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Papa Ola Lokahi

is a non-profit Native Hawaiian organization founded in 1988 for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians and other native peoples of the Pacific and continental United States.

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OHA supports kupuna healing councils

(Kaka'ako, Hawai'i) Papa Ola Lōkahi has been awarded $20,000 by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to continue to convene kūpuna, Hawaiian elders, to discuss traditional Hawaiian healing practices.

Papa Ola Lōkahi will support Kupuna Councils at five Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems (NHHCSs) throughout Hawai'i to hold their own gatherings of kūpuna to kūkākūkā, talk story, about the role of traditional healers and practitioners in the continuum of health services intended to improve the health conditions of Native Hawaiians. In the area of health care delivery, they will address the issues of certification, licensure, and legislation that impacts traditional practices.

The Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems serve all the islands:

- Hō'ola Lāhui Hawai'i — Kaua'i & Ni'ihau
- Ke Ola Mamo — O'ahu
- Nā Pu'uwai — Moloka'i & Lāna'i
- Hui No Ke Ola Pono — Maui
- Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi — Hawai'i island

The recommendations developed by the Kupuna Councils will represent each island and guide the NHHCSs that provide comprehensive health care services. They will also enable OHA to identify how best to commit their resources to support and perpetuate traditional Hawaiian healing practices.

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