



Island Community Report: Maui

Executive Summary

Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Maui



Educational Pathways Data

- Based on available data, roughly 21% (271) of the 1,262 Maui Island public high school graduates were Native Hawaiian (SY22-23).¹
- There are no Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and seven Hawaiian-medium programs/ schools on Maui (SY21-22).²



Health Outcomes Data

- Maui County had 83 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 89 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2021).³
- 23% of Native Hawaiians in Maui County reported an ability to converse in 'ōlelo Hawai'i at a beginner level or higher (2023).⁴



Quality Housing Data

- 36% (1,308 of 3,593) of Native Hawaiian renters in Maui County paid affordable rent (<30% of household income toward housing costs) (2017-2021).⁵
- 61% (5,523 of 9,116) of Native Hawaiian households in Maui County owned their homes (2016-2021).⁶
- 14% (1,425) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands leases statewide (10,048) are on Maui (2024).⁷



Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income in Maui County was \$86,968 or 99% of the countywide median household (\$88,249) (2017-2021).⁸
- There are 1,942 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs in Maui, Kalawao, & Kaua'i Counties. This is 19% of the 10,193 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs statewide (2021).⁹

Current Opportunities and Challenges

Air Force Maui Optical and Superconducting Site, Small Telescope Advanced Research Facility – Environmental Impact State Preparation Notice (EISPN)

The Department of the Air Force released the April 2024 EISPN for the proposed seven telescopes atop Haleakalā, Maui. OHA and Chair and Maui Island Trustee Hulu Lindsey provided comments focusing on ceded land and conservation district use issues, historic preservation concerns, and lack of meaningful alternatives. Opposition to the project has been strong at public meetings amongst Native Hawaiian residents, the Maui County Council (see Reso 24-103), and even the Tahitian group Haururu, citing concerns about impacts to the view plan and the military’s failure to properly steward their facilities (i.e., Red Hill and Haleakala fuel spills).

Grand Wailea Resort Enhancements and Grease Trap System, Burial Site Component of Data Recovery Plan

The ongoing hotel enhancement work has been contentious amongst descendants and community members due to the numerous iwi kupuna unearthed over the years at the resort. Additionally, a new grease trap pretreatment system commenced in September 2023, with an inadvertent discovery of iwi kupuna occurring soon after on Oct. 12, 2023. As the HAR 13-300-40 process for inadvertent discoveries can take time to navigate, the burial site component of the data recovery plan was not drafted until April 2024. Per the plan, the Hawai‘i State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has recommended relocation of inadvertently discovered iwi kupuna. It has been the practice at the resort in most cases to place iwi kūpuna in assigned burial preserves on the premises. Beneficiaries have been trying to reach SHPD unsuccessfully regarding the most recent reinterment plans. In review of the plan, OHA noted concerns (internally) about reinterment recommendations and consultation as it was unclear if the Maui Island Burial Council or respective moku representative had been consulted, nor did the plan state who would conduct the reburial.

OHA Funding Activities for Maui

- 29 active grantees provide services on Maui; \$5,599,028 total funds disbursed
 - 13 grants are exclusive to Maui; \$1,247,854 total funds disbursed
- 51 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans;
 - \$1,639,856 total dollars disbursed.

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

Maui Island Only

- Maui Hui Mālama (\$136,666.67)^a
- Nā Mamo Aloha ‘Āina O Honokōhau (\$100,000)^a
- J. Walter Cameron Center (\$15,000)^b
- Hāna Arts: Uplifting the East Maui Community through Music and Culture (\$10,000)^b
- Hāna Arts: Hawaiian Music Events in East Maui (\$10,000)^b
- Ala Kukui Hāna Retreat (\$10,000)
- Hāna Arts: Uniting East Maui 'Ohana through Arts & Culture (\$80,000)^c
- Ke Kula ‘O Pi‘ilani (\$85,000)^c

Multi-Island/Statewide, including Maui

- EA Ecoversity (\$183,210)^a
- ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.: Kahena (\$25,000)
- Educational Services Hawai‘i Foundation (\$180,000)

