Vendor Compliance (CVC), and Fiscal Sponsor Certification form).

8. **Can we upload our DCCA Letter of Good Standing instead of the CVC?** – No. The CVC is issued by the Hawaii Compliance Express and includes an organization’s status of compliance for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Hawai‘i State Department of Taxation (DOTAX), the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). Under Hawai‘i law, proof of compliance with each of those agencies must be provided in order to receive a contract worth $2,500 or more with state and county government entities.

9. **Can indirect costs be covered by OHA grant funds?** – No. Please use your match funding to cover your indirect costs, if applicable. If your budget includes a cost amount that you request OHA funding to pay a percentage of, that is not an indirect cost. Don’t forget to provide justifications for your budget line items.

10. **Does the 10% retainer for the final report need to be included in the budget?** – The retainer is 10% of your overall budget. Please include all costs in your budget form. The 10% retainer will be reimbursed to your organization after the final report is submitted and approved.

11. **Can we apply if we don’t currently have liability insurance?** – Yes, draft a memo describing your situation and upload it in place of the Certificate of Liability Insurance (COLI). You may also include the insurance cost as part of your budget. All awarded organizations are required to provide their current COLI prior to final contracting.

12. **Are government entities eligible to apply for these grants?** – No. At this time, only non-profit entities deemed as such by an IRS Letter of Determination may apply. For-profit entities that use a Fiscal Sponsor that is a non-profit entity may apply.

13. **What is considered acceptable verification if an organization is using its own match funds?** – Please upload a letter from your Board President with a commitment to use the funds from your bank account and a copy of latest bank statement that reflects the requisite funds in the account. You may redact information that is irrelevant to your application but ensure the appropriate information is available.

14. **Is there a field to upload miscellaneous documents?** – No. If you have other pertinent documents that should be submitted with your application, please combine them with another document that you are required to upload.
15. For “Number of Native Hawaiians to be Served,” does this refer to the number of Native Hawaiians to be served upon completion of the project or number of Native Hawaiians participating in the project? – This question applies to the number of Native Hawaiians participating in the project. You may add another Outcome in the Performance Measurement Table (under Evaluation) to capture the number of Native Hawaiians to be served upon completion of the project, as applicable.

16. Would “in-kind services” be considered “Match Funds”? – No. Match Funds are in the form of “cash” only.

17. We obtained my Certificate of Vendor Compliance (CVC) and our organization is currently “non-compliant” and we are working to remedy the determination, can we still apply? – Yes, your organization can still apply, but the CVC that you provide upon final submission of your applicant must be ‘compliant’ or your application will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for evaluation.

18. We applied for an OHA grant in the past and were required to complete an eligibility phase before being granted access to the application. Where do we find this eligibility phase? – There is no eligibility phase for these solicitations. All eligibility questions are embedded in the application, therefore for this solicitation there is only an application phase.