



# Island Community Report: Moku O Keawe

## *Executive Summary*

### Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Moku O Keawe



#### Educational Pathways Data

- Based on available data, roughly 38% (690) of the 1,809 Moku O Keawe public high school graduates are Native Hawaiian (SY23-24).<sup>1</sup>
- There are six Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and five Hawaiian-medium programs/ schools on Moku O Keawe (SY23-24).<sup>2</sup>



#### Health Outcomes Data

- Moku O Keawe had 77 primary care providers per 100,000 population, compared to 89 per 100,000 population in the State of Hawai'i (2021).<sup>3</sup>
- 25% of Native Hawaiians on Moku O Keawe reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at least a beginner level (2023).<sup>4</sup>



#### Quality Housing Data

- 44% (3,033 of 6,858) of Native Hawaiian renters on Moku O Keawe paid affordable rent (<30% of household income toward housing costs) (2017-2021).<sup>5</sup>
- 59% (9,698 of 16,556) of Native Hawaiian households on Moku O Keawe owned their homes (2017-2021).<sup>6</sup>
- 25% (2,541) of all Department of Hawaiian Home Lands leases statewide (10,048) are on Moku O Keawe (2024).<sup>7</sup>



#### Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income on Moku O Keawe was \$64,385 or 94% of the island-wide median household income (\$68,399) (2017-2021).<sup>8</sup>
- There were 2,850 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs on Moku O Keawe. This is 19% of the 10,193 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs statewide (10,193) (2021).<sup>9</sup>

## Current Opportunities and Challenges

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### Mauna Kea Access Road

In 2018, the Department of Transportation (DOT) took control of lands on the Mauna Kea Access Road designated as Hawaiian homelands without proper procedures, neglecting to consult Native Hawaiian beneficiaries or compensate the trust. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and the Hawaiian Homes Commission also failed to protect these resources. On May 30, 2024, the Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled in *Kanahele, et. al. v. State, et. al.*, that the DOT lacked authority to designate the Mauna Kea Access Road as a state highway and criticized DHHL for not consulting beneficiaries. This action deprived beneficiaries of land use and income, violating *mālama 'āina* (care for the land). OHA supported efforts to create a new management structure for Mauna Kea and will monitor the case as it returns to trial court to address relief and damages.

### Aquatic Pet Trade (Extractive Industries)

Established by Act 306 in 1998, the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area faced legal challenges starting in 2012 when grassroots groups sued the Department of Land and Natural Resources for issuing Aquarium (AQ) permits without assessing environmental impacts as required by the Hawai'i Environmental Protection Act. In 2017, an injunction halted AQ permit issuance until an environmental impact statement was approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources due to concerns about biodiversity loss and climate change. Indigenous knowledge emphasizes that extractive industries, including the aquatic pet trade, are harmful and should be avoided. Native Hawaiian organizations from West Hawai'i have petitioned for a statewide ban on the aquatic trade, citing damage to reefs and depletion of vital marine life. Community members have been actively involved in campaigns against trade and advocating for regulatory changes. Although the Division of Aquatic Resources is exploring options to approve AQ permits, the related hearings have been repeatedly postponed since October 2023. OHA supports the petitioners and their efforts to ban the aquatic trade statewide.

### National Science Foundation - Thirty Meter Telescope

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has extended its Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) environmental impact statement process to incorporate Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK), as mandated by the Biden Administration's new policy. However, the NSF may not be fully adhering to federal legal requirements, such as conducting Section 106 Consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act, where ITEK could also be collected.

OHA has pointed out these deficiencies and suggested that the extension might be a strategy to delay permitting for the TMT project. Community members have voiced concerns at University of California Board of Regents meetings about NSF's compliance with federal and state processes. OHA has been actively involved, submitting testimony and advocating to ensure all relevant laws, including those protecting Native Hawaiian interests, are properly followed.

## OHA Funding Activities for Moku O Keawe

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- 37 currently active grantees provide services on Moku O Keawe; \$15,924,746 total funds awarded.
  - 21 of these 37 active grantees are exclusive to Moku O Keawe; \$2,709,648 total funds awarded.
- 70 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans were provided on Moku O Keawe; \$1,724,782 total dollars disbursed, of which 25 were new loans, for \$600,152.

## EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

### GRANTING ACTIVITIES

#### *Moku O Keawe Only*

- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO) (FB24-25): 24-25 KANU: New Century Public Charter Schools – Phase I (per pupil) (\$290,386)
- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (FB24-25): KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration – Phase II (facilities) (\$150,000)<sup>a</sup>
- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO) (FY24): Ho'opili Mai (\$137,329)<sup>a</sup>
- La'i'ōpua 2020: Accounting Services, Financial Audits, Business Insurance, and Payroll Processing Fees (\$25,000)<sup>b</sup>
- La'i'ōpua 2020: The Wa'a Project (\$141,000)<sup>b</sup>
- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO) (FB22-23): KANU: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (facilities) (\$150,000)
- 'O Maku'u ke Kahua Community Center: Kūkulu Pono Hale Wa'a (\$75,000)<sup>b, c</sup>

#### *Multi-Island/Statewide, including Moku O Keawe*

- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (FB24-25): 24-25 Charter School Fund Administration – Phase I (per pupil) (\$2,709,614)
- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (FB24-25): KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration – Phase II (facilities) (\$2,850,000)<sup>a</sup>
- Kanu o Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (FB24-25): KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration – Phase III (federal advocacy) (\$500,000)<sup>a</sup>
- EA Ecovercity: Basic Hawaiian (\$182,310)<sup>a</sup>
- 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.: Kahena (\$25,000)
- Purple Mai'a Foundation: Waiw.AI: Building a Flourishing Future for Kanaka with AI (\$200,000)
- Educational Services Hawai'i Foundation: 'Imi 'Ike Learning Centers (\$180,000)
- Ho'okāko'o Corporation: Ke Awa Ho'omalū (Safe Harbor) (\$220,000)
- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO) (FB22-23): KANU: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (facilities) (\$2,850,000)