LOAN ACTIVITIES

Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Mālama Education Loan Activity on Maui

- No open or new NHRLF Mālama Education Loans as of 5/31/24

HEALTH OUTCOMES

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

Maui Island Only

- Maui Nui Makai Network (\$200,000)^a
- J. Walter Cameron Center (\$15,000)^d
- Hāna Arts: Uplifting the East Maui Community through Music and Culture (\$10,000)^d
- Hāna Arts: Hawaiian Music Events in East Maui (\$10,000)^d
- Ala Kukui Hāna Retreat (\$10,000)^e
- Hāna Arts: Uniting East Maui 'Ohana through Arts & Culture (\$80,000)^c
- Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani: Hawaiian Heritage Garden Restoration (\$85,000)
- Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani: Ka Piko Kaiao (\$77,766)
- Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike Building Program (\$200,000)
- Ke Ao Hali'i (\$100,000)
- Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (\$50,000)

Multi-Island/Statewide, including Maui

- 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.: Noi'i OHA (\$79,514)
- 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)

LOAN ACTIVITIES

OHA Consumer Micro Loan Program Loan Activity on Maui (for funeral and emergency health purposes)

- Open Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans as of 5/31/24: one loan, total disbursed \$7,500
- No new Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans in FY24, 07/01/23 to 05/31/24

QUALITY HOUSING

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

Maui Island Only

- No active Quality Housing grants

Multi-Island/Statewide, including Maui

- Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc. (\$1,500,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)^e

LOAN ACTIVITIES

NHRLF Mālama Home Improvement Loans on Maui

- Open Mālama Home Improvement Loans as of 05/31/24: 11 loans, total disbursed \$303,461
- New Mālama Home Improvement Loans in FY24, 07/01/23 to 05/31/24: four loans, total disbursed \$154,700

NHRLF OHA Consumer Micro Loans for unexpected home repair purposes on Maui

- Open Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans as of 05/31/24: two loans, total disbursed \$8,900
- No new Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans in FY24, 07/01/23 to 05/31/24

ECONOMIC STABILITY

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

Maui Island Only

- Eligible Native Hawaiian Individuals Impacted by the August 8th, 2023 Maui Wildfires (\$5,000,000)
- J. Walter Cameron Center (\$15,000)^d
- Hāna Arts: Uplifting the East Maui Community through Music and Culture (\$10,000)^d
- Hāna Arts: Hawaiian Music Events in East Maui (\$10,000)^d
- Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike Building Program (\$300,000)
- Kupu (\$140,088)
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (\$150,000)

Multi-Island/Statewide, including Maui

- Hawaiian Community Assets (\$1,660,000)^a
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)
- Alu Like, Inc.: Kūlia Like (\$830,000)
- Hawai'i Community Lending (\$398,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)^g
- Purple Mai'a Foundation (\$498,660)

LOAN ACTIVITIES

NHRLF Debt Consolidation Loans on Maui

- Open Debt Consolidation Loans as of 05/31/24: 23 loans, total disbursed \$390,888
- New Debt Consolidation Loans in FY24, 07/01/23 to 05/31/24: ten loans, total disbursed \$176,446

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

- Open Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans as of 5/31/24: two loans, total disbursed \$7,500
- No new Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans in FY24, 07/01/23 to 05/31/24

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

- Open Mālama Business Loans as of 05/31/24: 11 loans, total disbursed \$685,607
- New Mālama Business Loans in FY24, 07/01/23 to 5/31/24: two loans, total disbursed \$145,000

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

- Open Hua Kanu Loans as of 5/31/24: one loan, total disbursed \$236,000
- No new Hua Kanu Loans in FY24, 07/01/23 to 05/31/24

GRANTING ACTIVITIES ENDNOTES

- ^a Grants awarded, contract execution in progress
^b Project also aligns with Economic Stability and Health Outcomes
^c Project also aligns with Health Outcomes
^d Project also aligns with Educational Pathways and Economic Stability
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