



# Island Community Report: Kaua'i

## *Executive Summary*

### Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Kaua'i



#### Educational Pathways Data

- 24% (4,452) of the public-school students enrolled on Kaua'i Island (18,781) were Native Hawaiian (SY22-23).
- There are four (4) Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools or stand alone Hawaiian Medium Schools and two (2) Kaiapuni Programs on Kaua'i (SY21-22).



#### Health Outcomes Data

- Kaua'i County had 84 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).
- 21% of Native Hawaiians in Kaua'i County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at a beginner level (2022).



#### Quality Housing Data

- 43% (444 of 1,034) of Native Hawaiian renters in Kaua'i County were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward housing costs) (2015).
- 66% (2,014 of 3,048) of Native Hawaiian occupied housing units in Kaua'i County were owner-occupied (2015).
- 7% (742) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands leases statewide (9,981) were on Kaua'i (2022).



#### Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian Median Household Income in Kaua'i County was \$67,230, 103% of the total county population (\$65,101) (2015).
- 811 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were located in Kaua'i County, 6% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 10% of total firms in Kaua'i County (17,146) (2012).

## Current Issues

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### **Kaua'i County Council unanimously passes resolution supporting Native Hawaiian Women and Girls**

Studies show that from 2017 to 2019, one out of every three child sex trafficking victims reported to the Child Welfare Services child sex trafficking hotline in Hawai'i were Native Hawaiian, and ninety-five percent were girls. The resolution requesting that the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women convene a task force to conduct a study regarding missing and murdered Native Hawaiian women and girls was passed unanimously on March 8, 2023, by the Hawai'i State Legislature. OHA is co-chair on the Task Force. (See Full Report pg #7)

### **The Wai'oli Valley Taro Hui Exemption from water permit process for kalo farmers**

During the 2022 Legislative Session, House Bill 1768 was introduced requesting an exemption to State of Hawai'i requirements for when farmers were able to use water for traditional and customary kalo cultivation. The Bill passed and is now Act 27 which creates a legal framework for managing Hawai'i's precious freshwater resources. (See Full Report pg #7)

### **Broadband Infrastructure - Federal support for infrastructure**

The Kaua'i County Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-20, which supports digital equity and urges the development of broadband infrastructure. Federal funding and a new State Digital Equity Office was established during the 2022 session. In 2023, the State of Hawai'i is soliciting input regarding the projects that address digital equity. (See Full Report pg #15)

## Current Grantees Serving Kaua'i (Amount awarded)

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### **Kaua'i Island Only**

- Kukulū Kumuhana O Anahola: Hana Ka Lima (\$100,000)
- Hanalei River Heritage Foundation: Project Holomua (\$35,000)
- Kukulū Kumuhana O Anahola: Ulupono Anahola (\$75,000)
- Supporting the Language of Kaua'i, Inc. (\$50,000)
- Hanalei River Heritage Foundation: O Hanalei Kuu Kulāiwi (\$30,000)
- Hawaiian Islands Trust (\$56,254)
- Alu Like, Inc: Project EA (\$61,446)
- 'Āina Hookupu O Kilauea (\$100,000)
- Kupu (\$84,336)

### **Multi-Island/Statewide**

- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana: Charter School Fund Administration (\$3,205,279)
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa – NHSEMP (\$1,100,000)
- Bishop Museum (\$49,999)
- Educational Services Hawai'i Foundation (\$180,000)
- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana: 16 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools (\$3,205,279)
- Adult Friends for Youth (\$5,050)
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawai'i Nei: E Hoomau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna, FY21 (\$50,000)
- Alu Like, Inc.: Kohopono (\$250,000)
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawai'i Nei: E Hoomau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna, FB22-23 (\$50,000)
- Papa Ola Lokahi (\$20,000)
- Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (\$300,145)
- Hawai'i Community Lending (\$1,044,253)
- Purple Maia Foundation (\$498,660)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation (\$40,000)
- Alu Like, Inc.: Kūlia Like (\$830,000)

## Current Kaua'i Lending

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28 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans;  
\$1,388,165 total dollars disbursed.