### LOAN ACTIVITIES

#### *Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Mālama Education Loan*

- No new or open Education Loans as of 06/30/24

## HEALTH OUTCOMES

### GRANTING ACTIVITIES

#### *Moku O Keawe Only*

- Akaka Foundation for Tropical Forests: Kaiāulu Pu‘uwa‘awa‘a Community-Based Subsistence Forest Area (\$194,717)<sup>a</sup>
- Pōhāhā I Ka Lani: Kāhuli (\$200,000)<sup>a</sup>
- Hale Mua Cultural Group: ‘Ai Me Ka I‘a Waipio: Perpetuating ‘Ohana Connection to Lo‘i Kalo and Loko Wai Traditions (\$145,000)<sup>a</sup>
- La‘i‘ōpua 2020: Accounting Services, Financial Audits, Business Insurance, and Payroll Processing Fees (\$25,000)<sup>d</sup>
- The Men of PA‘A: Book keeping, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party HR fees, Liability and D&O Insurance, Accounting, grant writing service (\$15,000)<sup>e</sup>
- Going Home Hawai‘i: Auditing, bookkeeping, tax prep, grant writing, case management & HR services; Quickbooks online fee (\$25,000)
- Keaukaha Pana‘ewa Community Alliance: Mahi‘ai Project (\$100,000)
- Hui Mālama i ke Ala ‘Ūlili: Ho‘onohopapa Koholālele (\$100,000)
- Aloha Kuamo‘o ‘Āina: Mālama Kuamo‘o Community Stewardship Program (\$100,000)
- The Men of PA‘A: Imu Mea Ai (\$100,000)
- ‘O Maku‘u ke Kahua Community Center: Kūkulu Pono Hale Wa‘a (\$75,000)<sup>c, d</sup>

#### *Multi-Island/Statewide, including Moku O Keawe*

- ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.: Noii OHA (\$79,514)<sup>f</sup>
- Hui o Hanohano: Piliñāhāleo (\$69,902)<sup>f</sup>
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei: E Ho‘omau 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 06/30/24: Three loans, total disbursed \$10,907
- No new Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans in FY24, 07/1/23 to 06/30/24

## QUALITY HOUSING

### GRANTING ACTIVITIES

#### *Moku O Keawe Only*

- No active Quality Housing grants for Moku O Keawe only

#### *Multi-Island/Statewide, including Moku O Keawe*

- Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc.: Native Hawaiian Occupancy Ready Project (\$1,500,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)<sup>e</sup>

### LOAN ACTIVITIES

#### *NHRLF Mālama Home Improvement Loans*

- Open Mālama Home Improvement Loans as of 06/30/24: 15 loans, total disbursed \$400,270
- New Mālama Home Improvement Loans, 07/1/23 to 06/30/24: Five loans, \$163,213 disbursed

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

- Open Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans as of 06/30/24: Four loans, total disbursed \$27,435
- No new Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans, 07/1/23 to 06/30/24

## ECONOMIC STABILITY

### GRANTING ACTIVITIES

#### *Moku O Keawe Only*

- The Men of PA'A: Mālama Puna Workforce Development Project (\$201,226)<sup>a</sup>
- La'i'ōpua 2020: A'o (\$200,000)<sup>a</sup>
- The Men of PA'A: Book keeping, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party HR fees, Liability and D&O Insurance, Accounting, grant writing service (\$15,000)<sup>b</sup>
- Kupu: Conservation Leadership Development Program (CLDP) (\$140,088)<sup>c</sup>

#### *Multi-Island/Statewide, including Moku O Keawe*

- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)<sup>g</sup>
- Alu Like, Inc.: Kūlia Like (\$830,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)<sup>g</sup>
- Purple Mai'a Foundation: Mālama Design Studio (\$498,660)

### LOAN ACTIVITIES

#### *NHRLF Debt Consolidation Loans*

- Open Debt Consolidation Loans as of 06/30/24: 26 loans, total disbursed \$431,200
- New Debt Consolidation Loans, 07/1/23 to 06/30/24: 13 loans, total disbursed \$242,134

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

- Open Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans as of 06/30/24: Nine loans, total disbursed \$45,266
- New Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans, 07/01/23 to 06/30/24: Two loans, total disbursed \$7,100

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

- Open Mālama Business Loans as of 06/30/24: 12 loans, total disbursed \$359,704
- New Mālama Business Loans, 07/1/23 to 06/30/24: Five loans, total disbursed \$187,705

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

- Open Hua Kanu Loans as of 06/30/24: one loan, total disbursed \$450,000
- No new Hua Kanu Loans, 5/1/23 to 4/30/24

## GRANTING ACTIVITIES ENDNOTES

<sup>a</sup> Grant awarded, contract execution in progress

<sup>b</sup> Project also aligns with Health Outcomes

<sup>c</sup> Close out of FY21 grant activities continues, including reviewing final quarterly and annual reports, billings, and payments.

<sup>d</sup> Project also aligns with Educational Pathways

<sup>e</sup> Project also aligns with Economic Stability

<sup>f</sup> Grantee is a subrecipient of ACF/ANA Office of Discretionary Grants, 93.612, Native American Programs, for which OHA is the pass-through entity

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