



# Island Community Report: Kaua'i

## *Executive Summary*

### Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Kaua'i



#### Educational Pathways Data

- Based on available data, roughly 30% (197) of the 663 Kaua'i public high school graduates were Native Hawaiian (SY22-23).<sup>1</sup>
- There are four Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and two Hawaiian-medium programs/schools on Kaua'i (SY21-22).<sup>2</sup>



#### Health Outcomes Data

- Kaua'i County had 82 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 89 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2021).<sup>3</sup>
- 24% of Native Hawaiians in Kaua'i County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at least a beginner level (2022).<sup>4</sup>



#### Quality Housing Data

- 44% (658 of 1,511) of Native Hawaiian renters in Kaua'i County paid affordable rent (<30% of household income toward housing costs) (2021).<sup>5</sup>
- 61% (2,396 of 3,907) of Native Hawaiian households in Kaua'i County owned their homes (2016-2021).<sup>6</sup>
- 8% (761) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands leases statewide (10,048) are on Kaua'i (2024).<sup>7</sup>



#### Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income in Kaua'i County was \$82,376 or 95% of the countywide median household income (\$86,287) (2022).<sup>8</sup>
- There are 1,942 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs in Maui, Kalawao, & Kaua'i Counties. This is 19% of the 10,193 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs statewide (10,193) (2021).<sup>9</sup>

## Current Opportunities and Challenges

### Pacific Missile Range (PMRF) and Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO) Real Estate (Lease) Renewal Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

Navy Facilities Engineering Systems Command released the May 2024 Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for the PMRF and KPGO Real Estate renewal in Waimea, Kaua'i. While no OHA beneficiaries have reached out for assistance, OHA Compliance has provided comments that prioritize possible beneficiary concerns.

### Permitting Approvals for the Kauanoë o Koloa Project and Drainage Impacts to Kaneiolouma Heiau

Developer Meridian Pacific, on behalf of Kukui'ula Vistas LLC, is planning a 280-unit luxury condominium subdivision at Kiahuna Plantation Drive. OHA has received multiple beneficiary concerns and has been working in coordination with community leaders, including Rupert Rowe, to evaluate and pursue advocacy actions to protect the heiau.

## OHA Funding Activities for Kaua'i

- 21 currently active grantees provide services on Kaua'i; \$16,197,017 total funds awarded.
  - 8 of these active grantees are exclusive to Kaua'i; \$789,336 total funds awarded.
- 30 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans provided on Kaua'i; \$2,077,895 total dollars disbursed.

## EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

### GRANTING ACTIVITIES

#### Kaua'i Island Only

- Adult Friends for Youth (\$10,000)

#### Multi-Island/Statewide, including Kaua'i

- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana: 24-25 Charter School Fund Administration (\$2,709,614)
- 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.: Kahena (\$25,000)
- Educational Services Hawai'i Foundation (\$180,000)
- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana: KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration – Phase II (\$2,850,000)
- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana: Charter School Fund Administration (\$5,914,893)

### LOAN ACTIVITIES

#### (NHRLF) Mālama Education Loan

- Open Education Loans as of 4/30/24: zero loans, total disbursed \$0
- New Education Loans, 5/1/23 to 4/30/24: zero loans, total disbursed \$0

## HEALTH OUTCOMES

### GRANTING ACTIVITIES

#### Kaua'i Island Only

- 'Āina Alliance: Anahola Hazard Mitigation (\$100,000)
- 'Āina Alliance: Grant writing/Program Evaluation (\$25,000)
- 'Āina Ho'okupu O Kīlauea (\$100,000)
- Hanalei River Heritage Foundation: O Hanalei Ku'u Kūla'iwi (\$30,000)

### **Multi-Island/Statewide, including Kauaʻi**

- ʻAha Pūnana Leo, Inc.: Noiʻi OHA (\$79,514)
- Alu Like, Inc.: KOHOPONO (\$250,000)
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawaiʻi Nei: E Hoʻomau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna, FY21 (\$50,000)

### **LOAN ACTIVITIES**

#### **Consumer Micro Loan Program Loan (for funeral and emergency health purposes)**

- Open Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans as of 4/30/24: one loan, total disbursed \$5,000
- New Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loan, 5/1/23 to 4/30/24: zero loans, total disbursed \$0

## **QUALITY HOUSING**

### **GRANTING ACTIVITIES**

#### **Kauaʻi Island Only**

- No active Quality Housing grants for Kauaʻi Island only

#### **Multi-Island/Statewide, including Kauaʻi**

- Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc. (\$1,500,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000) [Project also aligns with Economic Stability]

### **LOAN ACTIVITIES**

#### **NHRLF Mālama Home Improvement Loans on Kauaʻi**

- Open Mālama Home Improvement Loans as of 4/30/23: two loans, total disbursed \$34,265
- New Mālama Home Improvement Loans, 5/1/23 to 4/30/24: zero loans, \$0 disbursed

#### **NHRLF OHA Consumer Micro Loans for unexpected home repair purposes**

- Open Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans as of 04/30/24: zero loans, total disbursed \$0
- New Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans, 5/1/23 to 4/30/24: zero loans, total disbursed \$0

## **ECONOMIC STABILITY**

### **GRANTING ACTIVITIES**

#### **Kauaʻi Island Only**

- Hoʻākeolapono Trades Academy and Institute (\$400,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Graphic Design & Marketing Support (\$40,000)
- Kupu (\$84,336)

#### **Multi-Island/Statewide, including Kauaʻi**

- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)
- Alu Like, Inc.: Kūlia Like (\$830,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000) [Project also aligns with Quality Housing]
- Purple Maiʻa Foundation (\$498,660)

## **LOAN ACTIVITIES**

### **NHRLF Debt Consolidation Loans**

- Open Debt Consolidation Loans as of 4/30/24: eleven loans, total disbursed \$180,285
- New Debt Consolidation Loans, 5/1/23 to 4/30/24: one loan, total disbursed \$14,700

### **NHRLF OHA Consumer Micro Loans (for auto repair, CDL, apprenticeship program, or career development course purposes)**

- Open Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans as of 4/30/24: two loans, total disbursed \$10,425
- New Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans, 4/15/23 to 4/15/24: zero loans, total disbursed \$0

### **NHRLF Mālama Business Loans (Loan amounts from \$2,500 to \$100,000)**

- Open Mālama Business Loans as of 04/30/24: eight loans, total disbursed \$455,710
- New Mālama Business Loans, 5/1/23 to 4/30/24: four (4) loans, total disbursed \$377,510

### **NHRLF Hua Kanu Loans (Loan amounts from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000)**

- Open Hua Kanu Loans as of 4/30/24: one loan, total disbursed \$1,000,000
- New Hua Kanu Loans, 5/1/23 to 4/30/24: zero loans, total disbursed \$0

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