

**STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
(SCHCC)**

**FUND FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF SMALL
MEMBERSHIP HAWAIIAN CHURCHES**

Application Information

Funding for the Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches is included in the annual budget of the Hawaii Conference Foundation (HCF). Monies so allocated must be spent within the fiscal year for which it is approved.

The SCHCC has been given the responsibility for administering the funds. The underlying philosophy of the HCF and SCHCC is to help Hawaiian churches help themselves by sharing in the efforts of each member church to raise funds (*i.e.* fundraising, solicitation of gifts, tithing goals, etc.) To accomplish this, we must all be partners in seeking how needed repairs can be made.

Often, requests from Hawaiian churches exceed the amount allocated in the budget, not surprisingly, given the age of some of the structures and facilities. The task of reviewing requests and determining which are funded and by what amount, falls to the SCHCC.

In so doing the SCHCC Committee for the Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches (hereinafter referred to as R&M Committee) has given careful thought to a number of considerations including the following:

- The Need for the Project

How critical is the repair or maintenance? How would it affect the mission of the church? What might happen if it were not done? Is it time-critical? Must the work be done within a certain timeframe? What is the church's participation (*i.e.*, sharing the cost; providing in-kind services; a combination of both?)

- Priority Consideration

Priority of and support for all grant requests must first be given to the churches whose deeds are held by the HCF. The HCF, as Trustee, has a fiduciary responsibility which carries a legal obligation to support those churches.

In cases where a church that holds its own deed is faced with unusual extenuating circumstances that cannot be addressed because of the preferential obligation imposed by the Trust, SCHCC may suggest an alternative that avoids any conflict.

Applications for the repair and maintenance of septic systems and handicapped accessibility are also priorities of the fund. The first would be in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Department of Health.

The second would be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- **Scope of Work**

The fund is available to cover the cost of the repair and maintenance to current existing structures on church premises including the *hale pule* (church building), *hale 'āina* (social/fellowship hall) and *hale ke'ena* (office building). The scope of work may include the repair and maintenance of windows, doors, floors, and roofs as well as painting, electrical, plumbing and fumigation work.

What the fund does not cover is the cost for sound systems, computer systems, carpeting, air conditioning, fans, appliances, and furnishings as well as parking lots, landscaping, gates, and fences.

- **Reimbursements**

Reimbursements for complete projects will not be considered unless, at the discretion of the R&M Committee, compelling and justifiable reasons dictate otherwise.

- **Completeness of Application**

All applicable items must be completed including the duly signed minutes of the meetings of both the Member Church and its respective Island Council. The minutes of the meeting of the church's governing body (*i.e.*, Congregation, Church Council) must include the type of project the funds are being requested for; the estimated cost of materials, labor, and skills to be hired; a clear showing of the total amount to be contributed by the Member Church in cash, in-kind services, or a combination of both and the action taken. *Refer to the Recommended Information for SCHCC Repair and Maintenance Application attached sheet.*

Projects costing more than \$5,000 must be supported by a Licensed Contractor's estimate.

- **Discerning Need**

Member Churches are encouraged to discern what is needed most. The work of reviewing and acting upon requests for assistance presents the SCHCC, through the work of the R&M Committee, with a challenge and an opportunity to be in partnership with our member churches.

There are no hard and fast rules. There is no checklist.

However, there are guidelines governing the work of the R&M Committee. The R&M Committee seeks to do its work prayerfully and thoughtfully relying upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance.

Reviewing the Application

1. A Member Church, applying for funds, forwards the completed Application Form, and the original minutes showing the action taken at the meeting of the church's governing body (i.e., Congregational, Church Council) and **duly signed by the Church Secretary.** The original application and the original meeting minutes, approved, are submitted to the appropriate Island Council President.

Distribution: Please provide the original application plus 2 additional sets (single-sided copies only) and the original minutes plus 2 additional sets (double-sided copies).

2. Upon approval by its Island Council, the Island Council President will forward the original completed application form of the Member Church, applying for the funds, to the Chairperson of the R&M Committee. The Island Council President will also provide the signed minutes of its meeting approving the submission of the application, **duly signed by the Island Council Secretary,** to the R&M Committee.

All applications are due by November 15th.

3. At the first scheduled meeting of the SCHCC Board of Directors following the November 15th deadline, the R&M Committee shall present its recommendation to the Board.

Whether an application is approved or denied, the Chairperson of the R&M Committee will inform the Member Church of the Board's decision by written notice or via email.

4. Upon approval by the SCHCC Board of Directors, the Chairperson of the R&M Committee shall inform the Executive Director of the HCF, in writing, of the name of the church and the amount of the approved grant. The Chairperson of the R&M Committee shall provide the HCF with the approved applications and the minutes of the SCHCC Board of Director's meeting in which the approval action was taken.
5. Upon completion of its project, the Member Church shall submit a written report to the R&M Committee, preferably with (before and after) photographs. At that time the account will be closed.
6. Any unused funds shall be returned to the SCHCC. Unused funds may not be applied to other projects.

If new projects are considered, churches must submit a new application.

(Revised: April 15, 2024)

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Application Form

Please complete sections A & B Only

A. Contact Information & Project Proposal

1. Name of Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box City/State Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Additional Contact Information: _____

2. Does the Hawaii Conference Foundation hold the church's title or deed?

___ Yes ___ No

3. Project Proposal: *(If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application)*

- What is to be done?

- Who will do each portion?

- How will this project enhance or benefit your church's ministry?

4. Time frame for Project Completion

Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

B. Budget Worksheet

1. Sources of Income with Amount of Contribution

Local Church Contribution: _____

Other Sources of Funding: _____
(Include name and amount of any other grants you are applying for.)

Total Amount of Contributions: _____

2. In-Kind Donations (Please give reasonable estimate of value. If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application)

Volunteer Hours: _____

Equipment: _____

Supplies: _____

Other: _____

3. Project Expenses

General Contractor - Proposed Bid Cost: _____
(Attach bid to application)

Required Materials – Total Materials Cost: _____
(Itemize and attach)

Total Project Expense: _____

4. Calculation for HCF Allocation:

Total Project Expense: _____

Less Total Contribution: _____

HCF Allocation Requested: _____

5. Cost Share

Total Cost of Project: _____ Amount Requesting: _____

===== **For Island Council Use Only** =====

1. Signatures

Moderator: _____ Minister: _____

Island Council President: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

2. Check off all that apply:

Signatures: ___ Moderator ___ Minister ___ Council President

Minutes: ___ Congregational/Church Council ___ Island Council

===== **Recommendation by Repair & Maintenance Committee** =====

1. Recommendation

Approval: ___ Denial: ___ Grant Amount Recommended: _____

Comments: _____

2. Signature

Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

===== **Review & Approval of SCHCC Board of Directors** =====

1. Recommendation

Approval: ___ Denial: ___ Grant Amount Approved: _____

Comments: _____

2. Signatures

SCHCC President: _____ Date: _____

SCHCC Secretary: _____ Date: _____