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**Girl Scouts of Hawai'i receives \$15,000 Bayer Fund grant for Girl Scout Leadership Experience**

*HONOLULU (June 26, 2019)* – Employees from Bayer recommended Girl Scouts of Hawai'i to receive a \$15,000 grant from Bayer Fund. Funds from the grant will be used to support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), a transformative program that caters to the developmental needs of girls ages five through 17.

“The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is an innovative program that seeks to uplift Hawai'i's next generation of females by teaching girls how to advocate for themselves and by promoting their engagement in leadership and STEM,” said Shari Chang, CEO of Girl Scouts of Hawai'i. “We're so grateful for this generous grant from Bayer Fund, which will support our efforts to meet the needs of nearly 3,000 girls statewide.”

“Girl Scouts of Hawai'i has been uplifting and empowering girls throughout the islands for over 100 years,” said Dan Clegg, Hawaii business operations lead for Bayer. “We're proud to support Girl Scouts of Hawai'i with this Bayer Fund grant.”

Grounded in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i builds girls of courage, confidence, and character through decision-making and leadership activities, community service projects, and opportunities to enjoy fun, friendship and teamwork in a supportive all-girl setting.

In 2019, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$1.4 million through this program to nonprofit organizations in rural communities to help address essential needs in Food & Nutrition, STEM Education, and Community Development. Nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$7 million through this program over the last five years.

**About Girl Scouts of Hawai'i**

Supporting over 5,000 girls and adult members statewide, the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i (GSH) builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. GSH's headquarters is located on the island of O'ahu, with three neighbor island service centers on the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui. GSH is chartered by the national office, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and is responsible for the leadership, administration and supervision of Girl Scout programs in the State of Hawai'i. For more information about GSH, visit [www.gshawaii.org](http://www.gshawaii.org) or call (808) 595-8400.

**About Bayer Fund**

Bayer Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.

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