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HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$109.4 MILLION IN GRANTS OVER THE PAST YEAR TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE AND PLACES AFFECTED BY THE MAUI WILDFIRES

KAHULUI, MAUI — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) today released its [Maui Strong Fund One-Year Impact Report](#) sharing the impact of grants deployed to support the immediate and long-term recovery of the people and places affected by the devastating wildfires on Maui in August 2023.

Over the past year, \$195 million has been raised for the Maui Strong Fund, including interest earned, thanks to the generosity of more than 240,000 individuals from 78 countries and more than 5,000 corporations.

"We want to express a heartfelt mahalo to donors here in Hawai'i, across the United States, and around the world for the incredible outpouring of generosity for the communities of Maui," said Hawai'i Community Foundation CEO and president Micah Kāne. "We move into this next phase of recovery with gratitude and hope, as we work to fulfill the community's vision on how to rebuild Lahaina, and continue our deep collaboration with public and private partners to meet the needs of survivors."

As of July 19, 2024, \$109.4 million from the Maui Strong Fund has been awarded to 196 grantee partners, with additional grantmaking in progress. For a detailed breakdown of grantmaking by category, please refer to our Maui Strong Fund 1-Year Impact Report Fact Sheet, found [here](#).

"The Maui Strong Fund has been critical to Maui's recovery in the past year, and will continue to be in the coming years as we look to the community's vision for a stronger, more resilient Maui," said Hawai'i Governor Josh Green. "I appreciate HCF's leadership and its continued commitment to addressing affordable housing as a priority for the entire Maui community."

The Maui Strong Fund was one of four Hawai'i Strong Funds set up by HCF in 2018—one each for the counties of O'ahu, Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i Island—as a way to efficiently mobilize support for relief and recovery efforts in the event of disaster. In 2019, HCF adopted a [four-phase approach](#) to disaster response modeled after FEMA's National Disaster Recovery

Framework. The approach acknowledges both the immediate and long-term recovery needs for the people and places affected by disaster events. On August 9, 2023, just hours after news of the fires' devastation began to spread, HCF activated its Maui Strong Fund.

“We mahalo the consistent support and partnership of the Hawai‘i Community Foundation,” said Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen. “Since the night of the fires, HCF leaned in to ensure that the Maui community was supported in every way possible to recover from the fires. Words cannot express how much we appreciate their support, and the support of all of the donors in Hawai‘i and throughout the world who have showed their aloha for Maui.”

HCF is currently in Phase 3 of its Maui Strong Fund disaster response, Recovery and Stabilization, focusing on longer-range efforts, including interventions and programs designed to strengthen the health of Maui’s economy and communities while supporting community organizations engaging with families.

Looking forward, HCF will approach MSF grantmaking through a collaborative funding model, working with government and other partners to identify gaps in support that can be best filled with philanthropic dollars. The next phase of funding will prioritize addressing Maui’s supply of affordable housing, supporting economic and workforce development, mental health and healing, boosting educational attainment and post-secondary readiness for Maui’s students, and building resiliency systems so Hawai‘i is both stronger overall and better prepared for its next disaster.

HCF is committed to transparency in its grant awards. All partners that have received Maui Strong Fund grant awards, as well as the day the grant was approved, the amount granted, and the work each partner is doing on Maui, can be found on the Maui Strong Fund [webpage](#).

HCF is not collecting its standard administrative fee for donating to the Maui Strong Fund. Instead, 100 percent of the funds are distributed for community needs stemming from the Maui fires, and HCF is reinvesting any investment earnings derived from Maui Strong Fund assets back into the fund to carry out its purpose.

For the One-Year Impact Report and accompanying message from CEO and President Micah Kāne, please visit <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/strengthening/maui-strong-fund>.

For nonprofit organizations seeking funding from the Maui Strong Fund, please visit this page on the HCF website for detailed instructions on how to apply for a Maui Strong Fund grant: <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/strengthening/maui-strong-fund/apply-for-a-grant>

For donations to the Maui Strong Fund at HCF, please visit <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>.

For questions or additional information on giving, please contact Donor Services at (808) 566-5560 or donorservices@hcf-hawaii.org.

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Maui Strong Fund related images and B-Roll can be accessed by visiting this [Dropbox folder](#).

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About the Hawai'i Community Foundation & Maui Strong Fund

The vision of the Hawai'i Community Foundation is to create an equitable and vibrant Hawai'i in which all our Island communities thrive. With our more-than-107-year history, our trusted expertise, and the generous support of donors, we are working to address the root causes of our state's most difficult challenges, including expanding access to affordable housing, conserving fresh water resources, and ensuring the healthy development of Hawai'i's young children. HCF works in communities across Hawai'i, with offices and staff located statewide. For more information about HCF, please visit hawaiicomunityfoundation.org and follow our social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

The Maui Strong Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation is providing financial resources to support the immediate and long-term recovery needs for the people and places affected by the Maui wildfires. HCF works in close collaboration with federal, state and county agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community members to get an understanding of the evolving priorities on the ground and deploys grants to address unmet needs. To ensure transparency, all grantees and award amounts from the Maui Strong Fund are updated regularly and can be found [here](#). The Maui Strong Fund is designed for the long haul, using a four-phase approach that includes recovery, stabilization, risk reduction, and resiliency building. Learn more about our four-phase approach [here](#).