



**Hawai'i Community Foundation
Maui Strong Fund
Letter of Interest (LOI)**

For applicants requesting more than \$100,000 in grant support from the Maui Strong Fund or requesting support for Housing build-out related program/project, please submit an LOI through HCF's Open Funding Opportunities, Maui Strong Fund "Over \$100,000". Starting the LOI draft will prompt the three questions below; these questions will automatically move over to the full application but will not be open for editing once invited to the full application.

1. Please describe your organization's experience and capacity to deliver services or programs to the people and places impacted by the Maui wildfires. Describe your organization's mission, programs or services, staff capacity and expertise to implement programs and services, and any examples of past or current programs or services that illustrate your organization's experience and expertise.
2. Please describe your organization's request for funding from the Maui Strong Fund. Include:
 - the funding request amount
 - how the request aligns with one of the four disaster recovery and resilience focus areas (Health & Social Services, Housing, Economic, and Natural & Cultural Resources) and HCF's four phases approach to disaster response
 - the issue or problem the effort will solve or support
 - the strategy for implementation of funds
 - any partnerships or collaborations that have helped to support and inform the effort
 - the funding sources (secured or pending sources, including government and private sources) and/or in-kind support for the effort, and
 - the timeline of activities, from start to completion
3. Please describe the measurable and strategic impact and results that will be achieved. Include how and how often you will measure and collect data and the overall outcomes you hope to achieve.

Applications submitting an LOI for a Housing build-out related project should refer to the attached [Appendix A: Housing Criteria](#) listing additional housing build-out specific criteria.

HCF will receive submissions on an on-going basis and respond within 3 to 4 weeks with updates on the submission. After HCF reviews the submitted LOI, HCF may invite the applicant to submit a full application for consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact HCF by email at mauistrong@hcf-hawaii.org.



Appendix A: Housing Criteria

Criteria for Application: In order to be considered for a MSF housing build-out related grant, at any request amount, please also provide the following information in your narrative.

1. **Location for project.** Proposed project must be on Maui Island.
2. **Planned building structural material and construction method.** Homes must be able to safely and continuously house individual and families for at least 3 years.
3. **Land control.** Applicant must have land control for the project or identify the proposed path for a site specific land control.
4. **Infrastructure**– including, but not limited to, water, wastewater and power. Proposals must describe a viable means to access all needed infrastructure.
5. **Permitting** –Identify the anticipated permitting path and timeline for the proposed project, reflecting barriers or needed studies identified in conversations with the County. Please note that approved grants will identify fund distribution for pre and post permitting completion. This will be worked out with grantee prior to finalizing grant award.
6. **Demand** for proposed housing type and location by individuals and households who have lost homes in the fire and/or those serving those individuals and households.
7. **Funding** – provide overall budget for project and identify other funding sources acquired or being sought.
8. A brief description of community amenities and support services that will be located within or near the proposed project.
9. A brief description of project's alignment with government or other partner efforts in housing solutions

Criteria for Funding: In order for funding to be released for building, proposals must align with the following criteria.

1. **Permitting:** Proposals must provide proof that they have received all relevant permits for their proposed project, utilizing the permitting path defined by Maui County.
2. **Community:** Since displaced residents may reside in these interim projects for many years, applicants must be able to demonstrate that the site design, amenities and services located within or near their project supports residents' healing and recovery after the wildfires and creates a livable community. Community preferences on location will also be considered.
3. **Partnerships:** Proposed projects must demonstrate partnerships with agencies and organizations that will provide continuous wrap-around services to their residents.